The Florida Accreditation conference was held February 22-26, 2016 at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine, Florida. Florida Accreditation thanks the Florida Police Accreditation Coalition for their dedication and hard work in making this conference a success. We also thank the St. John’s County Sheriff’s Office 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 February 23, 2016 for facility reviews and to conduct general business. The main order of business was to grant Excelsior reaccreditation to the Martin County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Department, Escambia County Corrections, Walton County Sheriff’s Office Jail, Seminole County Sheriff’s Office John E. Polk Correctional Facility, Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office Department of Detention, and the Indian County Sheriff’s Corrections Division. The FCAC Standards Review and Interpretations Committee, chaired by Lt. Colonel Neely, met on February 22, 2016 and recommended changes to FCAC standards.

The Change Notice and updated Standards Manuals are on the website at www.flaccreditation.org.

The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA) met on February 24, 2016 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. Lee County Clerk of the Court Office of Inspector General, Department of Financial Services Office of Inspector General, Melbourne Police Department, and the USF St. Petersburg Police Department were awarded initial accreditation. Agencies reaccredited by the Commission at this meeting were: Auburndale Police Department, Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General, Indian River County Sheriff’s Office, Lake City Police Department, Pinellas County Clerk of the Court Office of Inspector General, Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigation, Surfside Police Department, Tarpon Springs Police Department, and the Titusville Police Department. The Altamonte Springs Police Department, Bay County Sheriff’s Office, Broward County Sheriff’s Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Oviedo Police Department, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department, and the Winter Park Police Department were awarded reaccreditation by the Commission with recognition as Excelsior Agencies.

The CFA Standards Review and Interpretations Committee met on February 23, 2016, chaired by Commissioner Michelle Morris, and approved standards from the Standards Manual rewrite.

The next Florida Accreditation Conference is scheduled for June 20-24, 2016 at the Omni Resort, ChampionsGate, Florida. We look forward to seeing you there.
Message to the Florida Accreditation Community

This year looks as though it will be a busy year for the Florida Accreditation Office, during the February conference we had four agencies that were awarded initial accreditation and 16 agencies reaccredited. We will be reviewing 31 agencies for accreditation status at the June 2016 conference.

The FCAC & CFA Commissions approved new manuals for all disciplines.

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

Sincerely,
Florida Accreditation Office
850-410-7200/1-800-558-0218
Sheriff Deryl Loar
Indian River County Sheriff’s Office

Sheriff Deryl Loar is a third generation Floridian. He was born and raised in central Florida where he attended and graduated from Florida public schools. Sheriff Loar holds a Bachelors Degree in Public Administration.

Deryl began his Law Enforcement career with the Florida Highway Patrol over twenty years ago. He has been stationed from Jacksonville to Key West. His tenure with the Florida Highway Patrol culminated with him being assigned to the Treasure Coast as the District Commander for over ten years.

In 2008, he was elected Sheriff of Indian River County.

Sheriff Mike Scott
Lee County Sheriff’s Office

When Mike Scott took charge of the Lee County Sheriff’s Office in 2004 following a 62% mandate in that election, he became just the 12th person to oversee the agency since 1887. Sheriff Scott was re-elected by large margins in the Primary and General Elections of 2008 and again in 2012. The North Fort Myers High School graduate and third generation native of Lee County has seen many changes over the years. His family’s roots date back to 1910 and Scott, 52, still lives in North Fort Myers with his wife Krista (28 years married). Daughter Lindsay is a Lawyer and Mackenzie is an Environmental Biologist.

Sheriff Scott is a 1985 graduate from the University of South Florida and holds a Master’s Degree in Business Administration. He also holds numerous law enforcement certifications from specialized training over the years.

In June 2010, he graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA and was selected by his 260 classmates to give the commencement speech along side the FBI Director. Sheriff Scott has served during the very best and very worst economic conditions Southwest Florida has experienced which have provided a wide variety of challenges. He is quick to credit his staff of more than 1,500 for the many successes of the agency and he remains proud to serve.

Deryl has been married for twenty years. He and his wife are raising two young sons in Vero Beach where the boys attend public schools.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AGENCIES ACCREDITED AND REACCREDITED AT THE ST. AUGUSTINE CONFERENCE!

INITIAL ACCREDITATIONS:

Melbourne Police Department
Lee County Clerk of the Court Office of Inspector General / Department of Financial Services Office of Inspector General / Melbourne Police Department / USF St. Petersburg Police Department

FCAC Facilities
- Martin County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Department
- Escambia County Corrections
- Walton County Sheriff’s Office Jail
- Seminole County Sheriff’s Office John E. Polk Correctional Facility
- Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office Department of Detention
- Indian River County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Division

REACCREDITATIONS

CFA Agencies
- Alachua County Sheriff’s Office
- Audubon Police Department
- Bay County Sheriff’s Office
- Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- Indian River County Sheriff’s Office
- Lake City Police Department
- Oviedo Police Department
- Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
- Pinellas County Clerk of the Court Office of Inspector General
- Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations
- Surfside Police Department
- Tarpon Springs Police Department
- Titusville Police Department
- Winter Park Police Department
- Broward County Sheriff’s Office

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UPCOMING ACCREDITATION CONFERENCES

June 20-24, 2016
Orlando, Florida

October 24-28, 2016
Weston, Florida