The Florida Accreditation conference was held June 24 - 28, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. Florida Accreditation thanks the Florida Police Accreditation Coalition for their dedication and hard work in making this conference a success. We also thank the Lee County Sheriff’s Office, the Lee County Pretrial Services and the Naples Police Department for hosting the conference. The volunteers were greatly appreciated for their many hours dedicated to the conference.

The Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC) met on June 25, 2013 for facility reviews and to conduct general business. The main order of business was to grant reaccreditation to the Taylor County Sheriff’s Office Jail and the St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office Detention Center. We welcomed Hernando County Sheriff’s Office Detention Center as they were awarded initial accreditation during this Commission meeting.

The Standards Review and Interpretations Committee chaired by Lieutenant Colonel Keith Neely met on June 24, 2013 and recommended changes to FCAC standards. The Change Notice and updated Standards Manuals may be found on our website at www.flaccreditation.org. Diana Frost (Osceola County Department of Corrections) was recognized as the FCAC Assessor of the Year and Tammy Matthews (Okaloosa County Department of Corrections) was recognized as the FCAC Accreditation Manager of the Year during the 2013 FCAC Awards luncheon on June 25th.

The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA) met on June 27, 2013 to review agencies for accredited status and conduct general business. The main order of business was to acknowledge the professionalism of agencies through granting accreditation. The University of Central Florida Police Department, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Office of Inspector General and the Florida Department of Revenue, Office of Inspector General were awarded initial accreditation. Twenty agencies were reaccredited by the Commission at this meeting: Edgewood Police Department, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Agricultural Law Enforcement, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Office of the Inspector General, Hallandale Beach Police Department, Jupiter Police Department, Key West Police Department, Lee County Sheriff’s Office, Lighthouse Point Police Department, Maitland Police Department, Miami-Dade County Office of the Inspector General, Mount Dora Police Department, North Miami Beach Police Department, the Polk County Sheriff’s Office, the Punta Gorda Police Department and the Port Orange Police Department were awarded reaccreditation by the Commission with recognition as Excelsior Agencies.

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The next Florida Accreditation Conference is scheduled for September 23 – 27, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency in Sarasota. We look forward to seeing you there!

Another BUSY cycle for the Florida Accreditation Office!! Several new agencies have joined the state accreditation program and we are excited about the growth of our client base.

Priorities during this cycle were to review CFA and FCAC standards for consistency. A workgroup of subject matter experts from both disciplines met and made suggestions to modify the CFA and FCAC standards for review by both Standards Rules and Interpretation Committees (SRIC). For the first time, the FCAC and CFA SRICs will meet simultaneously to streamline some of the standards outlined in both FCAC and CFA manuals. Staff also launched an electronic evaluation system to allow for a more efficient method of supplying feedback to the office. We again conducted Team Leader conference calls to address any accreditation issues from the assessor’s perspective.

Many training opportunities were offered at the June Conference and we plan to offer additional chapter specific training and/or roundtable discussions for both FCAC and CFA clients at all future conferences.

In addition to the training at the conference, the Florida Accreditation Office also offered Managing the Accreditation Process July 31 – August 1st at the Osceola County Sheriff’s Office. This course as well as the New Assessor Orientation will be offered again between the September and February conferences. Please continue to check the website for dates and locations.

Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns or comments, and we look forward to continuing the delivery of excellent service to each and every one of you.

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Chief Peter Marcus  
**Edgewood Police Department**

Chief of Police Peter A. Marcus has lived in Central Florida since 1952. He graduated from Edgewater High School in Orlando in 1964 and then entered military service. He left the U.S. Army after his tour in Vietnam where he was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman’s Badge and the Army Commendation Medal. In 1971 he began his law enforcement career with the Orange County Sheriff’s Office.

During his tenure with the Sheriff’s Office Chief Marcus was involved in all aspects of law enforcement, working his way up through the ranks from Reserve Deputy Sheriff to Division Chief. His career specialties while serving with the Sheriff’s Office were narcotics enforcement, special operations, high-risk operations and patrol services.

In 1973, Chief Marcus graduated from the University of Central Florida (then known as Florida Technological University) with a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice. He has also completed post-graduate course work at U.C.F. in the Business Administration Master’s Program. Chief Marcus is a graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum’s Senior Management Institute for Police in Boston and the National Sheriff’s Association’s Undersheriff Course at Quantico.

In July 2006 he was hired as a part time police officer for the City of Edgewood. He re-wrote all agency policies and led the Edgewood P.D. to their initial state accreditation in June 2007. In June 2008 he was named State of Florida Accreditation Manager of the Year. In August 2008 he was appointed Chief of Police, a position he currently holds. In March 2010 he led the Edgewood P. D. to a successful re-accreditation.

Chief Marcus is a life member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, a member of the Florida Police Chief’s Association (he is currently the State Membership Committee Chairman), a member of the Orange County Police Chief’s Association (he currently serves as President of the Association), a member of the National Sheriff’s Association and a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. He participates in numerous community activities and is very active with Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Criminal Division Director Liza Maldonado  
**Lee County Criminal Division**

Liza is a Lee County native. She was born, raised and continues to call Lee County home. Liza began serving the court system fresh out of high school. Literally, she graduated on a Thursday and started working the following Monday! Her career began with the Lee County Clerk of Court’s office, Criminal Division. Liza graduated from Edison Community College with an Associate of Arts, May 2000 with a major in Criminal Justice and from Florida Gulf Coast University in May 2003 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and an emphasis in Forensic Psychology. Liza has two children that keep her busy and she is looking forward to the next adventure of parenting!

In 1999, Liza was intrigued by a Court Investigator position with the Administrative Office of the Courts Court Investigations, which is now Pretrial Services and decided to pursue her next venture. In 2004, Liza was promoted to Pretrial Services Manager. In 2007, Liza was promoted to Deputy Criminal Justice Director. Liza is responsible for overseeing the day to day operations of the Lee County Pretrial Services Department, which is a 24/7 operation. The department is composed of three units, which include the Intake and Investigation Unit, Supervision Unit and Case Management Unit.

Since 2007, Liza has served on the Association of Pretrial Professionals of Florida and is the current Southwest Regional Director. In addition, Liza is an active member of NAPSA and FL PAC. In November 2007, Liza earned status as a Certified Court Manager through the National Center for State Courts.

Under Liza’s leadership, the Lee County Pretrial Services Department gained accreditation in June of 2009 through the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission and earned re-accreditation in June of 2012. Lee County is one of only five agencies in the state to be accredited.

In 2011, the department was awarded with a NACO achievement award for the Criminal Case Management program. In February 2012, Liza earned her certification as a Certified Pretrial Services Professional (CPSP) through the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AGENCIES ACCREDITED AND REACCREDITED AT THE BONITA SPRINGS CONFERENCE!

INITIAL ACCREDITATIONS:

- Taylor County Sheriff’s Office
- St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office Detention Center
- Edgewood Police Department
- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Div. of Agricultural Law Enforcement
- Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of the Inspector General

REACCREDITATIONS

- Hallandale Beach Police Department
- Jupiter Police Department
- Key West Police Department
- Lee County Sheriff’s Office
- Lighthouse Point Police Department
- Maitland Police Department
- Miami-Dade County Office of the Inspector General
- Mount Dora Police Department
- North Miami Police Department
- Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office

- Wilton Manors Police Department
- Clearwater Police Department
- Polk County Sheriff’s Office
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Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa, Bonita Springs