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## DAYTONA BEACH CONFERENCE



St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office

The Florida Accreditation conference was held February 24-25, 2015 at the Plaza Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach, Florida. Florida Accreditation thanks the Florida Police Accreditation Coalition for their dedication and hard work in making this conference a success. We also thank the Daytona Beach Police Department, Daytona Beach Shores Department of Public Safety, Flagler County Sheriff's Office, New Smyrna Beach Police Department, Ormond Beach Police Department, Ponce Inlet Police Department, Port Orange Police Department, Volusia County Beach Safety Ocean Rescue, Volusia County Sheriff's Office, and Volusia County Pretrial Services for hosting the conference. The volunteers were greatly appreciated for their many hours dedicated to the conference.

The Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC) met on February 24, 2015 for facility reviews and to conduct general business. The main order of business was to grant reaccreditation to the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office Jail, Brevard County Sheriff's Office Jail, Leon County Sheriff's Office Department of the Jail, Lake County Sheriff's Office Detention Center and the Manatee County Sheriff Office Jail. The Standards Review and Interpretations Committee, chaired by Colonel Aldrich, met on February 23, 2015 and recommended changes to FCAC standards. The Change Notice and updated Standards Manuals are on the website at [www.flaccreditation.org](http://www.flaccreditation.org).

The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA) met on February 25, 2015 to review agencies for accredited status and conduct general business. The main order of business was to acknowledge the professionalism of agencies through granting accreditation. The Cocoa Beach Police Department, Baker County Sheriff's Office, Gretna Police Department, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Police Department, Polk County Office of the Inspector General, Office of the Chief Inspector General, St. Augustine Beach Police Department, and the New Smyrna Beach Police Department were awarded initial accreditation. Agencies reaccredited by the Commission at this meeting were: the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, Volusia County Beach Safety and Ocean Rescue, Indian River Shores Police Department, Key Biscayne Police Department, Palm Beach Office of the Inspector General, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Walton County Sheriff's Office, and the Sunrise Police Department. The Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Leon County Sheriff's Office, Boca Raton Police Services Department, Wauchula Police Department, and the North Port Police Department were awarded reaccreditation by the Commission with recognition as Excelsior Agencies. Conditions were removed from the South Daytona Police Department, Plantation Police Department, and the Tallahassee Police Department.

The CFA Standards Review and Interpretations Committee met on February 24, 2015, chaired by Commissioner Deryl Loar, and made several recommendations for standards modifications to the Commission. The CFA Standards Change Notice is on the website, [www.flaccreditation.org](http://www.flaccreditation.org).

The next Florida Accreditation Conference is scheduled for June 22-26, 2015 at the ChampionsGate Omni, Orlando, Florida. We look forward to seeing you there.



FAMU Police Department



Alachua County Sheriff's Office Department of the Jail



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

## Message to the Florida Accreditation Community

This year continues to be a busy year for the Florida Accreditation Office, during the February conference we had eight agencies that were awarded initial accreditation and 22 agencies reaccredited. We will be considering 22 agencies for accreditation status at the June 2015 conference.

The FAO is still working tirelessly with the committee on the re-writing of the manuals. We are working on completing this task by February 2016. We thank you once again for your patience during this process.

We are consistently adding training opportunities to include New Assessor Orientation Training which was offered October 22-23, 2014 at the FDLE Headquarters, as well as Managing the Accreditation Process Training, November 5-6, 2014 at the Tampa Police Department.

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



# COMMISSIONERS



## COMMISSION FOR FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION

**Chief Jeffrey Chudnow-Chair** - Oviedo Police Department  
**Sheriff Deryl Loar** - Indian River County  
**Sheriff Mike Adkinson** - Walton County  
**Chief Michelle Morris** - Sebastian Police Department  
**City Manager T. Jennene Norman-Vacha** - City of Brooksville  
**Chief Anthony Holloway** - Clearwater Police Department  
**Dep. Chief Inspector General Dawn Case** - Exec. Office of the Governor  
**Sheriff Rick Ramsay** - Monroe County Sheriff's Office  
**Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass** - Lee County Board of County Commissioners  
**Judge Robert Foster** - Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida  
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**Colonel Craig Aldrich** - Clay County  
**Captain Don Ross** - Palm Beach County  
**Captain Jeffrey "Jeff" Cloutier** - Alachua County  
**Major Mike Page** - Hernando County  
**Major Steve Binegar** - Sumter County  
**Lt. Colonel Keith Neely** - Broward County  
**Deputy Criminal Justice Director Liza Maldonado** - Lee County  
**Criminal Court Services Manager Shirley Olson** - Volusia County  
**Sheriff Charlie Creel** - Wakulla County



# KNOW YOUR COMMISSIONERS

## City Manager T. Jennene Norman-Vacha City of Brooksville

**J**ennene Norman-Vacha serves as the City Manager for the City of Brooksville. Brooksville is a city of historical, small town charm with just under 8,000 residents. Ms. Norman-Vacha serves at the pleasure of the City Council functioning as the chief administrative officer for the City.

Ms. Norman-Vacha holds a Bachelor's Degree in Pre-Law and Art from Saint Leo University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of South Florida. Prior to joining Brooksville's team, she was the owner and president of Professional Human Resource Partners, Inc., a company providing human resource management services specializing in training programs, and marketing/public relations for small and mid-size businesses. Before starting her own business, Ms. Norman-Vacha worked for the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners for over 13 years, serving as the County's Deputy County Administrator/Chief of Staff the last five years. In 1997, while serving as Chief of Staff, she lead and coordinated a multi-agency effort between the county commissioners, county school board and the City of Brooksville to identify sources of savings through shared staffing and land use, cooperative purchasing, as well as cost-savings within operational areas and

cooperative capital projects. Articles written by Ms. Norman-Vacha on this multi-agency project entitled, "TWICE – Together We Improve through Cooperative Efforts", were published in two statewide public sector magazines: County News and the Florida League of Cities – Quality Cities.

Ms. Norman-Vacha has been a guest speaker and panelist for the University of Central Florida, the Central Florida Community College's Institute of Government, the University of South Florida and the Florida Association of Counties' Legislative Conference on the topic of "Privatization and Public/Private Partnerships".

Ms. Norman-Vacha currently serves on local community boards including the Executive Board of Mid Florida Community Services, the Executive Board of the Hernando County Community Alliance Coalition, committee member of the Children's Advocacy Center of Hernando County and recently appointed member of the United Way Board of Hernando County. These are all organizations that serve and reach community members that are most vulnerable and have the greatest need.

## Criminal Court Services Manager Shirley Olson Volusia County Pretrial

**S**hirley Olson received her BA in Legal Studies from the University of Central Florida in 1994 and her Master's of Public Administration in 2000. She began her career with the court system as a Deputy Clerk of Court in Seminole County. She then was employed as Seminole County Probation Officer and managed a private probation agency in Volusia County for several years before assuming her position as Criminal Court Services Manager for the 7th Judicial Circuit in June 2005. In this capacity Shirley works closely with the Court Administrator and judges assigned to a criminal division. She is also responsible for the oversight of the Volusia County Pretrial Services program and the Court Interpreting, Court Reporting, and Digital Court Reporting

departments for the circuit which comprises 4 counties. She is a member of the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies and the Association of Pretrial Professionals of Florida. She also participates in the Public Safety Coordinating Councils for the circuit, as well as the Probation Advisory Committee and Domestic Violence Committee. She is currently completing the Certified Court Manager program through the National Center for State Courts and serves as the project manager for the Remote Court Interpreting project and the development and implementation of the Criminal Court Case Management system.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AGENCIES ACCREDITED AND REACCREDITED AT THE DAYTONA BEACH CONFERENCE!**

**INITIAL ACCREDITATIONS:**



Cocoa Beach Police Department / New Smyrna Beach Police Department / Baker County Sheriff's Office  
 Gretna Police Department / FAMU Police Department / St. Augustine Beach Police Department  
 Polk County Office of the Inspector General / Office of the Chief Inspector General

**REACCREDITATIONS**

- Lake County Sheriff's Office Detention Center
- Manatee County Sheriff's Office Jail
- Leon County Sheriff's Office Jail
- North Port Police Department
- Wauchula Police Department
- Alachua County Sheriff's Office
- Leon County Sheriff's Office
- Boca Raton Police Services Department
- St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office Jail
- Brevard County Sheriff's Office Jail
- Brevard County Sheriff's Office
- Volusia County Beach Patrol
- Sunrise Police Department
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Palatka Police Department
- Walton County Sheriff's Office
- Indian River Shores Public Safety Department
- Key Biscayne Police Department
- Palm Beach Office of the Inspector General

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**UPCOMING ACCREDITATION CONFERENCES**

**JUNE 22-26, 2015**  
 ChampionsGate Omni, Orlando

**OCTOBER 5-9, 2015**  
 Bonaventure, Weston, Florida