

# TO PROTECT AND SERVE

*Our monthly recognition for the best of the best*



## *Corrections Officer of the Month*

### **SHEILA E. LEE**

Around 5 p.m. on May 5, 2009, off-duty Officer Sheila Lee was traveling southbound on state road 9A when she was run off the road by a woman driving an older van. She dialed 911, got back on the road and starting following the driver, who continued to drive recklessly, nearly causing several accidents. Remaining on the phone with dispatch and providing information about the driver, Lee followed the vehicle onto

Atlantic Blvd. and into a Denny's Restaurant parking lot, where she maintained surveillance. She observed the driver and another female exit the vehicle, both weaving as they walked slowly into Denny's Restaurant. Officer Green arrived four minutes later and spoke with Lee who described the two females, identifying the driver in detail. Green went into the restaurant and spoke with the driver who admitted she had drunk three-to-four beers that morning. The driver was then arrested and charged with DUI.



## *Corrections Supervisor of the Month*

### **ADRIAN L. O'NEAL**

Since transferring to the 4th floor at the Pre Trial Detention Facility in 2009, Sergeant Adrian O'Neal has worked enthusiastically to make his area into an example for others. Highly regarded as a team leader, teacher and trainer, he is a fair, firm disciplinarian. He works with new staff members to get them up to speed and encourages veteran corrections officers

to learn something new and step up as examples to new hires.

Chief of Jails Tara Wildes says, "He has stretched his own horizons by participating in 'work-along' programs, working with support units to help them develop a better understanding of how a correctional facility is operated." O'Neal recognizes the good work of his officers, regularly nominating them for awards or providing them with verbal and written feedback on their good work.

O'Neal also works as a high school football official. Jim Tucker of the North Florida Officials Association said, "Sgt. O'Neal is not only an exemplary official, but sets a great role model for the young men and women he works with on the football field."



## *Police Officer of the Month*

### **KIM CLAUSEN**

Detective Kim Clausen is a 17-year JSO veteran, assigned to the Burglary Unit since January 2009. In October 2008, when a rash of burglaries occurred in Mandarin, a surveillance video showed a male suspect committing one crime and a female driving him away. In November, Clausen stopped a vehicle matching the description of the one used in the burglary, but the woman denied knowledge of the burglary and was released.

In February 2009, a male suspect was arrested in Pinellas County for multiple burglaries, the information forwarded to JSO, noting the suspect may be involved in burglaries here. Clausen remembered the female she had stopped and contacted the Pinellas County detective, who told her a woman drove the getaway vehicle in the crimes he was investigating.

Clausen conducted surveillance on the suspect and last August stopped the woman driving the vehicle in question, searched it and recovered seven pieces of the Oct '08 victim's jewelry. A search of her residence turned up additional jewelry taken in a separate incident.

Last June, Ronwood Community Management on Normandy Blvd. reported three A/C units stolen from the business. A witness provided a partial tag number of a vehicle fleeing the scene and, using the LiNX program, Clausen found a location for the suspect and one of the stolen A/C units in the driveway, along with the suspect's vehicle. The suspect was arrested and the vehicle seized. A notebook inside the vehicle contained evidence the man was selling stolen A/C units on Craigslist and installing them in residences throughout the city. Clausen tracked down four stolen A/C units already sold to unsuspecting homeowners. The suspect is currently awaiting sentencing without bond.



## *Civilian Employee of the Month*

### **CHARLES "CHUCK" ALSOBROOK**

Senior Police Planner Chuck Alsobrook, Research and Development Unit, has been a valued member of the JSO for 33 years. He is recognized for his excellent management of the Uniform Crime Report data program and submission of

data to the FDLE. To accomplish this, he must verify the accuracy of police incident report information, reviewing individual reports and contacting officers to discuss questions and issues. JSO reported 54,230 crimes to FDLE in 2008.

The FBI defines crimes for reporting. For example, shooting a gun into an unoccupied, vacant dwelling is very different from shooting into an occupied dwelling. The latter is a violent crime, aggravated battery, that sometimes can have deadly results (as with the murders of Dreshawna Davis and Shenice Holmes). The other is a misdemeanor, also known as criminal mischief. The injury type, the weapon type, the statute, whether the victim was threatened or not - all of these intricacies are Chuck's specialties.

Chuck has worked with the Information Systems Management (ISM) to develop a high functioning Error Report in the online police reporting system, COPSMORE, which now accurately reflects UCR guidelines. He provides the supervisory staff with detailed data reports and analysis for subjects such as police response times, fielded units studies, and officer scheduling. This information helps supervisors ensure that they are deploying personnel to best meet the needs of the community and the goals of the agency.

## *Police Supervisor of the Month*

### **NICK BURGOS**

At the time of his nomination Sgt. Nick Burgos was a Gang Investigations Unit Supervisor. Under his leadership, the Gang Unit completed the first Racketeering and Conspiracy to Commit Racketeering (RICO) investigation in the history of JSO. "Operation 103rd Street Gang CHB" (Certified Head Busters) was completed in April 2009 with the following results: 21 guns seized, 204 felony arrests and 221 misdemeanor arrests which were divided among the seven gang members. These misdemeanor charges were in addition to the RICO charges that will result in hard prison time.

Florida's strengthened gang laws, making gangs' criminal enterprises grounds for charging suspects under RICO, carries a \$1,000,000 bond for each charge and will keep criminals off the streets longer periods of time. When investigation shows criminal acts are committed for the benefit of a gang member, police can go after all of them. Using this statute, each defendant is charged with Racketeering and Conspiracy to Commit Racketeering, with possible sentences up to 30 years on each charge.

Sgt. Burgos also was instrumental in creating a patrol gang specialist training program that provides additional education to the men and women on the streets, increases information sharing between officers and aids patrol officers in recognizing and documenting criminal gang activity. One reason Jacksonville doesn't have the gang problem other large cities have is because of the training and excellent work of the specialized units to follow every lead, investigate every tip and make solid cases that send those criminals away.

## *Certificate of Commendation and Appreciation Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force*

DEP. U.S. MARSHAL DAVID ALRED

DEP. JEFF ALVAREZ, ST. JOHN'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SPECIAL AGENT RANDY BARNES, FDLE

OFFICER IKE BROWN, JSO

DEP. MIKE CALHOUN, CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

DEP. U.S. MARSHAL SCOTTY CARGILE

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DEP. U.S. MARSHAL BRENT PIMIENTA

OFFICER RODERICK PINKNEY, JSO

DEP. U.S. MARSHAL MIKE SANFORD

DEP. U.S. MARSHAL RACHAEL ST. CLAIR MOORE

DEP. U.S. MARSHAL TINA TAKER

(Some members of the FRTF work undercover, so photos are not shown.)

These men and women comprise the Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force (FRTF), which specializes in tracking and apprehending wanted violent criminals in our area. They are an invaluable resource to the community, operating seamlessly across jurisdictional lines in both their investigations and pursuit of suspects.

Since its inception in 2008, the JSO Aggravated Battery, Homicide, Robbery and Sex Crimes Units have consistently called upon the FRTF for assistance, often during late night hours, weekends and holidays, and they are always available to help. From May '08 to May '09, the FRTF apprehended 142 dangerous suspects for the JSO: 49 for Robbery, 19 for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, 18 Sex Offenders, 27 wanted for Aggravated Assault, and 29 Homicide suspects. Each arrest involved dangerous situations and people, all wanted for violent crimes, most involving guns.

## *Certificate of Commendation*

SERGEANT SHAWN COARSEY

DETECTIVE DON ALEXANDER

DETECTIVE PAT BODINE

DETECTIVE MARGO RHATIGAN

DETECTIVE DENNIS SULLIVAN

(Some detective work undercover, so photos are not shown.)

Certificates of Commendation are awarded to JSO employees who distinguish themselves by providing excellent results in some manner. Homicide Team 6, led by Sgt. Coarsey, conducted nine murder investigations from Dec '08 through Sept '09, as well as undetermined deaths, suicides and accidental injuries assigned to them.

Most of the murder investigations had very little or no physical evidence or witnesses at the onset, but under Coarsey's leadership, with the detectives' hard work, professionalism, outstanding investigative skills and interview techniques, they identified witnesses and located physical evidence. Their relentless pursuit and determination led them to suspects in all nine murders, and they gathered enough evidence to ensure a high probability of prosecution. Team 6 removed 11 dangerous individuals from the Jacksonville community.