



AGENDA
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
December 17, 2025

Attachments to the items below can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/Cabinet/Cabinet-Packages.aspx>

ITEM 1 Respectfully submit the **2026 Florida Law Enforcement Hall of Fame nominees.**

(See Attachment 1)

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ITEM 2 Respectfully submit report on **Department's Contracts, Agreements and Purchases over \$100,000 for FY 25-26 1st Quarter (July 1 to September 30).**

(See Attachment 2)

RECOMMEND ACCEPT REPORT

Attachment 1



Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame

2026 Inductee Candidates

Nominated By:

☐ **The Florida Police Benevolent Association**

Sergeant Michael McHale, Sr.

☐ **The Florida Police Chiefs Association**

*Assistant Chief Larry Corbin
Chief Daniel Slaughter*

☐ **The Florida Sheriffs Association**

*Sheriff Osie Lawton Raulerson, Jr.
Sheriff James Reid*

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Global Profile Sheet

Name:	Daniel W Slaughter	SSN	
Race:	Wh	Sex:	M
Education: Bachelor			

Employment

Agency	Class	Type	Start Date	Sep. Date	Sep. Reason	TEA	FP Date
Clearwater Police Department	LE	FT	10/19/1992	05/24/2023	Retired (Not involving misconduct)	N	10/19/1992

Salary Incentive

Basic LE	Education	Career Dev.	Maximum Eligible
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Mandatory Firearms Qualification

Law Enforcement Officer Firearms Qualification Standard

No Firearms found for this person

Certification

Type	Number	Status	Cert. Date	Mand. Ret. Due Date	Mand. Ret. Completion Date	4 Year Break in Service
LE	134647	Inactive Mandatory Retraining	03/04/1993	06/30/2025	06/18/2021	05/24/2027

Topic

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Daniel W Slaughter

Equivalency

Agency	Discipline	Application Date	Decision Date	Approval Authority	Advised Date	Status	Exp Date
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No Equivalency Records found for this person

Training

Start Date	End Date	Sequence	Version	Type	MR/SI	Title	Grade	Hours Taught
10/21/1992	03/04/1993	38-1992-002-6	1991.01	BLE		Certificate Of Compliance-Law Enforcement	P	720
03/07/1994	03/11/1994	38-1994-055-2	1989.07	A	SI	Radar Speed Measurement Training Course For Law Enforcement Officers	P	40
09/18/1995	09/22/1995	38-1995-033-1	1987.01	A	SI	Sex Crimes Investigations	P	40
05/13/2002	05/17/2002	70-2002-051-2	1987.01	A	SI	Field Training Officer	P	40

WMD/ICS Training for Certified Law Enforcement Officers

Training Name	Completion Date
Weapons of Mass Destruction(WMD)	12/3/2002
Incident Command System (ICS)	11/19/2003



FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' HALL OF FAME Nomination Form

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BUREAU OF STANDARDS
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
STANDARDS AND TRAINING
COMMISSION

Deadline - August 31

NOMINEE INFORMATION: (please print)

Full Legal Name: DANIEL W. SLAUGHTER

Home Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Home #: [REDACTED] Cell #: [REDACTED] Work #: (727) 562-4040

Email Address: daniel.slaughter@myclearwater.com

Resident of Florida? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, how many years? Lifetime

State of birth: Florida Date of birth: Day [REDACTED] Month [REDACTED] Year [REDACTED]

Is nominee deceased? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, year deceased: [REDACTED]

Was nominee's death caused by an incident in the line of duty? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, explain. [REDACTED]

Years in Law Enforcement: 30 Retired? ☒ Yes ☐ No Mo./Year retired: 04/2023

Position(s) held: Chief

Any honor/awards received? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, please include a list as an attachment.

If Nominee is deceased, please provide family point of contact:

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Relationship to deceased: [REDACTED]

Home Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Home #: [REDACTED] Cell #: [REDACTED] Work #: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

NOTE: Nominee and nominator will be contacted if nominee is selected to be inducted.



FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' HALL OF FAME Nomination Form

NOMINATOR INFORMATION: (please print)

Full Name: Robert Bage

Title: _____

Association/Organization: Fort Walton Beach Police

Work Address: 7 Hollywood Blvd NE

City: Fort Walton Beach State: Fl Zip Code: 32548

Work #: 850-865-8353

Email Address: rbage@fwb.org

I hereby affirm the information contained herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge and understanding. The information provided is in congruence with the Nomination Eligibility Requirements and Guidelines. I agree to provide additional information if requested by the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Signature (Required):  Date: 8-6-25

NOTE: Only nominator will be contacted if the nominee is not selected.

Please mail this form and corresponding attachments postmarked by **August 31** to:

Florida Department of Law Enforcement
ATTN: Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame Coordinator
P.O. Box 1489
Tallahassee, FL 32302-1489

Should you have any questions or concerns contact the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame Coordinator at (850) 410-8600 or FLEOHOF@fdle.state.fl.us.



Fort Walton Beach Police Department



Robert Bage, Chief of Police

August 7, 2025

Executive Director Jennifer "Cookie" Pritt
Florida Police Chiefs Association
2636 Mitcham Dr
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Dear Executive Director Pritt,

Please find attached the nomination for Chief Daniel W. Slaughter, who has served in Florida law enforcement for over thirty years, for the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame.

Chief Slaughter's contributions at the local, state, and national levels are a testament to his exceptional leadership, strategic vision, and unwavering commitment to public safety. His involvement with the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association, Florida Police Chiefs Association, and the Police Executive Research Forum has been pivotal in shaping the policies and practices that guide law enforcement agencies today. As he transitions to his new role as Assistant City Manager, Chief Slaughter leaves behind a legacy of innovation, community service, and professional excellence that will continue to influence the Clearwater Police Department and the broader law enforcement community for years to come. His legacy of service, innovation, and advocacy makes him a truly deserving candidate for this honor.

This nomination is being submitted by Chief Eric Gandy and myself.

Sincerely,

Robert Bage
Chief of Police
Fort Walton Beach

Enclosure: Nomination for Chief Daniel W. Slaughter

DANIEL W. SLAUGHTER
FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS'
HALL OF FAME

It is with profound respect and admiration that we nominate Chief Daniel W. Slaughter for the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame. Chief Slaughter's career with the Clearwater Police Department spans over three decades, during which he has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, vision, and a deep commitment to the safety and well-being of the Clearwater community and the betterment of the police profession as a whole.

Chief Slaughter began his law enforcement career in October 1992 as a patrol officer with the Clearwater Police Department. His early assignments showcased his versatility and dedication, with roles in community policing, the Honor Guard, the Emergency Response Team, and the Criminal Investigations Division. These experiences laid the groundwork for his rapid ascent through the ranks.

In 2000, Chief Slaughter was promoted to Sergeant, where he served in various capacities, including as an Internal Affairs Investigator and the department's Accreditation Manager. His work in these roles was instrumental in achieving reaccreditation for the department in 2007, a testament to his commitment to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and accountability.

Promoted to Lieutenant in 2009, Chief Slaughter commanded the Special Operations Section, where he managed public safety planning for high-profile events such as the Ironman competition, the filming of the Dolphin Tale movie, and several other high profile special events. His strategic planning ensured the safety and success of these events, solidifying his reputation as a capable and forward-thinking leader.

In 2012, he was promoted to Major and assigned to the Patrol Division, where his leadership was marked by his ability to effectively manage the department's budget while implementing initiatives that aligned with the department's strategic plan. His commitment to professional development was evident in his approach to employee training, praise, and discipline, which fostered a culture of excellence.

On August 7, 2014, Daniel W. Slaughter was sworn in as the 13th Chief of Police for the Clearwater Police Department, commanding the third-largest law enforcement agency in Pinellas County. Under his leadership, the department experienced significant advancements in technology, community engagement, and officer welfare. Chief Slaughter's tenure as Chief of Police has been marked by his forward-thinking approach to law enforcement and his unwavering commitment to improving both the department and the community it serves.

Chief Slaughter recognized the critical need for mental health resources both internally and externally. He championed the establishment of a homeless outreach specialist within the department to provide greater resources in the community. He also prioritized mental health support for officers, ensuring they have access to the resources needed to cope with the stresses of their profession. These initiatives have greatly enhanced the department's ability to serve vulnerable populations and have set a new standard for officer wellness.

Chief Slaughter led the development of the department's Real-Time Operations Center, a state-of-the-art facility that has become integral to solving countless crimes. This center, which leverages cutting-edge technology to provide real-time data and support to officers in the field, is expected to serve as a model for other law enforcement agencies nationwide. Additionally, under his leadership, the department constructed a new District 3 facility, further enhancing its operational capabilities.

Chief Slaughter's leadership was particularly evident during the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the social unrest that followed high-profile incidents of police-involved deaths across the country. His proactive approach to community engagement and his commitment to transparency ensured that Clearwater remained a safe and stable environment during these turbulent times. His decision to march alongside community members in peaceful demonstrations reflected his deep understanding of the importance of building trust between law enforcement and the community.

Chief Slaughter's influence in law enforcement transcends the city of Clearwater, impacting public safety on a state and national level. His work has positioned him as a key figure in shaping critical law enforcement policies and practices that benefit communities across Florida and the Nation. Chief Slaughter was the president of the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association and advocated for the betterment of police in the Tampa Bay area. He also had critical leadership roles within the Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA). These roles are a testament to his leadership and understanding of the complexities of law enforcement in Florida. Serving on the FPCA Board of Directors representing District 12, Chief Slaughter played a pivotal role in guiding the association's agenda and work to improve law enforcement in the State of Florida. He also served as the Chair of the FPCA's Legislative Committee and the Board of Directors' Parliamentarian from 2020 to 2023, where he was at the forefront of advocating for and achieving significant legislative reforms. Under his leadership, the FPCA successfully championed several critical pieces of legislation that have had a profound impact on law enforcement agencies across the state.

Chief Slaughter was instrumental in advocating for statutory revisions that allow external agencies to conduct internal investigations of sworn members facing disciplinary action in smaller agencies, less than 35 members. This reform was a crucial step in enhancing transparency and accountability within law enforcement, with the goal of strengthening public trust.

Chief Slaughter values technology and recognizes the potential of drones to revolutionize public safety. He supported legislation to expand the use of drones in managing natural disasters, high-risk situations, and large public events. His efforts helped pass laws that enable law enforcement

agencies to utilize drones more effectively, though he continued to advocate for improvements in the regulatory framework to ensure that the technology can be used to its full potential and still safeguard constitutional rights of the public.

In response to growing concerns about violent assemblies and threats against law enforcement officers, Chief Slaughter supported the passage of legislation proposed by Governor Ron DeSantis aimed at protecting officers and maintaining public order. His strategic guidance was crucial in navigating the legislative process and ensuring that the concerns of law enforcement were addressed.

Chief Slaughter also understood the importance of competitive retirement benefits for recruiting and retaining top law enforcement talent. He was a strong advocate for reforms to the Florida Retirement System (FRS). His efforts contributed to lowering the retirement age, reducing the required years of service, and reinstating Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) for officers. These changes have made FRS more attractive to current and prospective law enforcement personnel, strengthening the profession across the state. He also championed changes to the FRS to reduce the 12-month separation requirement allowing criminal justice training centers to reemploy a retiree if they are employed on a part-time basis in a teaching capacity, serve as a law enforcement reserve, or are hired by another agency as a police executive if they do not re-enter FRS. This ensured that institutional knowledge could be retained and passed on in law enforcement. These reforms have made law enforcement careers more sustainable and rewarding.

Chief Slaughter was a key proponent of modifying the requirements for Post Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) claims to ensure that first responders who experience cumulative trauma receive the recognition and support they deserve. His advocacy helped establish new standards for diagnosing and addressing PTSI, providing much-needed support to those who serve on the front lines. He always worked towards bettering officer wellness both at a local and state level.

Chief Slaughter recognized the growing threat posed by "swatting"—the act of making false reports of serious crimes to provoke a large-scale police response. He was instrumental in pushing for legislation that imposes enhanced penalties for swatting incidents that result in injury or death, ensuring that perpetrators are held accountable for the significant risks they impose on public safety.

Chief Slaughter advocated for the rights of his fellow law enforcement leaders. He supported legislation that provides specific employment protections for Chiefs of Police, ensuring they can perform their duties without undue political interference. This legislation has helped maintain the integrity and independence of law enforcement leadership across the state and will be a model for other states to follow.

Chief Slaughter also understood the importance of protecting the most vulnerable members of the community — children. He championed legislation that authorizes the use of speed detection

systems in school zones. This initiative will make school zones safer by reducing speeding and enhancing the enforcement of traffic laws during school hours.

Chief Slaughter's work with the FPCA and the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association has not only improved the landscape of law enforcement in Florida but has also set a standard for other states to follow. His ability to balance the diverse needs of various law enforcement agencies across the state while advocating for effective public safety policies demonstrates his exceptional leadership and strategic thinking.

On the national stage, Chief Slaughter's contributions have been equally significant. He was the Vice President on the Board of Directors for Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), a leading national organization dedicated to improving the professionalism and effectiveness of law enforcement. Chief Slaughter played a key role in shaping the future of policing in the United States. Through PERF, he has been involved in developing and promoting innovative policing strategies that address some of the most pressing challenges facing law enforcement today. He has been an advocate for the adoption of evidence-based policing practices that improve officer safety, enhance community relations, and reduce crime. His influence has helped law enforcement agencies across the country implement strategies that are both effective and equitable.

As a member of PERF, Chief Slaughter contributed to the development of national guidelines for handling critical incidents, including active shooter situations, natural disasters, and public demonstrations. His work has been instrumental in ensuring that law enforcement agencies are better prepared to respond to and manage crises, protecting both officers and the public. He also advocated for strategies that build trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. His efforts have helped shape national policies that emphasize the importance of transparency, accountability, and community engagement in law enforcement.

Chief Slaughter's contributions to PERF have had a lasting impact on the law enforcement profession, helping to drive positive change and ensuring that agencies across the country have the tools and knowledge they need to serve their communities effectively.

In closing, Chief Slaughter's local, state, and national contributions to law enforcement are a testament to his exceptional leadership, strategic vision, and unwavering commitment to public safety. Through his work with the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association, Florida Police Chiefs Association and the Police Executive Research Forum, he has played a pivotal role in shaping the policies and practices that guide law enforcement agencies today. As he transitions to his new role as Assistant City Manager, he leaves behind a legacy of innovation, community service, and professional excellence that will continue to influence the Clearwater Police Department and the broader law enforcement community for years to come. His legacy of service, innovation, and advocacy makes him a truly deserving candidate for this honor. We ask the Florida Police Chiefs Association to support a nomination for Chief Daniel Slaughter to be supported for entry into the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame.



CITY OF CLEARWATER

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CITY MANAGER

May 24, 2023

Chief Daniel Slaughter
Clearwater Police Department
Clearwater, FL

Dear Dan:

Today, we pause as a city to recognize your profound career of service to the Clearwater Police Department and express our sincerest gratitude for a job well done. During your law enforcement career - which spanned nearly 31 years - you have surely left your fingerprints on this agency and our community as well.

You began your journey with the Clearwater Police Department as a patrol officer in October 1992, stepping up for a variety of assignments such as field training, community policing, Honor Guard, the Emergency Response Team and the Criminal Investigations Division. Eight years later marked the start of your promotional path through the ranks, which ultimately brought you to August 7, 2014, when you were sworn in as our 13th chief of police, commanding the third-largest law enforcement agency in Pinellas County.

Your time as chief has seen our department advance in many ways, for the betterment of the agency, its officers, and our city. You saw the need for better mental health services for our officers and for our citizens. You established a homeless outreach specialist. You made it a priority to obtain the most advanced equipment and training for your officers, built our new District 3 facility and helped create our Real-Time Operations Center, which has been integral in solving countless crimes, and will likely be a model used by other agencies for years to come.

Your leadership also got us through some of the most challenging times an agency could face - the trying COVID years and the times of social unrest that plagued many cities after multiple police-involved deaths far from Clearwater. When police departments in other cities were dealing with violent reactions to these events, your work in the community - indeed, your reputation in the community - ensured that would not occur here. You listened, you heard their voices, you marched alongside them.

Your commitment to the law enforcement profession expands beyond our city, with your involvement on many boards across the region, state and nation such as the Police Executive Research Forum and the Florida Police Chiefs Association. Said one person who knows you through those circles: "He is a leader who, when he speaks, people listen because his character and credibility are so well-respected."

A man is often judged by what others see him as and say about him. You are treasured and valued by all who have worked with you over the years. Quite simply, you are a community champion.

While you are leaving the police department after more than three decades of stellar service, the good news is that you are not leaving the city. We wish you the best in your new assignment as assistant city manager and are confident you will take on the new opportunity with the same excellence and integrity. Thank you again for your dedication to this agency and the citizens of Clearwater.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Poirrier
City Manager



Clearwater police can park cruisers in their own driveways

By JOHN GUERRA, Tampa Bay Newspapers

Mar 6, 2020

CLEARWATER — Police Chief Dan Slaughter was a little miffed. It was August 2019 and one of his officers had received a letter from her homeowners association threatening hundreds of dollars in fines if she continued to park her marked Police Interceptor in her own driveway.

Neighborhood resistance to parked police cruisers was not unheard of; another HOA had warned a Pinellas County Sheriff's deputy against parking his cruiser at his property, too.

Holiday Isles Management, the association managing the Cross Pointe neighborhood, stood by its board on the banning of the Clearwater officer's vehicle, but said it looked forward to the day when state law addressing the issue would be clarified.

That day came on Feb. 22, with Gov. Ron DeSantis' signing of SB 476. The new state law prohibits HOAs and other housing associations from banning law enforcement vehicles from their jurisdictions. The law also covers officers visiting friends and relatives in other neighborhoods.

Sponsored by State Sen. Ed Hooper, R-Clearwater, and State Rep. Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, the new law is simple in its language: "An association may not prohibit a law enforcement officer, who is a unit owner, or who is a tenant, guest, or invitee of a unit owner, from parking his or her assigned law enforcement vehicle in an area where the unit owner, or the tenant, guest, or invitee of the unit owner, otherwise has a right to park."

Slaughter credited community outcry over the ban for the law's creation and passage.

"While my officer and legal advisor were evaluating it, citizens had heard about it and felt strongly that it was wrong," Slaughter said after the governor signed the law. "Sen. Hooper and Rep. Sprowls heard about it from their constituents as well. From there they made the change in law happen."

Though Slaughter did not directly respond to his officer's HOA back in August, he got the department behind her.

"The officer involved notified me about the issue and I offered my support and asked my legal advisor to consult with her on the issue," Slaughter told the Beacon.

The presence of police cars on neighborhood streets are a natural extension of Neighborhood Watch and other community policing efforts nationwide. A visible police vehicle can prevent crime in the area in which it is visible.

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"The community has demanded officers be dedicated community servants and respond, day or night, to emergencies," Slaughter said in a written statement at the time. "This officer and her spouse have served her community admirably."

Commercial vehicles, such as dump trucks, tree-trimming trucks, food trucks, and other commercial vehicles are banned by many Florida HOAs. Holiday Isles Management, however, said it also could ban government vehicles, i.e., police cruisers.

Hooper previewed the bill at an Amplify Clearwater breakfast on Dec. 4 by discussing two instances of neighborhood banning of police vehicles, which occurred in different parts of the county.

Clearwater partners with Sheriff's Office on mental health unit

Pilot program will team two officers with social workers

By CHRIS GEORGE, Tampa Bay Newspapers

Jan 28, 2021



Police Chief Dan Slaughter, right, and the Clearwater Police Department are partnering with Sheriff Bob Gualtieri on the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office mental health unit. The department will have two teams of officers, who will be paired with mental health professionals employed by the Sheriff's Office, respond to certain calls.

Photo courtesy of the CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT

CLEARWATER — When it comes to dealing with mental health-related calls, Police Chief Dan Slaughter says officers are outgunned. They lack the resources, time, and training needed to offer long-term solutions to those suffering from mental illness, he told City Council members Jan. 19.

A new partnership with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office aims to change that. On Jan. 21, council members unanimously voted to spend \$143,200 to help to establish a pilot program to handle mental health-related calls for service.

"Officers are essentially equipped with two tools when it comes to dealing with mental health. It's their mouth and the Baker Act, and those are the only two resources they currently have," Slaughter said, referring to the law that allows officers to temporarily detain those suffering from mental illness if there is evidence they could be a harm to themselves or others.

In September, Sheriff Bob Gualtieri established a \$650,000 program where six teams of deputies would be paired with mental health professionals to address certain types of calls. The Clearwater program gets on board that program, creating a unit of two officers who will team with crisis response specialists employed by the Sheriff's Office. The department will pay the Sheriff's Office \$71,600 for use of each specialist.

The teams will both respond to in-progress calls and follow-up on those suffering from mental illness.

"They will be able to flag calls now that indicate there is an underlying mental health condition and we can follow up, as opposed to this hamster wheel of a person being Baker Acted, hoping they connect to resources," he said. "They'll actually follow up and try to make sure that connection occurs."

Each year, the department responds to at least 1,400 calls that involve mental health-related issues, Slaughter said. Therefore, the goal is to both help people and cut down on repetitive calls.

"We don't want to put people with mental health conditions in jail, so we're going to look at that data as well to make sure that they are actually getting connected to services and not going to jail."

Hopefully, the program could also reduce officers' reliance on the Baker Act, said Slaughter, who added that both he and Gualtieri agree it is used too often in law enforcement. Gualtieri had previously said 200,000 Baker Acts are done each year in Florida with about 11,000 of them in Pinellas County. About 50% of the state's Baker Acts are done by law enforcement.

"We over-Baker Act not because we're mean. We do it because we don't want to make a call and then go back and find somebody hanging from a shoestring in a garage," he said. "I mean that's a lot of burden and responsibility on a 25-year-old to know they cannot take action and somebody could die."

He said each crisis response specialist will have a better idea of when the Baker Act is necessary.

The Largo Police Department also has touted the success of its mental health unit, which pairs an officer with a social worker from Directions for Living.

City Manager Bill Horne said he is comfortable with this approach because the proliferation of guns in the community demands an officer be present.

"I think we're putting the right people in the right place to address these kind of highly stressful situations," he said.

Slaughter said he hopes to have the program up and running by Feb. 1.

Chris George



Florida Police Chiefs Association

Serving Florida's Law Enforcement Since 1952

August 25, 2025

Hall of Fame Coordinator
The Florida Department of Law Enforcement
P. O. Box 1489
Tallahassee, FL 32302-1489

Many thanks to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for continuing to coordinate the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame. Pursuant to section 265.0041, Florida Statutes, the Florida Police Chiefs Association reviewed nominations sent to us. Based on the voting of our Awards Committee and the FPCA Board of Directors, it is our honor to submit the following three nominations on behalf of the Florida Police Chiefs Association:

1. Chief (retired) Daniel W. Slaughter -Clearwater Police Department
2. Asst. Larry Paul Corbin – South Miami Police Department
3. Inspector Peter D. Soulis – Florida Department of Law Enforcement

We thank you for the opportunity to participate in this award process. Many thanks to FDLE for their continuing support of this prestigious honor, and for doing an exceptional job with all the details in the planning and execution of the awards ceremony. Our award recipients have repeatedly commented about their incredible experience during the induction ceremony, thanks to FDLE members.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cook Pritt
Executive Director

cc Commissioner Mark Glass
Director Chad Brown
Chief Robert Bage, President, Florida Police Chiefs Association
Chief Larry Krantz, Chair, Florida Police Chiefs Association's Awards Committee

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Global Profile Sheet

Name:	Larry P Corbin	SSW	
Race:	Wh	Sex: M	Education: High School

Employment

Agency	Class	Type	Start Date	Sep. Date	Sep. Reason	TEA	FP Date
South Miami Police Department	LE	PT	09/06/1986	03/20/1987	Voluntary Separation (Not involving misconduct)	N	09/06/1986
South Miami Police Department	LE	FT	03/20/1987	07/02/2022	Failure to Complete Human Trafficking Training	N	03/20/1987
Miami-Dade College	Inst	FT	05/22/1994	05/22/1994	Voluntary Separation (Not involving misconduct)		
South Miami Police Department	LE	FT	08/08/2022			N	03/20/1987

Salary Incentive

Basic LE	Education	Career Dev.	Maximum Eligible
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Mandatory Firearms Qualification

Law Enforcement Officer Firearms Qualification Standard
03/19/2025

Certification

Type	Number	Status	Cert. Date	Mand. Ret. Due Date	Mand. Ret. Completion Date	4 Year Break in Service
Inst	214342	InActive	05/22/1990	05/22/1994		
LE	86147	Active	03/20/1987	06/30/2027	05/10/2023	

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Equivalency

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12/01/2008	12/05/2008	18-2008-107-5	2008.08	A	SI	Middle Management	P	40
07/20/2009	07/20/2009	19-2009-1115-1	2008.10	CMSINST		General Instructor Refresher Course	P	8

WMD/ICS Training for Certified Law Enforcement Officers

Training Name	Completion Date
Weapons of Mass Destruction(WMD)	3/28/2002
Incident Command System (ICS)	7/17/2007



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Deadline - August 31

BUREAU OF STANDARDS
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COMMISSION

NOMINEE INFORMATION: (please print)

Full Legal Name: Larry Paul Corbin

Home Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Home #: N/A Cell #: [REDACTED] Work #: 305-663-6301

Email Address: lpcorbin@southmiamipdfi.gov

Resident of Florida? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, how many years? 62

State of birth: Florida Date of birth: Day [REDACTED] Month [REDACTED] Year [REDACTED]

Is nominee deceased? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, year deceased: _____

Was nominee's death caused by an incident in the line of duty? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain. n/a

Years in Law Enforcement: 38 Retired? ☐ Yes ☒ No Mo./Year retired: _____

Position(s) held: Assistant Chief of Police

Any honor/awards received? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, please include a list as an attachment.

If Nominee is deceased, please provide family point of contact:

Full Name: n/a

Relationship to deceased: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____ Work #: _____

Email Address: _____

NOTE: Nominee and nominator will be contacted if nominee is selected to be inducted.



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NOMINATOR INFORMATION: (please print)

Full Name: Reo B. Hatfield, III

Title: Chief of Police

Association/Organization: South Miami Police Department

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I hereby affirm the information contained herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge and understanding. The information provided is in congruence with the Nomination Eligibility Requirements and Guidelines. I agree to provide additional information if requested by the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Signature (Required):  Date: July 28, 2025

NOTE: Only nominator will be contacted if the nominee is not selected.

Chief Reo Hatfield 305-464-5755

Please mail this form and corresponding attachments postmarked **by August 31** to:

Florida Department of Law Enforcement
ATTN: Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame Coordinator
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Florida Police Chiefs Association

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August 25, 2025

Hall of Fame Coordinator
The Florida Department of Law Enforcement
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Many thanks to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for continuing to coordinate the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame. Pursuant to section 265.0041, Florida Statutes, the Florida Police Chiefs Association reviewed nominations sent to us. Based on the voting of our Awards Committee and the FPCA Board of Directors, it is our honor to submit the following three nominations on behalf of the Florida Police Chiefs Association:

1. Chief (retired) Daniel W. Slaughter -Clearwater Police Department
2. Asst. Larry Paul Corbin – South Miami Police Department
3. Inspector Peter D. Soulis – Florida Department of Law Enforcement

We thank you for the opportunity to participate in this award process. Many thanks to FDLE for their continuing support of this prestigious honor, and for doing an exceptional job with all the details in the planning and execution of the awards ceremony. Our award recipients have repeatedly commented about their incredible experience during the induction ceremony, thanks to FDLE members.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cook Pritt
Executive Director

cc Commissioner Mark Glass
Director Chad Brown
Chief Robert Bage, President, Florida Police Chiefs Association
Chief Larry Krantz, Chair, Florida Police Chiefs Association's Awards Committee



SOUTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
REO HATFIELD III

July 28, 2025

Jennifer Pritt,
Executive Director
Florida Police Chiefs Association

via email: jpritt@fpca.com

Executive Director Pritt,

It is my distinct honor and privilege to nominate Assistant Chief Larry Corbin for induction into the Florida Law Enforcement Officer Hall of Fame. With unwavering dedication, professionalism, and valor, Assistant Chief Corbin has served the South Miami Police Department for nearly four decades, setting the highest standards in law enforcement since taking his oath in 1987. He is set to retire on May 31, 2026, leaving behind a legacy that is nothing short of extraordinary.

Assistant Chief Corbin began his career as a patrolman and quickly distinguished himself with exceptional initiative and tactical aptitude. Over the years, he rose through the ranks and ultimately, under my leadership, earned the appointment to Assistant Chief of Police. During his tenure, he has worked under eight different Chiefs of Police, each of whom recognized his loyalty, leadership, and operational excellence.

Known for his commanding presence, signature flat-top haircut, and muscular physique, Assistant Chief Corbin projects authority while maintaining composure in even the most high-pressure situations. A natural athlete, he earned a bronze medal in the 1988 Police Olympics in arm wrestling and has always led from the front. In his earlier years, he was a certified instructor in PR24, PPCT, Nova Stun Gun, RIPP Products, ASP baton, defensive tactics, and electronic restraints, training generations of officers with precision, discipline, and confidence.

His personnel file speaks volumes. Nearly two inches thick with over 200 recognitions and zero disciplinary actions, it reflects a career built on integrity. He's received multiple Officer of the Month awards, most recently in April 2023, along with several Meritorious Service Awards, Unit Citations, a Chief's Award, and in 2022, was named Outstanding Command Officer of the Year by the Florida Police Chiefs Association. He was a runner-up for Officer of the Year in 1997 and was also nominated for the Police Benevolent Association- Officer of the Year in 1990.

Among his most notable honors is the Silver Medal of Valor (1997), awarded for the arrest of two, armed robbery suspects following a chaotic three-way shootout. Then a motor officer, he identified one of the suspects attempting to enter a closed business and took him down with force, recovering over \$50,000. This act of bravery, by all officers involved, was featured in *The Miami Herald* (July 31, 1997).

In another case, he earned the Officer of the Month award in February 1993 after locating a vehicle that had been used in multiple armed bank robberies. His calm, strategic approach led to the subject's arrest without incident. The subject was found in possession of the stolen money and a holdup note and was later tied to several other robberies by the FBI. This story was also published in *The Miami Herald* (February 17, 1993).

Heroism is threaded throughout his service record. In December 1988, he revived a convulsing infant who had stopped breathing after being flagged down by frantic parents. In September 1989, while issuing a citation, he was flagged down by a passerby advising of an armed robbery. He then observed the subject's vehicle, giving chase on US1. The vehicle suddenly came to an abrupt halt in the middle of traffic. Corbin dropped the motor, and simultaneously while straddling the bike between his legs, drew his weapon, ordering all subjects out of the vehicle. This resulted in the arrest of all three subjects, recovery of the weapon, and his motor pants splitting in two, down both in-seams. (*South Miami News*, November 1989).



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Evaluations describe him with phrases like: "excellent moral character," "natural leader," "consummate professional," "trusted mentor," "steady," and "when he speaks, people listen." He is known for his sharp strategic instincts and logistical brilliance, often taking the lead in orchestrating perimeters and quickly identifying emerging crime trends.

In the wake of the September 11th terrorist attacks, Assistant Chief Corbin was among ten members of the department deployed to New York City on September 13, 2001, to assist the NYPD. For ten consecutive days, the team worked 12-hour shifts supporting high-risk assignments throughout Manhattan. Each post considered potential targets for further terrorist attacks. Some from the team also served briefly at the World Trade Center recovery site, aiding during one of the most challenging recovery operations in modern history. This voluntary deployment during this national crisis speaks to his bravery, adaptability, and steadfast commitment to service beyond his own community. (*Miami Herald* 9/23/2001, *Miami Herald* 9/27/2001, *PBA HEAT* Vol.19 No. 11 November 2001).

Beyond the badge, he's affectionately known as the "Charcoal Cowboy," always ready to grill for city and department events—from hurricanes to holidays to the COVID pandemic. His presence at community gatherings, City luncheons, and police BBQs has become a staple of department morale.

When two of his children were diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes, he became a fierce advocate for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), creating police and family walk teams and helping raise over \$37,000 between 2013 and 2018. He even had a police car wrapped with a Type 1 Diabetes awareness design, a story featured by CBS News Miami (<https://www.cbsnews.com/miami/news/south-miami-police-hope-to-arrest-type-1-diabetes/>). He donates monthly to the Police Officer Assistance Trust (POAT), Tunnel to Towers (T2T), and is a member of the 200 Club of Greater Miami, Miami Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police (MDCACP) and the Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA). He has also donated 120 hours of personal sick time to colleagues in need.

His commitment to community engagement is truly unmatched, through the years volunteering for charity walks, softball games, kickball tournaments, basketball matchups, bowling competitions, fishing tournaments, pig roasts and more. Having grown up playing sports and coaching Pop Warner Football in the 1990s, he has remained both active and fiercely competitive over the years. His personnel file includes dozens of heartfelt letters from grateful citizens, thanking him for acts of kindness ranging from pushing disabled vehicles in the rain and locating lost pets to comforting children during break-ins and rendering aid during medical emergencies.

From patrol, motors, tactical team, crime suppression, honor guard, special events coordinator, extra duty coordinator, patrol operations commander, Assistant Chief Corbin has touched almost every aspect of the department. The exception of Communications, which is overseen by his wife of thirty-three years, with whom he has worked alongside for the last thirty-six years.

Assistant Chief Larry Corbin exemplifies the oath he took in 1987. His legacy is one of strength, humility, courage, leadership, and tireless service. I offer this recommendation wholeheartedly and without reservation, there is no one more deserving of induction into the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame.

With deepest respect and admiration,

Chief Reo B. Hatfield III

LARRY P. CORBIN

South Miami Police Department

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786-519-9904 - lpcorbin@southmiamipdf.org

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE South Miami Police Department

Experienced and highly responsible law enforcement executive with over 35 years of progressive leadership within the South Miami Police Department. Demonstrates expertise in police administration, operations management, strategic planning, and professional development. Proven ability to lead and mentor personnel, implement performance standards, and uphold the highest levels of public safety and organizational efficiency.

Professional Summary

Provides executive-level oversight and direction of department operations under the Chief of Police. Directly supervises Police Captains and, through the chain of command, ensures the effective leadership of all subordinate personnel. Develops and implements management tools, performance metrics, and inspection processes to uphold department standards. Advises, counsels, and supports staff in administrative matters and the execution of professional policing practices.

Professional Experience

Assistant Chief of Police

South Miami Police Department – January 2024 to Present

Police Captain

South Miami Police Department – March 2014 to January 2024

Police Lieutenant

South Miami Police Department – August 2009 to March 2014

Police Sergeant – Patrol Division

South Miami Police Department – January 2002 to August 2009

Detective – Special Investigations Unit

South Miami Police Department – February 2000 to December 2002

Officer – Motorcycle Unit

South Miami Police Department – January 1988 to January 2000

Uniform Patrol Officer

South Miami Police Department – March 1987 to January 1988

Awards & Commendations

- **Outstanding Command Officer of the Year – State of Florida, 2022**
- **Chief's Award, 2015**
- **Unit Citation Awards, 2009 & 2014**
- **Silver Medal of Valor, 1997**
- **Runner-Up Officer of the Year, 1997**
- **PBA Officer of the Year Nominee, 1990**
- **Officer of the Month: Dec 1988, Jan 1992, Feb 1993, Aug 2005**
- **Meritorious Service Awards: Nov 1989, July 1990, Nov 1990, May 1992, Aug 1999**
- **Plethora of Performance Recognitions throughout the years**
- **Silver Medal Recipient, Florida Police Olympics, 1988**

Certifications

- Police Motorcycle Certification
- Defensive Tactics Instructor
- Tactical Operations
- ASP Baton Instructor
- PR-24 Instructor
- R.I.P.P. Restraint Instructor
- Pressure Point Control Tactics (PPCT) Instructor
- Electronic Restraint Device Instructor
- Middle Management Certification
- SPI Manager of Small Agency Certification
- Senior Officers Course Certification- 192 hours
- C.A.R.T. Certified (Child Abduction Response Team)
- D.A.R.T. Certified (Domestic Assault Response Team)

Officers cited for valor after shootout

Four South Miami police officers were recognized last week for their actions during a shootout with two men following a robbery attempt last April.

Two received the department's highest award, Officers Francisco De La Espriella and Daniel Jhuobosall were given the Dan Shute Memorial Gold Medal of Valor by Police Chief Cokes Watson for "outstanding bravery in the furtherance of law enforcement."

Shute, who died in 1987, is the only South Miami officer killed while on duty. On April 28, De La Espriella was traveling on Southwest 73rd Street when he heard gunshots. Approaching U.S. 1, he saw a man who had been shot three times lying on the ground with a suspect standing over him. The man on the ground had just left a nearby jewelry store. The officer requested backup, then approached the suspect and ordered him to halt.

The suspect fired several shots at De La Espriella and Jhuobosall, who had just arrived. The officers shot and striking one of the suspects



Corbin De La Espriella Jhuobosall Marick

before he jumped into an SUV and drove away with \$50,000 of the jewelry store's money. The victim survived.

Communities send aid to 'ground zero'

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Two other officers, Lt. Jhuobosall and Sgt. Marick, were also cited for their actions during the shootout.

11 arrested in S. Miami drug sting

By CHARLES BROWN

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Working hand in hand with state police, South Miami police officers arrested 11 of the city's most prominent drug dealers Thursday.

There were no shots fired, and none of the suspects fired a gun.

In an early morning, a sting operation was carried out at a car wash, a warehouse and a residence. Each site was searched by three officers.

All were arrested and charged with the sale of cocaine worth \$1,000 per transaction, a mandatory three-year sentence. Each site was searched by three officers.

A 12th suspect, a female, was arrested on suspicion of drug trafficking. She was charged with selling cocaine worth \$1,000 per transaction.



Three officers, Lt. Jhuobosall, Sgt. Marick and Sgt. Corbin, were also cited for their actions during the shootout.

These arrested were: Shanon Darden, 39, of 3150 SW 10th St.; Tyrone Butler, 25, of 3150 SW 10th St.; Leroy Smith, 35, of 3150 SW 10th St.; Herbert Smith, 32, of 3150 SW 10th St.; Eric Smith, 32, of 3150 SW 10th St.; Eric Smith, 32, of 3150 SW 10th St.; Eric Smith, 32, of 3150 SW 10th St.; Eric Smith, 32, of 3150 SW 10th St.; Eric Smith, 32, of 3150 SW 10th St.; Eric Smith, 32, of 3150 SW 10th St.

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officers and co-operatives, they managed to videotape the sale of drugs by all the suspects.

"It's hard for a defense attorney to dispute a videotape," said Alex Hechavarria, the department's only narcotics officer. He also said dealers have become

much more sophisticated recently. "They leave codes and addresses on beepers," he said. "They are technologically sound." Those codes typically include quantity wanted during a purchase and the location of where to meet.

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S. Miami police offer report from the front

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Bank-robbery suspect nabbed on U.S. 1

South Miami police Tuesday caught a man who allegedly had just robbed two banks after a brief chase on busy U.S. 1.

Officer Larry Corbin was driving south on U.S. 1 at Southwest 73rd Street about 10:30 a.m. when he heard that the First Nationwide Savings, 9469 S. Dixie Highway, had been robbed by a man driving a red 1992 Pontiac Grand Am.

About then, a red 1992 Pontiac Grand Am passed Corbin going north. Corbin chased the car north to Stanford Drive at Ponce De Leon Boulevard, where the driver got stuck in traffic.

The suspect, who gave his name as Robert Smith of Newark, N.J., was arrested.

Officers found a large amount of cash and a note reading "I have a gun — \$4,000" in the car's glove compartment, South Miami Police Chief Perry Turner said.

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STICKUP AT JEWELRY BUSINESS LEAVES SUSPECT, VICTIM SHOT

By FRANCES HOLLER

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Off. Somohano Benefit Carwash Nets Over \$100,000

By MERRILL STONE, PBA Executive Vice President

On Saturday, Oct. 16, for refreshment and the department's support, Officer Mike Somohano held a car wash. The car wash was a success, netting over \$100,000 for the benefit of the South Miami Police Department.

A large number of county employees from various departments, along with their family members, volunteered to help with the car wash. The car wash was a success, netting over \$100,000 for the benefit of the South Miami Police Department.

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Chief of Police Turner

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AND ARE 2 OFFICERS THAT ARE ALWAYS ON THE
ALERT AND VERY HELPFUL TO THE COMMUNITY
OF SOUTH MIAMI. There is much more to
SAY ABOUT THESE TWO FINE OFFICERS, BUT IN
SHORT, I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW
SOMETHING ABOUT 2 PARTICULAR OFFICERS ON
YOUR FORCE.

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Chief's Office
South Miami Police Dept

August 13, 1992

Chief Perry S. Turner
South Miami Police Department
6130 Sunset Drive
South Miami, Florida 33143

Dear Chief Turner:

The Metro-Dade Police Department, Kendall Station, would like to take this opportunity to commend Officer Larry Corbin of the South Miami Police Department for the professionalism he demonstrated on August 12, 1992, during the apprehension of a career burglar.

On that date, one of our units was investigating a burglary which had occurred at 37309 S. W. 84 Avenue. A B.O.L.O. had been read over the air for a black male riding a red bicycle and carrying a red bag. Officer Corbin spotted a subject matching the description at S. W. 80 Street and South Dixie Highway. Officer Corbin stopped the suspect and subsequent investigation revealed that he was indeed the subject.

The professional manner in which your officer conducted himself was a key element in the apprehension of the subject. This incident additionally reinforced the spirit of cooperation between our agencies. It is with pleasure that we extend this commendation to your officer for a job well done.

Sincerely,

Mark H. Hester, Captain
S. S. Hester, Major
Kendall Station

May 22, 1991
Chief's Office
South Miami Police Dept

Perry Turner
Chief of Police
South Miami Police Department
6130 Sunset Drive
South Miami, Florida 33143

Dear Chief Turner,

Today, unfortunately, this morning on my way to work I had a car accident on S.W. 84th Ave. & S.W. 80th St. at approximately 0745hrs. I was driving extremely hard and the traffic conditions were very congested. I contacted your department to report the accident. The dispatcher was very pleasant and helpful. I don't recall his name. I really appreciated that my first encounter with your department was very positive given my situation at the time. My car has sustained damage approximately at \$2500 to \$4000.

Shortly, Officer J. Delgado, badge # 201 and Officer L. Corbin, badge # 139, responded. They were very professional, attentive, caring and concerned for our well being. Chief, as you know I have daily contacts with the police community and police officers because of my job as a Community Development Specialist with the City of Miami Police Department.

In my capacity with the Miami Police Department I am constantly taking complaints or explaining why we didn't do this or why we didn't do that, or just merely running interference in order to facilitate police and community relations.

This is the very reason, I decided to take the time to extend the commendation to your officers. They were the epitome of what I tell victims every day about the role of a police officer.

They had to push my car out of the road. They pushed it into the street and onto the grass. In the car with me were my wife, my son, and my daughter. They were not hurt. Thank God no one was hurt. They took them to school for me, while I waited for my car to be towed. After they took the children to school they came back to check on me and to see whether the tow truck had come.

Chief, I really appreciated these officers and I wanted to commend them for their professionalism, but most of all, I want to commend them for their compassion and their ability to help me.

I know in my capacity we don't take the opportunity to change or comment on each other for jobs well done.

If I could write this a commendation, I would. Chief, you can feel very proud to have your officers share that's supplementing my testimony as I.

Please note this letter goes to their personnel files and personally thank them for me. I have shared my experience with my wife and in my office. As Miami Police Department and they appreciated it to.

Thank you so much!

Thank you again,
Mr. Wanda Renteria
Community Development Specialist
City of Miami Police
800 S.W. 2nd Ave.
Miami, FL 33130

RAFAEL P. HERNANDEZ
Chief of Police
Miami Police Department

of Pleasant Living

February 22, 1996

Ms. Francis Delgado
5961 S.W. 79 Street
South Miami, Florida 33143

Dear Ms. Delgado:

Once again we wish to thank you for commending two of our officers. Sgt. Dennis Rower and Officer Larry Corbin who came to the rescue of your neighbor's dog which had fallen into their pool.

A copy of your letter will be placed in their personnel files.

It is always gratifying to receive positive reinforcement from members of the South Miami community, whether it is providing public safety services to our residents or rescuing a dog or apprehending a criminal.

Thank you again. We appreciate your taking the time to put your thoughts in writing.

Sincerely,

Rafael P. Hernandez
Chief of Police

BTH/B

CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI
POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief of Police
Via Chain of Command

FROM: Sgt. D. S. Rower
Shift Commander

DATE: October 5, 1993

SUBJECT: Officer of the Month Recommendation for August, 1993

SIR:

I would like to recommend Officer Larry Corbin for Officer of the Month for August, 1993.

The following arrests and activities are examples of Officer Corbin's work during the month.

On 8 Aug 93, Officer Corbin heard a report of a burglary subject who had just committed a business burglary on South Dixie Highway in county jurisdiction. Within a matter of minutes Officer Corbin stopped the subject with the stolen property taken in the burglary.

On 23 Aug 93, Officer Corbin arrested a subject for armed robbery with a knife. The subject was located by other officers and Officer Corbin during the course of his investigation arrested him.

Additionally, Officer Corbin made one warrant arrest for traffic, wrote five moving violation citations, checked 32 watch orders, handled 192 calls for service, patrolled 885 miles, and wrote 33 reports.

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SEIGER
2330 Southwest 31st Avenue
Miami, Florida 33145
August 2, 1997

Mr. Charles Watson
Chief of Police
South Miami Police Department
6130 Southwest 72nd Street
Miami, FL 33143

Dear Chief Watson:

It is the accepted opinion, today, that a letter to a business establishment is, usually, one of complacency; this stance is the reason for failure to write to you about the service I received from Officer Larry Corbin would be doing a disservice to your outstanding Police Department.

I am referring to your Police Officer Larry Corbin.

On July 11, 1997, I had left my doctor's office, entered my Volkswagen, and was on my way home when my Volkswagen just simply stopped functioning. I was, literally, stopped by the light on 62nd Avenue and Sunset. Officer Corbin was in front of me when I called to this wonderful Officer, explained my predicament to him, and without a moment's hesitation he came to my assistance. He got off his motorcycle and pushed my car to the side of the road. (I couldn't help but think fine gentlemen as I have a problem with my heart. I am 76 years of age.)

Chief Watson, there are insufficient words in our lexicon to describe this wonderful officer, Larry Corbin, and if your organization issues awards to those officers who indicate the highest degree of professionalism, then Officer Larry Corbin is deserving of this award. Officer Corbin is a definite asset to your organization. Please relay my thanks to this terrific officer. At my age, you cannot find such a worthy gentleman.

Chief Watson, when you hired Officer Larry Corbin, I must state you did your homework well.

Very truly yours,

Donna Seiger

Donna Seiger Please use the enclosed check for Mr. Corbin's Office and take.

This letter was delayed because I had a kidney emergency and became an emergency patient at South Miami Hospital.



Metro-Dade Police
Department
Director's Office
9105 N.W. 23rd Street
Miami, Florida 33172



September 10, 1997

Chief Charles Watson
South Miami Police Department
6130 Sunset Drive
South Miami, Florida 33143

Dear Chief Watson:

On behalf of the Metro-Dade Police Department, Robbery Bureau, I would like to commend Detective Larry Corbin for his participation and dedicated service while assigned to Operation Safe Streets/Clean Sweep/Robbery Intervention Detail (RID), from December 1996 through May 1997.

The operation was a great success. Reported robberies decreased by 23 percent when compared with the same 180 days from the previous year. RID productivity was remarkable, with an accounting of 1,750 arrests. There were 1,071 felony arrests, 637 misdemeanor arrests, and approximately 5,000 individuals who were challenged in field interviews. This proactive law enforcement campaign contributed to an increased police presence and had a measurable deterrent effect on all criminal activity.

Perhaps the best measure of the successful campaign was \$2.9 million in property recovered, along with 100 guns removed from the streets of Dade County. All this, especially the removal of firearms, contributed to a safer environment for the citizens we serve.

Detective Larry Corbin is hereby commended for his participation and attention to duty during this operation. Please accept the enclosed Certificate of Appreciation for a job well done.

Sincerely,

Carlos Alvarez
Director

Enclosure

July 16, 1998

Chief Charles Watson, Jr.
South Miami Police Department
6130 Sunset Drive
South Miami, Florida 33143

Dear Chief Watson:

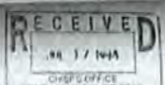
On Thursday, June 4, 1998, an armed robbery occurred at Southwest 56 Street and 67 Avenue, adjacent to South Miami Senior High School. Officer Larry Corbin, badge #189, of your department responded to the location to assist Miami-Dade Police Department in canvassing the area for the subjects. Officer Corbin located one of the subjects on Southwest 56 Street and 58 Avenue, took him into custody and detained him for our Department. Additional units responded to the scene, and the second subject was subsequently apprehended without incident. The subjects had been previously arrested for armed robbery and both have extensive criminal histories.

We have long enjoyed and benefited from our close working relationship with the City of South Miami Police Department. This is an excellent example of the benefits of that relationship.

Officer Corbin is commended for his attention to duty and teamwork resulting in the apprehension of an active armed robbery subject. Please extend our appreciation to him.

Sincerely,

For: Asst. Dir. Barry Heller
CARLOS ALVAREZ
Director



July 16, 1998

Chief Charles Watson, Jr.

South Miami Police Department

6130 Sunset Drive

South Miami, Florida 33143

SOUTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Coker Watson Jr.
South Miami Police Department
6130 Sunset Drive
South Miami, Florida 33141

FROM: Sgt. John Ratzola (N)

DATE: 04-09-03

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Meritorious Service Award

I would like to recommend Sgt. Larry Corbin for a Meritorious Service Award for exemplary performance on 04-09-03. Sgt. Larry Corbin displayed initiative and creativity in developing a plan to combat a serious crime problem occurring in the area of Progress Rd and Commerce Lane. Information provided by our Crime Analyst revealed that most burglaries were taking place Tuesday and Saturday evenings in the aforementioned area. Sgt. Corbin, who was working late on Tuesday 04-09-03, implemented a plan by placing officers on roof tops in and around the area to conduct surveillance. Sgt. Corbin was able to secure a ladder, personnel, and keys to surrounding businesses in order to obtain his objective, catching a serial burglar.

On the morning of 04-09-03 Sergeant Corbin's objective was realized when a known burglary subject was observed breaking into vehicles and was subsequently taken into custody. The subject was identified as Jerry Jackson, a registered career criminal. Jackson was recently released from prison for a previous burglary charge and since his release a dramatic increase in burglaries has taken place in South Miami.

I would like to personally thank Sgt. Corbin for his initiative and dedication to duty as well as his professional manner during this incident. I know through his actions he has made South Miami a safer place to live and work for all of its citizens. He has proven to be a valuable asset to this department.

Chief Coker Watson Jr.
South Miami Police Department

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SOUTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT
PERFORMANCE RECOGNITION

EMPLOYEE: Sergeant Larry Corbin

PERFORMANCE RECOGNITION: On Thursday, October 28, 2004, Kendall Dispatch dispatched a call of a robbery at the Beach Bank, located at 67th Ave and U.S. 91. Sgt. Corbin quickly coordinated his day shift units to converge on the area to locate the subjects and vehicle. According to witnesses on the scene, a dark blue Dodge Caravan, with Florida license plate #W21171 (which was listed on a hot sheet as stolen), occupied by 3-4 black males, wearing all masks, had northbound on 67th Ave. Sgt. Corbin immediately shifted into an investigative mode, back tracking and locating the vehicle in the opposite direction from where the witnesses saw the vehicle. The vehicle was still running and left abandoned in the parking lot of Toys 'R Us, located approximately one block from the actual robbery scene. It was his experience, coupled with his knowledge and skill, which helped him locate the vehicle within a few minutes of the actual crime. It is for these reasons, that I recommend him for a job well done!

The contribution of the above member for the latest reason is acknowledged as an example of efforts to attain this Department's mission.

Chief Coker Watson Jr.
South Miami Police Department

SOUTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT
PERFORMANCE RECOGNITION

EMPLOYEE: Sgt. Larry Corbin

PERFORMANCE RECOGNITION: On 12/25/04 the South Miami Police Department received a report of an alleged carjacking which took place at SW 70th Street and SW 56th Place. This was a station report as all units were tied up at the scene of a multiple fatality hit and run crash on South Dixie Highway which extended well into the night.

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South Miami Police Department

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thru). His dedication to the very basic tenets of police work, run towards larger where everyone else runs away" is a model for all officers to emulate.



This year, Captain Corbin assisted in coming up with a compensation plan during City negotiations for a new contract with the Fraternal Order of Police. The basic format of this plan went a long way to bringing an end to the long and tedious process that had been underway for almost two years.

Captain Corbin is an officer who is dedicated to the police profession, but more than to the citizens of South Miami for whom he has worked for three decades. He is to be commended for his hard work and leadership in 2019.



[Signature] 12/10/18
Assistant Chief Date

[Signature] 12/10/18
Chief of Police Date

cc: Personnel File
Bull Cell

 SOUTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT 

Rene G. Landa
Chief of Police

 **SOUTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT** 

Rene G. Landa
Chief of Police

Date: April 1th 2023

Recommendation:

I highly recommend that Captain Larry Corbin (ID #189) be chosen as the South Miami Police Department (SMPD) Officer of the Month for April 2023

Narrative:

On March 17, 2023 A BOLO went out for a robbery that just occurred where a purse containing cash was taken. Captain Corbin began to check the area and was advised the subject possibly got onto the Metro Rail. He responded to check the station and observed the subject walking south along the Metro Rail path. He immediately directed additional units to the area and the subject was taken into custody without incident and the property was recovered.

On March 27, 2023, while at home Captain Corbin received a phone call in reference to an Aggravated Stalking case, which he was very familiar with, stating that the subject had once again been seen on the victim's property. Knowing that the subject's activities, which had been escalating with each incident including Avon, Captain Corbin left his residence to assist with the case. While in route to the victim's residence, Captain Corbin requested the BOLO information on the subject. Captain Corbin began to canvass the area and located the subject driving in his vehicle. He immediately contacted a traffic stop on the vehicle, which had black wrap but no windows including the front windshield, which prohibited any visibility to the interior of the vehicle. Captain Corbin approached the vehicle and was able to take the subject into custody without further incident.

Additionally during the last two weeks of April Captain Corbin made several additional arrests while riding with Lieutenant Junior Vigil including a robbery subject apprehension on April 5, 2023 who resulted a pursue.

He oversees the Operations Bureau, which is the largest within the agency overseeing both the Uniform Patrol and Criminal Investigations Division. In addition to commanding the largest part of the SMPD, he also serves as the off duty coordinator for all of the off-duty jobs at the SMPD. Captain Corbin has enhanced the level of accountability and proficiency of the troops under his command through his



Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Global Profile Sheet

Name:	Osie L Raulerson	SSN	[REDACTED]
Race:	Wh	Sex:	M
Education:			

Employment

Agency	Class	Type	Start Date	Sep. Date	Sep. Reason	TEA	FP Date
Florida Department Of Law Enforcement	LE	FT	03/20/1978	01/05/1981	Resigned/Retired (Historical Use Only)	N	03/20/1978
Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office	LE	FT	01/06/1981	12/31/1996	Retired (Not involving misconduct)	N	01/06/1981

Salary Incentive

Basic LE	Education	Career Dev.	Maximum Eligible
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Mandatory Firearms Qualification

Law Enforcement Officer Firearms Qualification Standard

No Firearms found for this person

Certification

Type	Number	Status	Cert. Date	Mand. Ret. Due Date	Mand. Ret. Completion Date	4 Year Break in Service
LE	93908	Inactive 8 year Break in Service	06/21/1967	06/30/2001	02/14/1996	

Topic

Topic	Topic Date	Recert Date	Status	Met Req
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There is no topic information available for this person

Exam

Type	Date	Form	Overall	Amended
LE	6/30/1993	1	Pass	

Type	Date	Form	Vendor	Overall	Expiration
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No BAT Record Information found for this person

Equivalency

Agency	Discipline	Application Date	Decision Date	Approval Authority	Advised Date	Status	Exp Date
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No Equivalency Records found for this person

Training

Start Date	End Date	Sequence	Version	Type	MR/SI	Title	Grade	Hours Taught
01/01/1900	12/31/1900	00-1900-994-0	N/A	BLE		Grandfather-Law Enforcement	P	0
01/01/1977	01/05/1973	00-1900-008-0	N/A	A	SI	Executive Development: Base For Law Enforcement	P	0

WMD/ICS Training for Certified Law Enforcement Officers

Training Name	Completion Date
Weapons of Mass Destruction(WMD)	Not Completed
Incident Command System (ICS)	Not Completed



Deadline – August 31

NOMINEE INFORMATION: (please print)

Full Legal Name: OSSIE LAWTON (OL) RAULERSON, JR

Home Address: DECEASED

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____ Work #: _____

Email Address: _____

Resident of Florida? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, how many years? 66

State of birth: FLORIDA Date of birth: Day Month Year

Is nominee deceased? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, year deceased: 2007

Was nominee's death caused by an incident in the line of duty? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, explain. _____

Years in Law Enforcement: 42 Retired? ☒ Yes ☐ No Mo./Year retired: 2004

Position(s) held: SHERIFF & CHIEF DEPUTY IN 2 COUNTIES, FHP TROOPER, FDLE INVESTIGATOR

Any honor/awards received? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, please include a list as an attachment.

If Nominee is deceased, please provide family point of contact:

Full Name: NOEL E. STEPHEN

Relationship to deceased: **FORMER SON IN LAW**

Home Address: 504 NW 4TH STREET

City: **OKEECHOBEE** State: **FLORIDA** Zip Code: **34972**

Home #: _____ Cell #: 863-634-0650 Work #: 863-763-3117

Email Address: NSTEPHEN@OKEESHERIFF.COM

NOTE: Nominee and nominator will be contacted if nominee is selected to be inducted.



FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' HALL OF FAME Nomination Form

NOMINATOR INFORMATION: (please print)

Full Name: NOEL E. STEPHEN

Title: _____

Association/Organization: OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Work Address: 504 NW 4TH STREET

City: OKEECHOBEE State: FLORIDA Zip Code: 34972

Work #: 863-763-3117

Email Address: NSTEPHEN@OKEESHERRIFF.COM

I hereby affirm the information contained herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge and understanding. The information provided is in congruence with the Nomination Eligibility Requirements and Guidelines. I agree to provide additional information if requested by the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Signature (Required): _____

Date: 8/8/25

NOTE: Only nominator will be contacted if the nominee is not selected.

Please mail this form and corresponding attachments postmarked **by August 31** to:

Florida Department of Law Enforcement
ATTN: Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame Coordinator
P.O. Box 1489
Tallahassee, FL. 32302-1489

Should you have any questions or concerns contact the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame Coordinator at (850) 410-8600 or FLEOHOF@fdle.state.fl.us.

To: Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame Committee
From: Ben F. Johnson
Nominee: Sheriff Ossie Lawton (O.L.) Raulerson Jr.

Why do we honor someone posthumously?

It's not done just as a lasting remembrance, or to create a legacy after a person has passed on. Rather, it's to commemorate a distinctive life – a life well spent in service to others. It's done to memorialize professional excellence and a life and character worthy of emulation. It's done to celebrate a lifetime of exceptional achievement and a legacy already attained.

In short, it's done to honor someone just like former Sheriff Ossie Lawton "O.L." Raulerson Jr. And it is for this reason that I strongly recommend Sheriff Raulerson for induction into the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame.

Sheriff Raulerson's law enforcement career began as a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper between June 1963-December 1968. He would go on to achieve the rare distinction of being elected Sheriff in two different Florida counties – first, Highlands and then two stints in Okeechobee. He also served as Chief Deputy for both agencies before becoming Sheriff and additionally served two years as a Special Agent with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. And as a Sheriff's investigator, Raulerson successfully worked numerous high-profile cases – everything from homicide and home invasion robberies to major narcotics operations. All combined, Sheriff Raulerson spent 4 terms as Sheriff, capping off more than four decades of law enforcement service to the citizens of Florida.

Accomplishments, there were many. Among them were establishment of the first D.A.R.E. program in Okeechobee County Schools, creation of a youth program now known as Community In Schools (CIS), establishment of the Okeechobee Sheriff's Office's Search & Rescue with volunteers and creation of the Citizen's Observer Patrol program. Sheriff Raulerson also served on the Florida Sheriffs Association Board of Directors and the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency.

That Sheriff Raulerson has an impressive law enforcement resume and long list of accomplishments is unmistakable. But equally, if not more important are the types of things that you can't learn from Sheriff Raulerson's bio – his character, compassion and integrity and caring manner in which he served his constituents. He was a well-respected, folksy, down-home law enforcement officer – both relatable and able to relate to everyone with whom he came into contact. Sheriff Raulerson always served in a way that brought honor, respect and dignity to his Office and to the law enforcement profession.

He also was a mentor to those who followed in his footsteps to help ensure that the public continued to receive excellent public safety services when he left office. In fact, I was one of those who benefited from his mentoring after I was elected to my first term as Volusia County Sheriff in 2000. Though many years ago, his advice and guidance still resonate with me to this day.

I was fortunate to have been able to call Sheriff Raulerson my friend. Because I got to see first-hand what his constituents also saw and experienced – a law enforcement officer with a big heart and a genuine desire to serve his community and make a difference. And he certainly did. The positive impacts of his accomplishments are still being felt today. And that's a legacy that represents the very best of the law enforcement profession and, I believe, merits consideration for entry into the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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The Palm Beach Post

REAL NEWS STARTS HERE

Man was sheriff in two Florida counties

By Ellot Kleinberg

@elliottkpbp

Posted May 2, 2013 at 12:01 AM

Updated Mar 23, 2015 at 5:44 PM

Readers: Our readership area officially includes Okeechobee County, a place rich in history and known for agriculture, cattle, and “the big lake;” an area that still boasts of “old Florida.” We always enjoy the chance to visit.

This weekend is the fourth annual “BBQ Cook-off” to benefit the O.L. Raulerson, Jr. Scholarship Fund.

Raulerson, who died in 2007, wasn’t just a member of one of Florida’s old-line families. He also is believed to be the only person elected sheriff in two different Florida counties.

Here’s more on Raulerson from the Okeechobee Sheriff’s Office and from a 2007 obituary by colleague Daphne Duret:

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Man was sheriff in two Florida counties



Elliot Kleinberg
Post Time

Readers: Our readership area includes Okeechobee County, a place rich in history and known for agriculture, cattle, and "the big lake;" an area that still boasts of "old Florida." We always enjoy the chance to visit.

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Then-Okeechobee County Sheriff O.L. Raulerson at the entrance to his department in 2001. THE PALM BEACH POST/2011

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Feb 11th, 2018 • by Lake Okeechobee News • Comments: 0

KEECHOBEE — On Friday, Feb. 9, at 8 a.m. a dedication ceremony was held renaming Northwest Fourth Street to "O.L. Raulerson Jr. Street" in front of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO).

OCSO Sheriff Noel Stephen described who O.L. Raulerson was to the crowd, for those unfamiliar with the former long-time Sheriff.



O. L. Raulerson's wife Judy Raulerson (bottom), son Todd Raulerson (left) and daughter Laurie Raulerson Stephen stand next to the newly minted sign brandishing O. L.'s name. Photos by Richard Maion.

"His career started before most of us were born. He was a soft spoken man to some and a cop's cop to others. He served as sheriff in Highlands County in 1970, following the passing of Sheriff Joe D. Keene, and years later served as the Sheriff of Okeechobee County in 1986, following the passing of Sheriff John Collier. He was later elected by the citizens of Okeechobee County in 1988. He served two terms but lost his election in 1996, once again, only to run and win his seat back in 2001."

Sheriff Stephen highlighted how O.L.'s presence was felt by not only the sheriff's office and amongst members of the law enforcement community but also that of the general population of the county in which he served.

"He exemplified how to treat each other right, treating employees like family and yet completing the mission of protecting lives and property. He strived to make this community better for people to work, sleep and play."

The family and their endeavors to have O.L. remembered were acknowledged and made a reality at the ceremony.

"The family has done a few things over the years in an effort to remember O.L. but nothing seemed to take root. This will forever give us a pleasant reminder of the great man, Sheriff O.L. Raulerson," stated Sheriff Stephen. In attendance at the ceremony were O.L.'s wife, Judy; daughter, Laurie; son, Todd; and grandsons, Cory, Jared and Cody.

On behalf of the family, OCSO and himself, Sheriff Stephen thanked Okkeechobee City Mayor, Dowling R. Watford Jr., who addressed those in attendance.

"I think his greatest legacy is going to be the influence he has had on those that are serving in law enforcement now in our current sheriff's department. On behalf of the city council we are pleased to do this to honor O.L.," City Council members; Noel Chandler, Monica Clark, Mike O' Connor, and Gary Ritter along with City Administrator, Marcos Montes De Oca, for the "wonderful recognition of the great man, Sheriff O.L. Raulerson."

At the closing of the street renaming ceremony, O.L.'s wife Judy Raulerson stated, "I thought it was wonderful and exciting. We are so proud of O.L."

Federal grant funds drug task force

By JERRY MOFF

Thanks to a federal grant, a new drug task force has been established in Okachobee County and it won't cost a cent to maintain.

The Okachobee Narcotics Task Force is made up of personnel from the Okachobee City Police Department and the Okachobee County Sheriff's Office. It has one main purpose — to step up enforcement against drugs.

Although the sheriff's department has been using money from the Byrne Narcotics Grant for four years, this is the first year for the multi-agency task force.

The task force officially went to work on Nov. 15, but was born when an unofficial agreement was drawn up between the city and county in May.

"We had to come up with a new concept because the grant's only good for three years," explained Sheriff O.L. Raulerson.

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freewheeling the streets."

Sgt. Hager went on to say the personnel not only gives the task force more people but "a knowledge of the city. It's opened up a line of communication between the city and the county and has opened the exchange of information between the two agencies."

He went on to explain that three months after the task force officially got to work, two people were arrested with over 100 grams of crack cocaine. The case was later turned over to federal authorities.

But the new personnel brought in them the identification of the



Sheriff O.L. Raulerson

"So we began looking at the multi-agency task force." The main benefit of the grant to the citizens of the city and county is that it basically costs them nothing.

Under the terms of the grant, it pays the salaries and overtime of every officer except Detective Sergeant Tom Hager, who heads up the task force.

"The city still pays the benefits, longevity, social security, retirement and insurance for its personnel on the task force," said Chief of Police Larry Mobley. "The salary of the personnel that went to the task force is now being used for new personnel, with no new budgetary impact."

"This is a benefit for the taxpayers because they're not having to foot the bill for the extra personnel," he added.

The grant, which can only be used for law enforcement purposes, also pays for

drug habit.

However, Sheriff Raulerson explained that both agencies must guard against leaning on the grant too heavily.

"We have to be really careful and not become too dependent on the grant because all of a sudden it could dry up due to the political climate," he said. "But, due to the size of the task force, it could probably be absorbed into the budget."

Because of the grant, the unit is not a budgeted item, he added.

Still, the unit could function if the grant money was no longer available because "we have been able to get enough back to keep the

support services, drug education and awareness, equipment and to make drug buys. It could even be used for new personnel, though that isn't likely at the time.

Although the Byrne grant is federal, the money is dispersed and audited by the state, said Sheriff Raulerson.

To be eligible for the grant, the sheriff's department had to put up matching funds equaling 25 percent of the \$90,888.67 federal grant.

"The county will then keep all confiscated monies until the matching funds are reimbursed," explained Sheriff Raulerson.

He went on to say the money for the matching funds came from his department's Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund. Monies expended in drug arrests and from the sale of seized vehicles is put into this account.



Chief Larry Mobley

After the county is reimbursed, the police department will receive a predetermined percentage of any monies confiscated in drug arrests. The remaining money will go to the sheriff's office.

"This is something new for both agencies," said Sgt. Hager. "It is definitely something new for the city in that they now have full-time narcotics investigators."

Sgt. Hager, who has been in law enforcement for over 15 years and in narcotics investigations for 12-and-one-half years, said his responsibilities include returning information to both Sheriff Raulerson and Chief Mobley, and training the new personnel.

"They are being taught what to look for and then knowing what they're looking at," he said. "You have to take it slow. You walk them through it and let them absorb

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All these men are happy and satisfied with the new unit, not necessarily for what it can do but what it's already done for the two departments.

"We have never had a closer working network than we do now, and I've been here 22 years," said Chief Mobley.

Sheriff Raulerson agreed.

"I hope it will help continue our good working relationship. The two departments are working better together now than ever," he said. "I'm very satisfied with the personnel and the sharing of information between the city and county."

Time was right to add four-legged deputy

May 17, 1993

The latest addition to the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Department has special investigative skills that will be useful in tracking down everything from drug dealers to lost children.

At only two years of age Deputy Spar Key is a real rookie. But Sheriff O.L. Raulerson is confident that the yellow Labrador will be an asset to the department.

Spar Key is a graduate of L & L Kennels, where he underwent an extensive training course under the direction of Sgt. Jack Ellis. He was trained to detect marijuana, cocaine, hashish and heroin. He was also trained to track a scent.

Sheriff Raulerson said several factors came together to make it the right time to add a dog to the department. He said the department already had an officer who is qualified as a dog handler. Deputy Rick Voss was trained and certified by the Navy to work with K-9s in searching for narcotics, detecting explosives and patrolling.

In recent years, cases of lost children and elderly Alzheimer's patients who wandered away from their homes indi-

cated it would be useful for the department to have an animal that could track a scent, the sheriff said.

Over the past few years, the department has added a narcotics division and has been working on a "zero tolerance" policy on illegal drugs in Okeechobee County. It made sense that a drug dog could be useful, he said.

The Okeechobee School Board had been contracting with a private K-9 handler to do drug sweeps of the schools. Although school officials agreed having the drug dog make surprise visits was a deterrent to drug possession, school budget shortages made it increasingly difficult for the board to find money to continue the program.

These things pointed to the need for a dog.

But it was the generosity of the Sheriff's Auxiliary that helped make the idea of getting a dog a reality.

Auxiliary Captain Bobby Tucker said the auxiliary receives donations for work they do at public events, such as directing traffic at the races. He said

that money had built up in the account, and they wanted to use it in a way that would benefit the whole community.

He said when the Okeechobee Cattlemen's Association learned the auxiliary planned to donate money towards getting a dog for the department, the Cattlemen chipped in an extra \$500 this year.

The auxiliary donated \$1,500 towards the dog. The sheriff said the department has \$3,200 invested in the animal so far.

Deputy Voss said he and Spar Key work his regular shift, but they are also on 24-hour call. Deputy Voss also works with the dog every day to maintain his training.

Deputy Key joins Deputy Voss on regular road patrol duty, which has attracted some attention when they go on a call.

"People have a lot of questions about him," said Deputy Voss.



Deputy Spar Key

Like any other deputy, Spar Key will be issued a badge and a number. He is legally considered a law enforcement officer.

Spar Key has a sweet disposition, Deputy Voss said. That's the way the sheriff wanted it.

"If you're going to use him around schools, you don't want a dog that will bite," said Sheriff

Raulerson.

The sheriff said they plan to offer Spar Key's services to the schools, both for drug sweeps and educational programs.

Although he's only been on the force for about a week, Spar Key has already helped in a drug investigation, alerting deputies to marijuana in a vehicle that was being investigated following a DUI arrest.

Deputies Voss and Key also responded to a report of a lost child last week, but neighbors located the boy before the deputies arrived.

Skip Bryant golf tournament gets under way this Saturday

By **KERRY FAIENCE**
and **KALAM KARRATTI**

The Skip Bryant Memorial Fund Fifth Annual Golf Tournament gets under way Saturday with \$1,300 in prizes and a shot at winning a new truck from Gilbert Chevrolet for a hole-in-one.

The 18-hole scramble begins with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. at the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club, 405 N.W. 191st Lane. The entry fee of \$40 per player or \$160 per team includes greens fee, cart, lunch, prizes and beverages.

Individual entries will be assigned to a team. Checks should be made payable to the Skip Bryant Memorial Fund.

Team gift certificate prizes for merchandise at the pro shop go to first place for \$500, fifth place for \$400, ninth place for \$300 and next-to-last-place for \$100. Several door prizes will also be given away at the end of play.

All net proceeds benefit the Skip Bryant Memorial Fund. Glover Emerson "Skip" Bryant III was the first and only Okeechobee County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) deputy who died in the line of duty in a plane crash on Nov. 8, 1991, during a search



GLOVER "SKIP" BRYANT

and rescue mission on Lake Okeechobee.

The memorial fund was set up to aid the families of law enforcement officers and firefighters in the Okeechobee area as well as providing college scholarships for their children.

—in the five years the fund has been in existence, it has awarded scholarships totalling \$11,120 to 13 students. Two of those students will receive their 4-year degrees soon.

The fund has also aided six

families in their time of need, totalling \$3,000.

"With the graduation of two students on memorial fund scholarships we will start to see the results of what we are doing," said OCSD Detective Lt. Dale LaFlam.

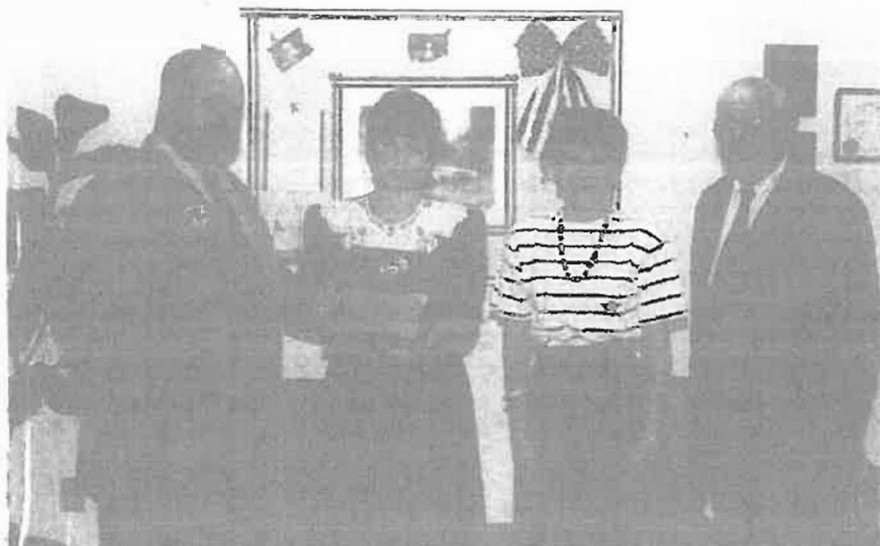
Lt. LaFlam noted that the memorial fund has enabled local residents who have appreciated the efforts of law enforcement officers and firefighters over the years to make donations that stay in the community.

"Before that, we did not have a fund for local assistance," he said.

Mr. Bryant's widow, Virginia Bryant, said financial assistance from the fund has gone to help families with medical bills and provide emergency food and lodging.

The golf tournament is being hosted by the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club and J.R. Coburn, club pro. Registration for the tournament may be made by calling the country club at 763-8228.

For more information, contact Lt. LaFlam or Noel Stephen at the sheriff's department, 763-3117, or K.J. Ammons at the Okeechobee City Police Department, 763-5521.





Sheriff Raulerson proudly displays the plaque honoring the sheriff's department.

Sheriff's department's support of Naval Sea Cadet program appreciated

Sheriff O.L. Raulerson was recently presented with a plaque honoring the officers, deputies and the sheriff for the dedicated support to the Naval Sea Cadet program in Okeechobee. The plaque was presented on behalf of Captain J.W. Hamburg, USS Pennsylvania (SSBN-736) (BLUE).

Capt. Hamburg is the captain of the "Blue" crew of the fleet ballistic missile submarine. The USS Pennsylvania is one of the U.S. Navy's newest Ohio class Trident missile submarines based Kings Bay Submarine Base in Georgia.

The sheriff and the department were honored for the support and assistance in providing the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Facility in Okeetantie as the drill location for the Sea Cadet Unit, and assisting in providing staff and instruc-

tors to assist in the Sea Cadet's training program.

Sheriff Raulerson has provided training support to the Sea Cadet program during the last three years, particularly in having the sheriff's office dive team provide equipment orientation and training.

Most of the Sea Cadet unit's staff and instructors are members of the sheriff's office, and

the majority of the staff are also criminal justice instructors, field training officers and faculty instructors for IRCC.

Over \$1,600 raised toward police vests

Efforts by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Auxiliary and the deputies to raise money for the purchase of bullet proof vests are meeting with success.

At the barbeque last Saturday, \$1,624.75 was raised at the door of the Ellis' Lodge through sale of dinner tickets and donations by individuals.

The dinner was served from noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday. There was a steady stream of diners throughout the day.

Bobby Tucker, heading up the drive said that with donations from businessmen and the dinner proceeds, the group has raised \$3,800 toward the purchase of the vests.

The department needs 40 of the lightweight vests at a cost of about \$300 each.

Phil Roman, also a member of the auxiliary, said some of the men still had ticket money to turn in. Several businesses that had been called on promised to purchase a vest for the men, but those funds have not yet been received.

Hopefully, when all the final funds are counted, the \$12,000 goal will be reached, Roman said.

If anyone would like to donate to the fund to outfit local sheriff's officers with the life saving vests, they can contact any member of the sheriff's department and the auxiliary.

The vests have saved lives of law enforcement officers across the country and the state, and the new models are much less cumbersome and bulky, and more effective in stopping bullets, than those of the past.

They have also been found useful in preventing injuries in auto accidents.



Richard Hawk of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Auxiliary (left) and Stewart Spooner of Fort Myers prepare the pork that fed the crowds at Saturday's fund-raiser.

Sheriff plans new programs

The new job comes new programs and new programs, Sheriff County Sheriff G.L. Raulerson is working as time is getting to the full point.

Raulerson said Tuesday the program will be because the

Department is willing to take over and the main of the heads of the department should be capable.

Lightsey was promoted to the post in October 1974. He is the Director of the Department for the Department.

Lightsey is an 18-year veteran of the department.

Lightsey, an 18-year member of the department, and Claudia Anderson were promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the department last month.

Anderson has been with the department for five years.

Six-year Gloucester County Department

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Raulerson

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Clay was transferred from corrections and now will be in charge of communications. Along with the transfer, Clay was promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Sheriff Raulerson's executive secretary Elaine Fraile will be coordinating the move to the department's new facility and will be in charge of purchasing any new equipment as needed.

Fraile has been with the department for six years and is also in charge of personnel files.

A deputy who has been with the department for two years was promoted and transferred to the detection division to fill the position of narcotics investigator.

The new investigator will handle investigations into the street level

case of drugs and drug related crimes, said Raulerson.

In instituting a new drug education program, Raulerson has hired Carl Miller to represent the department in the school system and will speak to the children on drug education, child safety and law enforcement education.

Miller has been with the department for nearly nine years, said Raulerson.

Although it isn't a new program, Raulerson said Deputy Ralph Ragsdale will be working on a more complete and intense program for the elderly.

Ragsdale has been with the department for five years and has been physically checking on the elderly for the last five months, Raulerson said.

Working with Ragsdale on the elderly program will be Deputy Ronnie Hayes, a department veteran of five years and coordinator of the first phase of the department's crackdown on the sale of obscene books.

That investigation eventually led to the arrest of over 20 individuals for the sale of crack cocaine, and according to Raulerson, the investigation is still going on.

Hayes' new position will be to physically check on the elderly, said Raulerson. Hayes recently began checking on and talking with the elderly about one year ago.



THAT POEM - ONE MORE TIME

Some time in the dim past, a writer, whose name has gone down history's drain, sat down and penned a poem entitled "The Sheriff's Job". Although critics have failed to rank it with "The Ancient Mariner" or Homer's "Odyssey", it has attained a modicum of immortality by appearing and reappearing on political campaign literature and in law enforcement publications over a period of many years. From time to time, bar-room poets have added or changed a

few lines, but the theme has survived, and here it is one more time. This version was used in the re-election campaign of Sheriff Jay Chastain, Towns County, Georgia. A deputy from Highlands County, Florida acquired a copy when he was transporting a prisoner in Georgia. He gave it to Highlands County Sheriff O. L. Raulerson, and O. L. passed on to the STAR, Florida's "underground" law enforcement magazine.

The Sheriff's Job

*Now this Sheriff's job is a curious one;
Like the housewife's work, it's never
done.
Calls come by night and come by day,
They may be near, or miles away.
Do hurry up, says the voice of the
caller;
You're badly needed in Possum Holler.
Paw's on a rampage; he's got a gun;
Been looking for Maw since half-past
one.
So we jump in our fiver and hit the
trail;
And drive like a streamliner carrying
the mail.
Our only hope and all we can figure,
Is to be on hand before Paw pulls
the trigger.
We finally arrive and amid confusion -
We learn the affair was a simple delusion,
Paw with his gun was just hunting
squirrels.
Maw had gone to school with the two
oldest girls,
Next day we're hunting a mottle-face
cow;
That night we referee a nice family row.*

*Now, that's just a sample of what we do;
An endless variety of the old and the new.
It may be a prowler, a burglar, a drunk;
He may steal your billfold, your watch
or your trunk.
We set out to catch him, and we do our
best;
We catch our percentage and lose the
rest;
We can't catch them all, for some leave
no clue -
They don't leave their cards, like the
candidates do.
Sometimes they plead guilty, and the
judge will scold.
Then half the county will want them
paroled.
They blame the depression, the new
deal, the tariff
But most of the folks put the blame
on the Sheriff.
So, it's quite a game, if you stay right in -
You'll get a pat on the back, and a sock
on the chin.
But, I like it, and I'm shedding no tears -
And I'd like to be your Sheriff for
another four years.*

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Global Profile Sheet

Name:	James H Reid	SSW	[REDACTED]
Race:	Wh	Sex:	M
		Education:	Bachelor

Employment

Agency	Class	Type	Start Date	Sep. Date	Sep. Reason	TEA	FP Date
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office	LE	PT	02/01/1980	12/31/1988	Transfer Within Agency (No break in service)	N	02/01/1980
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office	LE	FT	01/01/1989	07/01/2011	Failure to Complete Elder Abuse Training	N	01/01/1989
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office	LE	FT	07/07/2011	07/02/2022	Failure to complete Child Welfare Training	N	01/01/1989
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office	LE	FT	07/11/2022	01/06/2025	Retired (Not involving misconduct)	N	01/01/1989

Salary Incentive

Basic LE	Education	Career Dev.	Maximum Eligible
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Mandatory Firearms Qualification

Law Enforcement Officer Firearms Qualification Standard
10/30/2024

Certification

Type	Number	Status	Cert. Date	Mand. Ret. Due Date	Mand. Ret. Completion Date	4 Year Break in Service
LE	73856	Inactive Mandatory Retraining	04/14/1980	06/30/2025	06/02/2021	01/06/2029

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Training

Start Date	End Date	Sequence	Version	Type	MR/SI	Title	Grade	Hours Taught
01/01/1968	04/14/1980	00-1900-002-0	N/A	BLE		Certificate Of Compliance-Law Enforcement	P	400
01/01/1981	06/11/1981	45-1981-055-1	N/A	A	SI	Radar Speed Measurement Training Course For Law Enforcement Officers	P	
01/01/1991	03/22/1991	00-1991-712-0	1986.04	A	SI	F B I's National Executive Institute	P	80

WMD/ICS Training for Certified Law Enforcement Officers

Training Name	Completion Date
Weapons of Mass Destruction(WMD)	Not Completed
Incident Command System (ICS)	10/19/2001



FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' HALL OF FAME Nomination Form

Deadline – August 31

NOMINEE INFORMATION: (please print)

Full Legal Name: James Harrell Reid

Home Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Home #: [REDACTED] Cell #: [REDACTED] Work #:

Email Address: reidatjas@hotmail.com

Resident of Florida? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, how many years? 78

State of birth: Georgia Date of birth: Day [REDACTED] Month [REDACTED] Year [REDACTED]

Is nominee deceased? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, year deceased:

Was nominee's death caused by an incident in the line of duty? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, explain. N?A

Years in Law Enforcement: 36 Retired? ☒ Yes ☐ No Mo./Year retired: 2024

Position(s) held: Sheriff of Hamilton County

Any honor/awards received? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, please include a list as an attachment.

If Nominee is deceased, please provide family point of contact:

Full Name: N/A

Relationship to deceased:

Home Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Home #: Cell #: Work #:

Email Address:

NOTE: Nominee and nominator will be contacted if nominee is selected to be inducted.



FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' HALL OF FAME Nomination Form

NOMINATOR INFORMATION: (please print)

Full Name: Brian Lamb, Sheriff of Lafayette County

Title: _____

Association/Organization: Lafayette County Sheriff's Office

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City: Mayo State: FL Zip Code: 32066

Work #: (386) 294-1222

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I hereby affirm the information contained herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge and understanding. The information provided is in congruence with the Nomination Eligibility Requirements and Guidelines. I agree to provide additional information if requested by the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Signature (Required):  Date: 08/07/2025

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Please mail this form and corresponding attachments postmarked **by August 31** to:

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Nomination for Retired Sheriff J. Harrell Reid

Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame

Thank you kindly for the opportunity to put forward the name of a man who's given his whole life to law enforcement, his county, and the great state of Florida. As someone who grew up in a small, tight-knit community like the one Sheriff J. Harrell Reid served, it's an honor for me to share a few words about a true public servant and a man we've long called "Sheriff" – not just by title, but by the way he's carried himself every day.

Sheriff Reid was first elected Sheriff of Hamilton County back in 1988, and he kept right on serving for nine straight terms. That's 36 years of steady, faithful leadership. In fact, from 2013 up to his retirement in December 2024, the Florida Sheriffs Association gave him the nickname "Dean of the Sheriffs," because he was the longest-serving sheriff in the entire state. That's not a title you earn from sitting behind a desk. That comes from years of walking alongside the people, making hard calls, and always doing right by the badge and the community.

Now, around here, when you find someone who sticks with a job for over three decades, you know that person's got grit, heart, and a deep love for their people. Sheriff Reid is no exception. He wasn't just a figurehead he was a leader people listened to, leaned on, and trusted. He mentored other sheriffs, offering his wisdom not just from experience but from the kind of common sense and steady temperament that comes from growing up where your word means everything.

In 2010, Sheriff Reid was elected as the 99th President of the Florida Sheriffs Association. During that time, our state was in the thick of a prescription drug crisis. But Sheriff Reid didn't sit back, he got to work. Under his leadership, Florida law enforcement stood strong against the pill mills that were tearing families apart. One of the major wins during his tenure was helping protect Florida's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). There was pressure to get rid of it, but Sheriff Reid knew better. Thanks in large part to his leadership, House Bill 7095 passed in 2011, and the tools law enforcement needed to fight back against the epidemic were kept in place. That kind of action saved lives, plain and simple.

Sheriff Reid also trained with the FBI and held several leadership roles across state law enforcement organizations. From 1994 until the day he retired, he served on the board of the Florida Sheriffs Risk Management Fund. Thanks to his work, sheriffs across the state had access to a self-insurance fund that gave them better protection and peace of mind.

And there's more. Sheriff Reid served with distinction on the Florida Medical Examiners Commission a post he held continuously since 1997. He was appointed by Governors Chiles, Bush, Scott, and DeSantis. That tells you a lot about the kind of trust folks had in him across party lines, across decades, and across administrations.

I could go on about the awards and the achievements, but if you're from where I'm from, you judge a man not just by his resume, but by how he treats people. Sheriff Reid is the kind of man who shows up to church on Sunday, shakes your hand with both of his, remembers your name, and means it when he asks



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how your mama's doing. He's earned the respect of his community because he gave them his respect first. He's mentored dozens of sheriffs, shaped policy, and protected not only Hamilton County, but the entire state of Florida.

It's hard to sum up a lifetime of service in a few pages, but I hope I've painted a picture clear enough to show why Sheriff Reid is so deserving of a place in the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame. He didn't do it for the spotlight he did it because it was right.

With deep respect and a grateful heart, I humbly ask that you consider Sheriff J. Harrell Reid for this honor. It would mean the world to the folks in Hamilton County and to everyone across Florida who's had the privilege of working with or learning from him.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Brian N. Lamb".

Brian N. Lamb
Lafayette County Sheriff

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS



Hamilton County Sheriff J. Harrell Reid
President of the Florida Sheriffs Association

A message from the FSA President J. Harrell Reid:

There's nothing like a challenge to spur a more unified effort. And that's what we're experiencing among our Florida Sheriffs.

We've all been hit by budget cutbacks; we know what it's like to tell committed employees that their job is being eliminated, or we have to cut back their hours. It's bad enough for someone in a private business to make cuts, but in law enforcement – where salaries are already limited – it stings even more.

In the face of cutbacks, it's critical that Sheriffs have the freedom to shift people and resources in order to keep doing an effective job protecting the people. But there are groups out there that are bent on limiting that freedom. We continue to see our authority eroded by unions pushing for even greater collective bargaining power.

That's why in the upcoming legislative session, Sheriffs will continue to present a united front in defending the constitutionality and authority of the Office of Sheriff.

Make no mistake, the Sheriffs are a force to be reckoned with, and we have the tools in place to go as far as we need to go to protect this Office and the people we serve.

Tackling crime trends

Two emerging concerns you'll also see the Sheriffs battling on your behalf at the Capitol are the proliferation of Internet cafés and pill mills. Both are like parasites that can suck the life out of our communities, and we need to bring them under control before they become an epidemic. They're dodging existing laws, and we need to take a tougher stance to avoid legalized gambling and feeding addictions through prescription drugs.

In the face of budget cutbacks, we're also preparing ourselves for a fight in the corrections arena. In tough economic times, inevitably some ill-informed lawmaker will propose new laws and programs that release violent criminals early from state prisons. If this is allowed, I can guarantee you that our neighborhoods and business communities will see an increase in violent crime.

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Again, expect to see the Sheriffs at the forefront, with your best interests in mind.

Thanks to previous successful legislation, the Sheriffs were given tools to better protect our children. You may have heard about the special operations that the Florida Sheriffs have been initiating on sexual predators. You can expect more of those this year – proactive efforts carried out through our Florida Sheriffs Statewide Task Force. This tool has been used in the past to come down on deadbeat dads and help clean up the crack cocaine epidemic. Through the leadership of fellow Sheriffs Jeff Dawsy of Citrus County and Grady Judd of Polk County, we now have the training and resources to take the operations to other parts of the state.

Together, we will send a message to predators: Don't even think about preying on Florida's kids!

A quick look back

In December 2010, I had the honor of presenting a proclamation to outgoing Governor Charlie Crist and the other Cabinet members, commending them for their contribution to helping us achieve the lowest crime rate in 39 years. Still, even if overall statistics seem positive, we must remain vigilant to keep that trend going in the right direction.

I appreciate the honor of serving as president of this great organization. And I look forward to adding more to the united front in the coming year.

J. Harrell Reid

Sheriff J. Harrell Reid
Hamilton County

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said, "We've learned and laughed together, we've studied, we've sweat together and we've shared the pain of tragic losses among our agencies and our families together." That creates a bond that remains with most FBINA alumni for life.

Toward the end of his speech, Sheriff Scott took the time to thank his wife, daughters and mother for their sacrifices and patience while he was away for two and a half months.

Offering consolation to them and the other wives in the audience, he said, "The good news is that we've become very proficient at washing and folding our own laundry. And I'm sure that's a skill you would like to see demonstrated many times when we return to the home front."

To see the video of Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott's graduation speech, visit the FSA website: www.flsheriffs.org (Newsroom link).



Florida Sheriffs Who are FBINA Graduates

(as of August, 2010)

- Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell (168th)
- Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith (240th)
- Broward Sheriff Al Lamberti (167th)
- Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Cameron (225th)
- Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler (141st)
- Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk (172nd)
- Duval County/Jacksonville Sheriff John Rutherford (171st)
- Hamilton County Sheriff Harrell Reid (164th)
- Hardee County Sheriff Arnold Lanier (183th)
- Hernando County Sheriff Rick Nugent (165th)
- Hillsborough County Sheriff David Gee (195th)
- Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott (241st)
- Leon County Sheriff Larry Campbell (95th)
- Levy County Sheriff Johnny Smith (189th)
- Manatee County Sheriff Brad Steube (200th)
- Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder (107th)
- Monroe County Sheriff Bob Peryam (176th)
- Nassau County Sheriff Tommy Seagraves (196th)
- Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings (194th)
- Pinellas County Sheriff Jim Coats (149th)
- Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd (168th)
- Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger (168th)
- St. Johns County Sheriff David Shoar (193rd)
- Sumter County Sheriff Bill Farmer (195th)
- Volusia County Sheriff Ben Johnson (156th)
- Union County Sheriff John Whitehead (166th)
- Wakulla County Sheriff David Harvey (112th)

Two Florida Sheriffs Association staffers – Executive Director Steve Casey (163rd) and Assistant Executive Director of Operations Tim Cannon (234th) – are also graduates.

Signing of "Pill Mill" Bill and Launch of Drug Database are Major Wins for Law Enforcement

The "Flamingo Express" is now closed. And this is one road closing that law-abiding Florida residents are celebrating.

Named for the easy access Florida once provided pill-seeking visitors, a new law signed by Gov. Rick Scott and strongly supported by Florida's Sheriffs will make the illegal acquisition of powerful, addicting pain medications much more difficult.

In June, Governor Scott signed HB 7095 into law, striking another major blow in the fight against the illegal distribution of prescription drugs.

"I am proud to sign this bill which cracks down on the criminal abuse of prescription drugs," said Scott. "This legislation will save lives in our state and it marks the beginning of the end of Florida's infamous role as the nation's Pill Mill Capital."

The new law is as tough on illegal distributors and unscrupulous doctors as it is fair to law-abiding patients and industry professionals. It is a critical component in Governor Scott's effort to combat Florida's scourge of prescription drug abuse.

Governor Scott signed the legislation into law in Tampa at a press conference with Hillsborough Sheriff David Gee and Pinellas Sheriff Jim Coats.

HB 7095 tackles illegal prescription drug distribution at the source in several ways: it increases penalties for overprescribing Oxycodone,



Gov. Rick Scott (right) looks on as Hillsborough County Sheriff David Gee discusses the new Pill Mill law.

requires tracking of the wholesale distribution of certain controlled substances, and provides \$3 million to support the continued efforts of state and local law enforcement and state prosecutors.

The bill also bans doctors from dispensing these controlled drugs except under specific circumstances, and provides for the declaration of a public health emergency which triggers a mandatory buyback program for doctors to return controlled substances to distributors.

Ninety-eight of the nation's top 100 Oxycodone purchasing physicians are in the state of Florida. Drug overdoses are responsible for an alarming seven deaths a day in this state.

The signing of the pill mill legislation was a powerful follow-up to the launch of the prescription drug database in April, which is when the Florida Department of Health announced it was going ahead with a disputed prescription drug tracking system that was passed by the Florida Legislature in 1999 but never implemented.

Governor Scott was initially resistant to the use of a statewide prescription drug database, questioning

its effectiveness and arguing it would infringe on patient privacy, but thanks to unified and persistent lobbying by Florida Sheriffs, as well as other law enforcement and citizen-based organizations, the Governor relented, and the other piece of the puzzle needed to curb the efforts of drug dealers fell into place.

The involvement of the Florida's Sheriffs in this landmark series of events began with the creation of the Governor's Statewide Drug Strike Force, which Governor Scott created with the help of Attorney General Pam Bondi, Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Gerald Bailey, and state and local law enforcement. Seven Sheriffs were appointed to the strike force: Bay County Sheriff Frank McKeithen, Columbia County Sheriff Mark Hunter, Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell, Seminole County Sheriff Don Esslinger, Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Sarasota County Sheriff Tom Knight and Hillsborough County Sheriff David Gee.

Florida becomes the 35th state to require pharmacies and physicians to report narcotics they dispense to a statewide database, allowing pharmacists, doctors and police to thwart doctor shoppers.

Attorney General Bondi said the tracking system "will enable law enforcement to act more quickly in identifying and arresting pill operators."

It looks like those looking to shop doctors for massive amounts of prescription drugs will have look elsewhere from now on. There is no reason to come to Florida for that purpose anymore.

CRIME TRENDS

Sheriffs' Influence a Factor in Creation of Governor's State-wide Drug Strike Force

Thanks in part to the relentless efforts of Florida Sheriffs in seeking help to combat the ongoing war against the state's "Pill Mills," Gov. Rick Scott has established a Statewide Drug Strike Force to assist local law-enforcement agencies by providing intelligence as well as analytical and investigative support.

The strike force is part of a comprehensive plan that, with support from Attorney General Pam Bondi and Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Gerald Bailey, will confront criminal drug trafficking in Florida, including, but not limited to, the criminal distribution of prescription drugs.

Commissioner Bailey will serve as the statewide coordinator of the strike force, and local strike teams will be co-led by Florida's Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

Governor Scott directed that \$800,000 in unused grant funds be made immediately available for local law enforcement investigative efforts. The funds will go to the local strike

teams to support overtime and other expenses.

"The numbers plainly show that Florida has a serious problem that demands a serious, coordinated law enforcement response," Governor Scott stated. "Florida's future is threatened by crimes involving drugs, and

our local sheriffs and chiefs simply cannot continue to tackle this mounting issue alone."

Bay County Sheriff Frank McKelthen, who was invited to be part of the organizational meeting for the strike force in late March, told Panama City's WJHG News that something had to be done to slow down what Gov-

ernor Scott dubbed the "Oxycodone Express."

Twenty-two people overdosed on prescription drugs in Bay County last year, and McKelthen says 95 percent of those drugs come from South Florida. "It's like a water spigot. Someone has to turn off the spigot, and we are all getting wet," he said during the TV interview. It's flooded. So we need to get to the source of it all, specifically, South Florida."

McKelthen, along with other Flori-



Sheriffs in full force at the Capitol. From left, Pasco Sheriff Bob White, Seminole Sheriff Don Esslinger, Hamilton Sheriff J. Harrell Reid and Wakulla Sheriff David Harvey. Below, a visual of Strike Force regions.



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da Sheriffs, had been disappointed with the Governor's position on a statewide prescription database, created by the state legislature last year but which fell victim to the Governor's recent budget cuts. The strike force, however, is seen as a step in the right direction and a reason for optimism that help is on the way.

"I still believe there should be some type of system so that doctors and pharmacies can communicate," McKeithen said. "So there is a lot of work to do. But, yes, I am glad that somebody stood up and said 'Let's get to work.'"

The cause of this epidemic is the improper prescription and diversion of highly addictive narcotic pain medication via the hundreds of pain management clinics, also known as Pill Mills, which have sprung up in Florida over the past few years. Florida leads the nation in prescribing controlled substances, resulting in seven Floridians dying every day and countless others throughout the nation.

How bad is the problem in Florida?

- 98 of the top 100 doctors dispensing oxycodone nationally are in Florida – concentrated in the Miami, Tampa, and Orlando areas.

- 126 million pills of oxycodone are dispensed through Florida pharmacies – most in or near Tampa, Orlando, and Miami.

By far, more oxycodone is dispensed in the state of Florida than in the remaining states combined.

In fact, Attorney General Bondi has made it her top priority to aggressively tackle this public safety crisis. Her recent recommendations include imposing a mandatory six-month suspension and \$10,000 fine for doctors who violate standards of care when prescribing controlled substances; and making it a third-degree felony to use fraud or misrepresentation to register as a pain clinic.

Several Sheriffs, as well as FSA Executive Director Steve Casey, stood alongside the Governor and Attorney General as they made their announcements, a symbolic and important gesture of the significant role Sheriffs will be playing in the effort against the illegal distribution of prescription drugs in Florida.

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Sarasota Police Department	LE	FT	04/02/1990	06/01/2016	Retired (Not involving misconduct)	Y	04/02/1990
Sarasota-Manatee Airport Police Department	LE	Aux	07/04/2016	09/13/2018	Transfer Within Agency (No break in service)	N	05/27/2016
Sarasota-Manatee Airport Police Department	LE	PT	09/13/2018			N	10/22/2015

Salary Incentive

Basic LE	Education	Career Dev.	Maximum Eligible
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Certification

Type	Number	Status	Cert. Date	Mand. Ret. Due Date	Mand. Ret. Completion Date	4 Year Break in Service
LE	32151	Active	08/04/1990	06/30/2027	06/21/2023	

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Start Date	End Date	Sequence	Version	Type	MR/SI	Title	Grade	Hours Taught
04/16/1990	08/04/1990	29-1990-002-1	1988.01	BLE		Certificate Of Compliance-Law Enforcement	P	600
11/02/1992	12/02/1992	29-1992-068-3	1985.07	A	SI	Advance Report Writing And Review	P	40
12/07/1992	12/11/1992	29-1992-016-3	1987.01	A	SI	Narcotics And Dangerous Drugs Investigations	P	40
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WMD/ICS Training for Certified Law Enforcement Officers

Training Name	Completion Date
Weapons of Mass Destruction(WMD)	8/22/2001
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FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' HALL OF FAME Nomination Form

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NOMINEE INFORMATION: (please print)

Full Legal Name: Michael Thomas McHale Sr.

Home Address: [REDACTED]

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State: [REDACTED]

Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Home #: N/A

Cell #: [REDACTED]

Work #: N/A

Email Address: fxrmick@msn.com

Resident of Florida? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, how many years? 35

State of birth: New Jersey

Date of birth: Day [REDACTED]

Month [REDACTED]

Year [REDACTED]

Is nominee deceased? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, year deceased: _____

Was nominee's death caused by an incident in the line of duty? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain. N/A

Years in Law Enforcement: 26 Retired? ☒ Yes ☐ No Mo./Year retired: _____

Position(s) held: Officer; K-9 Officer; Narcotics; Sergeant

Any honor/awards received? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, please include a list as an attachment.

If Nominee is deceased, please provide family point of contact:

Full Name: N/A

Relationship to deceased: _____

Home Address: _____

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State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Home #: _____

Cell #: _____

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NOTE: Nominee and nominator will be contacted if nominee is selected to be inducted.



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Nomination of Michael "Mick" McHale For Induction into the Florida Law Enforcement Officer's Hall of Fame

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It is with great honor and deep respect that I nominate Michael "Mick" McHale for induction into the Florida Law Enforcement Officer's Hall of Fame. With more than three decades of distinguished service, leadership, and advocacy, Mick embodies the highest ideals of Florida law enforcement.

Mick McHale began his career with the Sarasota Police Department in 1990, serving as a patrol officer and later as a narcotics detective for a decade before being promoted to sergeant. In his final years with Sarasota PD, he held the role of Administrative Sergeant, overseeing critical units including the Canine, Marine Patrol, Traffic, and Honor Guard divisions—a testament to his exceptional organizational leadership and operational expertise.

Upon his retirement from Sarasota PD, Mick continued his dedication to public safety as a police officer at Sarasota Bradenton International Airport, maintaining his commitment to community protection and public trust.

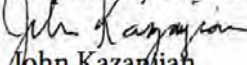
Beyond his law enforcement duties, Mick has been a transformative figure in police labor leadership. He has served as President of the Southwest Florida Police Benevolent Association for over 20 years, and as Senior Vice President of the Florida Police Benevolent Association, providing a consistent and powerful voice for officers throughout the state. His leadership extended nationally through his service in the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), where he currently serves as National President, representing over 241,000 sworn officers and 1,000 police organizations across the country. Prior to this role, he held multiple NAPO executive positions including Executive Vice President, Recording Secretary, Area Vice President, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mick's influence on policy and politics is equally impactful. He chaired NAPO's Committee on Political Education, directing candidate endorsements and advocacy on law enforcement-related legislation at the national level. Furthermore, he served for six years as a Commissioner on the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, having been appointed by Governor Charlie Crist as a rank-and-file officer representative—an acknowledgment of his integrity, professionalism, and deep understanding of the needs of frontline officers.

Mick McHale's service represents a unique combination of frontline dedication, executive leadership, and national influence. His career reflects an unwavering commitment to the betterment of law enforcement in Florida and across the nation.

For his lifelong service, distinguished leadership, and tireless advocacy on behalf of law enforcement officers, Michael "Mick" McHale is truly deserving of induction into the Florida Law Enforcement Officer's Hall of Fame.

Respectfully submitted,


John Kazanjian
President

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Summary of Professional Law Enforcement History

Employed by the Sarasota Police Department from April 2, 1990 to June 1, 2016, working as a patrol officer, then as a narcotics detective before being promoted to sergeant. He remains a reserve with the Sarasota Bradenton International Airport Police. He is currently President of the Southwest Florida Police Benevolent Association, and National President of the National Association of Police Organizations.

List of Awards and Honors

- The New Jersey State Police Benevolent Association, Award, November 23, 2019
- The Florida Police Benevolent Association, Meritorious Service Award, June 9, 2018
- Sarasota Police Department, Commendation, First Quarter, 2014
- Sarasota Police Department, Commendation and K-9 Unit Commendation, April 9, 2010
- Sarasota Police Department, Shift 1-A Commendation, April 3, 2009
- Sarasota Police Department, Sworn Police Officer of the Quarter, April 1-June 30, 2006
- Sarasota Police Department, Meritorious Service Medal and Commendation, March 10, 2005
- Sarasota Police Department, Commendation and Narcotics Section Commendation, March 10, 2004
- Sarasota Police Department, Narcotics Section Commendation, November 17, 1999
- Sarasota Police Department, Narcotics Unit Commendation, February 25, 1998
- Sarasota Police Department, Meritorious Service Medal, August 19, 1997
- The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, April 12, 1996
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August 29, 2025

Nomination of Michael "Mick" McHale
For Induction into the Florida Law Enforcement Officer's Hall of Fame

Dear Sirs and Madams,

It is my distinct privilege to nominate, on behalf of the 250,000 law enforcement officers across the nation whom we represent, Michael "Mick" McHale for induction into the Florida Law Enforcement Officer's Hall of Fame. With more than three decades of distinguished service, leadership, and advocacy, Mick embodies the very highest ideals and standards of what a law enforcement officer can and should be.

Mick McHale began his law enforcement career with the Sarasota P.D. in 1990, serving as a patrol officer and later as a narcotics detective for a decade before being promoted to sergeant. He rose through the ranks to the position of Administrative Sergeant, overseeing vital units including the Canine, Marine Patrol, Traffic, and Honor Guard divisions. Mick continues his dedication to public safety today as a police officer at Sarasota Bradenton International Airport, maintaining his commitment to community protection and public trust.

Beyond his law enforcement duties, Mick has been a transformative figure in police labor leadership both in the State of Florida and nationwide. He has served as President of the Southwest Florida Police Benevolent Association (PBA) for over 20 years, and as Senior Vice President of the Florida PBA, providing a consistent and powerful voice for officers throughout the state. His leadership extended nationally through his service in the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), where he currently serves as National President, representing over 250,000 sworn officers and 1,000 police organizations across the country. Prior to this role, he held multiple NAPO executive positions including Executive Vice President, Recording Secretary, Area Vice President, and Sergeant-at-Arms. Mick has met with and successfully influenced the policies of every U.S. President since Bill Clinton, as well as a dozen U.S. Attorneys General, and scores of U.S. Senators, Members of Congress, and professional Congressional Committee staff.

More recently, Mick was personally invited by President Trump to speak with him as the sole national law enforcement representative during then-candidate Trump's appearance in Charlotte, North Carolina, and also took the lead as the president of the only national rank-and-file organization to speak at newly-

appointed FBI Director Kash Patel's 2025 meeting with law enforcement leaders. Mick also was selected to speak on behalf of national law enforcement at the Republican National Convention. He chaired NAPO's Committee on Political Education, directing candidate endorsements and advocacy on law enforcement-related legislation at the national level. Furthermore, he served for six years as a Commissioner on the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, having been appointed by Governor Charlie Crist as a rank-and-file officer representative—an acknowledgment of his integrity, professionalism, and deep understanding of the needs of frontline officers.

Mick McHale's service represents an exemplary combination of frontline dedication, executive leadership, and state and national influence. His career reflects an unwavering commitment to the betterment of law enforcement in Florida and across the nation.

For his lifelong service, distinguished leadership, and tireless advocacy on behalf of law enforcement officers, Michael "Mick" McHale is truly deserving of induction into the Florida Law Enforcement Officer's Hall of Fame.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William J. Johnson", followed by a horizontal line.

William J. Johnson, Executive Director

- Sarasota Police Department, Meritorious Service Medal, November 13, 1995
- Sarasota Department of Public Safety, Life Saving Medal and Commendation, November 17, 1994
- Sarasota Police Department, Meritorious Service Medal, August 7, 1992
- Southwest Florida Police Benevolent Association, Meritorious Service Commendation, August 5, 1992
- Southwest Florida Police Benevolent Association, Meritorious Service Commendation, September 4, 1991

Civic Contributions/Humanitarian Activities

- National Association of Police Organizations President, 2015-Present
- Southwest Florida Police Benevolent Association President, 1998-Present
- The Florida Police Benevolent Association Senior Vice President, 2000-Present
- The Florida Criminal Justice Standards & Training Commission Member, May 2007-August 2013
- European Police Association, Honorary Member, 2022

The National Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution



Detective Michael T. McHale

City of Sarasota, Florida
has been awarded the

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

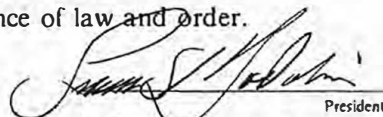
in recognition of outstanding achievement
and dedication to the maintenance of law and order.

SARAMANA CHAPTER
FLORIDA SOCIETY

APRIL 12, 1996

Date




President

William V. Millman
Secretary

JOHN P. LEWIS
Director



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
1445 Fourth Street
Sarasota, Florida 34236



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February 27, 1996

Law Enforcement Committee
c/o Frank Hodalski, President
Sons of the American Revolution
Saramana Chapter
4437 Atwood Cay Circle
Sarasota, Florida 34233

Dear President Hodalski:

I am pleased to submit to you the name of Detective Michael T. McHale as our nomination for the recipient of the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate for 1996.

Detective McHale was chosen by the Awards Committee of the Sarasota Police Department as the Police Officer of the Year for the following reasons:

On August 8, 1995, then Officer Michael McHale, assigned to the Patrol Division, responded to the Hyatt House of Sarasota in reference to a report of a small child jumping from one balcony to the next on the fifth floor. Officer McHale quickly determined that the juvenile had dropped down to a lower level roof approximately two floors below. The juvenile, an eight year old habitual runaway, threatened to jump off of the roof and kill himself when Officer McHale spotted him from the ground level. Officer McHale's first attempt to calm the juvenile was answered by further threats to jump and the child walking to the edge of the roof. Officer McHale told the juvenile that he would leave him alone, which seemed to calm the situation. Office McHale summoned additional officers to the scene and then proceeded back inside the hotel to the floor above the juvenile. Officer McHale climbed onto the balcony and jumped down to the roof where he was able to grab the juvenile who was distracted by the officers below.

The quick actions taken by Officer McHale prevented a certain dangerous outcome. This situation was unusual in the fact that an eight year old was involved and who seemed intent on hurting himself. Officer McHale's performance in this complicated situation was exceptional; he jeopardized his own safety for the safety of the child. The juvenile was eventually transported to an appropriate facility for evaluation.

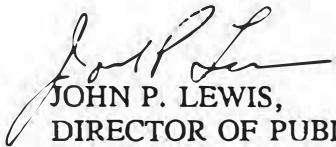


"We Serve With Excellence and Pride "

Detective McHale has been employed with the Sarasota Police Department since April 2, 1990, and is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to call me at 364-2201.

Sincerely,


JOHN P. LEWIS,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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c: Chief Gordon R. Jolly
Captain David E. Blough
Lieutenant John P. Viana
Sergeant David A. Harrington
Detective Michael McHale
Beth Muniz, Public Information Officer
Police Officer of the Year file
Detective McHale's personnel file

**SARASOTA POLICE
DEPARTMENT**



MICHAEL "MICK" McHALE

SERGEANT

ID #1088

04/02/1990 - 06/01/2016

**IN APPRECIATION FOR
5 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE**

The Florida Police Benevolent Association's
Meritorious Service Award



Presented to
MICHAEL "MICK" MCHALE
On June 9, 2018

For his life saving actions taken on
Sunday, May 20, 2018 by reviving an unconscious
child. Your deeds kept a child alive and saved a family
from a lifetime of anguish. This award commemorates
your commitment to the credo of "protect and serve"
and you epitomize the adage that a law enforcement
officer is never "off duty".

On behalf of our 28,000 members, we
thank you for your selfless service


John Rivera, President

Attachment 2



CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND PURCHASES OVER \$100,000

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VENDOR	PURCHASE ORDER	SERVICE	TYPE	TERM	AMOUNT
3k Technologies, LLC	C5C90D	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - MEPIC	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$170,000.00
	C5C8B1	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - MEPIC			\$170,000.00
	C5C8D2	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - FDLE			\$170,000.00
	C5C876	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - FDLE			\$170,000.00
	C5C7B3	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - CJIS			\$170,000.00
	C5C5DF	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - CJIS			\$160,000.00
	C5C5A4	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - FDLE			\$160,000.00
AB Sciex LLC	C59C17	AB Sciex Maintenance Renewal for laboratory devices	Single Source	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$195,675.10
Ace Infotech LLC	C6018B	1,840 hours of IT staff augmentation - PALM	State Term Contract	8/11/25-6/30/26	\$193,200.00
	C5A68E	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - MEPIC		7/1/25-6/30/26	\$170,000.00
Advanced Systems Design, Inc.	C5BCF2	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - CCH	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$186,000.00
	C5BCA2	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - CJIS			\$180,000.00
Agilent Technologies, Inc.	C5D02E	Crosslab laboratory equipment maintenance	Single Source	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$174,001.80
Androit IT Solutions Inc	C5C0CB	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - COAST & MEPIC	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$170,000.00
Brandt Information Services, LLC	C5C19C	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - MEPIC	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$220,000.00
Carahsoft Technology Corp.	C61C6D	Red Hat Renewal - Linux operating system	Alternate Contract Source	10/1/25-9/30/26	\$514,144.80
	C5BAD4	Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform		7/1/25-6/30/26	\$118,925.00
	C5F956	Celebrite Software as a Service (SaaS)		8/2/25-6/30/26	\$1,188,716.76
	EP459430	Celebrite SaaS		8/12/25-8/11/26	\$447,750.00
	C5BAC5	Magnet Forensics renewal - analysis of digital evidence		7/1/25-6/30/26	\$179,308.15
	C59D7D	Chainalysis renewal - investigations into cryptocurrency		7/1/25-6/30/26	\$166,116.39
CBRE, Inc.	C61A71	Tenant Broker - Fort Myers Regional Operations Center	Invitation to Bid	One Time Purchase	\$1,819,946.69
Compunell Software Group, Inc	C6076E	1,840 hours of IT staff augmentation - PALM	State Term Contract	9/2/25-6/30/26	\$174,800.00
Dell Marketing L.P.	C620A2	Purchase of 200 Dell laptops and docking stations	Alternate Contract Source	One Time Purchase	\$334,836.00
Department of Management Services	CAA-FDLE-02425270	Crime Scene Garage Renovations for the Orlando Regional Operations Center. Total contract amount increased to \$908,080.	Exempt - Transaction with Governmental Entity	12/6/24-6/30/26	\$408,080.00



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DLT Solutions, LLC	C5AE6C	Oracle software license and support renewal - mission critical information systems	Alternate Contract Source	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$976,803.84
	C5AE08	Oracle Active Data Guard renewal			\$217,892.48
	C5B673	Oracle software license and support renewal - Laboratory Information Management System			\$102,114.48
FlightSafety International Inc.	C5F900	Initial and recurrent pilot trainings	Single Source	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$388,775.00
Florida Power and Light	C5BCDC	Utility services for the Pensacola Regional Operations Center	Exempt - Utilities	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$200,000.00
Florida Sheriffs Association 1122 Program	C62A0A	Purchase of a Mobile Command Bus for the Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center	Florida Sheriffs Association 1122 Program	One Time Purchase	\$774,576.10
Gartner, Inc.	C59BCA	Information technology consultation services for Pawn Database Feasibility Study	State Term Contract	7/1/25-11/30/25	\$249,928.00
Gejits Infotech Inc	C5C49F	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - CJIS	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$184,000.00
	C5A71C	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - FDLE			\$180,000.00
	C5C586	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - MEPIC			\$170,000.00
	C5C50B	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - MEPIC			\$170,000.00
	C5C541	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - MEPIC			\$170,000.00
	C5A1B7	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - MEPIC			\$170,000.00
	C5C4B8	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - FCIC			\$160,000.00
	C5C3DA	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - MEPIC			\$170,000.00
Global Information Services, Inc.	C5BECB	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - EDM	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$190,000.00
	C5BEFC	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - CCH			\$176,000.00
	C5C01C	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - IFS			\$174,000.00
	C5BF64	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - FDLE			\$170,000.00
	C5BFA0	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - MEPIC			\$160,000.00
Innoworld Information Technologies LLC	C5B53F	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - Data Sharing	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$210,000.00
Insight Public Sector, Inc.	C62B6E	Purchase of License Plate Readers for fiscally constrained counties	Alternate Contract Source	10/1/25-9/30/26	\$439,822.00
	EP426253	Purchase Microsoft Office 365 licenses		7/1/25-6/30/28	\$3,694,640.04
	EP426220	Microsoft Azure overage charges		7/1/25-6/30/26	\$1,200,000.00
	C5C425	Imaging application programing interface for digitizing forensic files		7/1/25-6/30/26	\$298,485.95
	C62315	Adobe renewal		9/27/25-9/26/26	\$282,470.99
Inspired Technologies of North Florida, Inc.	C5C702	Cloud computing consulting services to implement the State of Florida's "Cloud-First Policy"	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$245,843.52



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KLC Consulting, Inc.	C5C654	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - PALM Integration	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$186,000.00
	C5C637	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - PALM Integration			\$182,000.00
	C5C60B	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - FDLE			\$174,000.00
	C5C43D	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - MEPIC			\$170,000.00
	C5C687	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - Sexual Offender and Sexual Predator System			\$170,000.00
Kyra Solutions, Inc.	C5A6CC	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - RAMS for PALM	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$262,000.00
	C5B8B5	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - FDLE			\$180,000.00
	C5B894	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - FDLE			\$180,000.00
Lee County Port Authority	710:0296	Facilities Lease - 12-month lease for 28,168 square feet of office/lab space in Fort Myers	Exempt - Transaction with Governmental Entity	11/1/25-10/31/26	\$866,166.00
	710:0295	Facilities Lease - 12-month lease for 14,856 square feet of office/warehouse space in Fort Myers			\$456,822.00
Life Technologies Corporation	C5D6DF	Reagents for the Fort Myers Regional DNA Laboratory	Single Source	One Time Purchase	\$114,548.40
	C5E4CA	Reagents for the Orlando Regional DNA Laboratory			\$216,509.65
	C61C62	Reagents for the Tallahassee Regional DNA Laboratory			\$165,072.49
	C617B5	Reagents for the Tallahassee Regional DNA Laboratory			\$119,905.78
	C60296	Reagents for the Tampa Bay Regional DNA Laboratory			\$146,828.36
Pen-Link, Ltd	C5CC91	Confidential Software	Single Source	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$349,753.25
Peraton State & Local Inc	FDLE-003-26	Maintenance and Support on FDLE's Florida Regional Law Enforcement Information Exchange (LinX) System	Single Source	10/1/25-9/30/26	\$326,677.80
RamcoTek Consulting LLC.	C5B85A	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - MEPIC	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$200,000.00
Sanrose Information Services Inc.	C5A988	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - PALM	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$184,000.00
Savant Technologies Inc	C5C162	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - FDLE	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$200,000.00
	C5B7E7	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - CJSTC			\$174,000.00
Savills Occupier Services Inc.	710:0288	Facilities Lease – 60-month lease for 5,695 square feet of office space in Sarasota	Invitation to Negotiate	2/1/26-1/31/31	\$1,464,862.22
SGS Technologie LLC	C5B83F	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - PALM	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$200,000.00
SHI International Corp.	C5B30A	Informatica Identity Resolution Maintenance - renewal	Alternate Contract Source	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$192,332.72
	C62046	Microsoft Unified Enterprise Support - renewal		10/2/25-10/1/26	\$162,041.54
	C5BB3B	Alfresco Enterprise Management Suite - renewal		7/1/25-6/30/26	\$145,937.24
	C5BC4A	AT&T MG Cloud subscription - renewal		7/1/25-6/30/26	\$126,347.35
St. Louis Based World Wide Technology, LLC	C5C40F	Cisco Smartnet renewal – networking maintenance and support for routers and network switches for CJNET	Alternate Contract Source	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$225,109.25



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Strategic IT Alignment Group	C5B81B	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - MEPIC and COAST	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$160,000.00
Tal Search Group, Inc.	C5B7B3	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - Data Sharing	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$186,000.00
Tech Army, LLC	C5B5A4	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - PALM	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$218,220.00
Tryfacta Inc.	C6200A	1,670 hours of IT staff augmentation - CJIS	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$141,950.00
Tungsten Automation	EP426633	Ephesoft Transact - support and maintenance renewal	Exceptional Purchase	7/1/25-6/30/27	\$109,368.00
V2Soft, Inc	C5A6E5	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - IT Security	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$175,480.00
Vitaver and Associates, Inc.	C5B782	2,000 hours of IT staff augmentation - FDLE	State Term Contract	7/1/25-6/30/26	\$198,000.00
West Publishing Corporation	EP426214	Clear Proflex - database subscription	Alternate Contract Source	7/1/25-6/30/28	\$386,330.04