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**A note from the President,
Carol Starling**

Here we are weeks away from the 92nd Annual Training Institute. Did you get that? 92nd! Our FCCD family has presented 91 Training Institutes! How awesome is that.

Just imagine all the training, fellowship, comradery, networking, and community service that's been accomplished. And yet, my friends, I believe in my heart the best is yet to come. We are at a turning point in our organization's history that's going to lead to an even better, more progressive, and more productive organization that will positively impact our membership, our criminal justice partners, and our communities.

In April, FCCD Chapter 2, hosted a Meet and Greet Event in Tallahassee to welcome and congratulate FDC Secretary Ricky Dixon and DJJ Secretary Eric Hall as they assume their new positions. This event was well attended and gave us an opportunity to interact with fellow criminal justice professionals.

In May, I met with FDC Secretary Ricky Dixon. Secretary Dixon and I have the same vision for FCCD and its relationship with FDC. We both believe that we have mutual goals that tie us together in a very special relationship. Our mission to foster interagency collaboration of all criminal justice entities, provide relevant training, and encourage community service throughout our beautiful state, fits into his vision for the Florida Department of Corrections, his employees, and their families. Then in June, I was fortunate enough to meet with DJJ Secretary Hall and FCOR Chairman Melinda Coonrod. And I was so extremely impressed and pleased with the sincere interest they took in learning more about FCCD and what we, as a group, are all about. While DJJ and FCOR have been supporters of FCCD for several years, I believe that we are now moving into a time where FCCD will make a larger impact on their organizations, by assisting them in the areas of training and community service. What perfect partnerships we have in these three agencies! And as we grow, we can pursue bringing in more agency partners, at the state, county and local community levels. The Criminal Justice system works best when all of us find common ground to communicate, learn, and provide service to our communities together.

So, the 92nd Annual Training Institute will be one you will not want to miss. Our beautiful host hotel, The Sheraton Panama City Beach Golf and Spa Resort is awaiting our arrival. The agenda is packed full of wonderful training, fun events, and opportunities to network with others in our profession. You really do not want to miss this exciting time in our FCCD history. I am so looking forward to seeing you all there!

And finally, as we enter these last few weeks, I want to say how very proud I am to be a member of this outstanding organization and to have had the honor of being State President. I am grateful for all of you and your dedication to your chosen profession. I encourage each of you to continue to grow, learn and to be proud of your accomplishments. WE do matter, we do make an impact on our families and our communities, we do make a difference. Be assured your choice to be part of the criminal justice community and involved in a life of service was the right decision! God bless. See you soon.

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MEET AND GREET

Chapter 2



On April 19, 2022, Chapter 2 and the State Board hosted a Meet and Greet for the new Secretaries of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Dr. Eric Hall, and the Florida Department of Corrections, Ricky Dixon at the Federal Correctional Institution - Tallahassee Training Building. FCCD members from chapters across the State, who were also in town to witness the Fallen Officer Memorial Ceremony at Wakulla Correctional Institution, were invited to this reception to meet both Secretary Hall and Secretary Dixon and to network with colleagues from across the state.

Both Secretary Hall and Secretary Dixon gave brief introductions and took some time to really articulate how dedicated they are to making Florida a safer place to live through their respective agencies, and how thankful they are for their colleagues who help propel their missions forward.

With everyone gathered together, Chapter 2 also announced that Secretary Dixon was the winner of the Chapter 2 Louie L. Wainwright Award for the 2021-2022 year.

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TRAINING Chapter 5



Chapter 5 held a training on May 11, 2022, at Union Correctional Institution in the Staff Dining Area. Special thanks to Warden Travis Lamb, who is a great supporter of FCCD. The training held was based on this year's mission of supporting our First Responders. Officer Stress and Suicide Awareness was the topic, with Dr. K. Dones as the speaker. Dr. Dones has a PHD in Mental Health and was a great person for this particular topic since Dr. Dones also does the weekly In-Service Training for UCI on suicide awareness for both staff and inmates. Dr. Dones' training was based on some of the causes of suicide and some things that we do unintentionally that could lead us down that path. Dr. Dones spoke on checking on your

friends when they are not acting in character or just seem out of sorts, also reiterating that sometimes a friendly hello and a "how are you doing today?" has stopped people from attempting suicide. Dr. Dones pressed the importance of having a hobby and spending time with friends and family away from work. This seems to be hard these days with the entire department being short staffed and really pressed the point of having a release from the stress. FCCD State President, Carol Starling was in attendance at the training, giving a small speech on the mission of FCCD, our upcoming Annual Training Institute and membership. Everyone seemed to enjoy the salad along with homemade spaghetti.

MEDAL OF VALOR

Chapter 6

Submitted by Janine C. Cannon, Chapter 6 President

On Monday, May 16, 2022, President Joe Biden and Attorney General Merrick Garland presented this country's highest award for Public Safety Officers, the Medal of Valor, to Officer Anthony Giorgio, Pensacola Police Department, Pensacola, FL. Officer Giorgio along with eight other police officers and six firefighters from throughout the United States were awarded this honor in recognition of their acts of bravery.



Now most of us here have experienced this to some degree and at least have the head knowledge of what to do. But remember, we're talking about kids from out of town. They were panicking and sinking in the kind of current that pulls you out just far enough to get waylaid by incoming waves. over and over and over.

Bystanders tried to form a human chain to reach them, but they were "about half a football

field out". That's 50 yards, 150 feet. There just weren't enough people. One adult had gone in the water to get the kids, but now she was struggling too. You've heard this story way too many times before and you know how this could have turned out.

Recommended by the Medal of Valor Board and conferred by the President of the United States, this award recognizes extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty. Attorney General Garland stated, "The public safety officers recognized today demonstrated to us and our country what true courage looks like. They did this not for public recognition, but because they are true public servants."

Officer Giorgio pretty quickly assessed just how bad this was about to get and took off at a dead sprint. He entered the water along with another man, Coast Guard Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class, Reece Raxter. They fought the chop and rip current to reach the flailing kids. Officer Giorgio grabbed one kid, who was in and out of consciousness and swam him to shore. He then went back into the gulf and grabbed another child, and brought him to shore with the help of an unknown man. Remember, this is fifty yards out.

This recognition stems from Officer Giorgio's acts of bravery to save individuals drowning in the Gulf of Mexico Mother's Day weekend 2021.

Officer Giorgio was off-duty and enjoying a postcard perfect day at Johnson Beach with his family. As he was packing up to leave, he heard yelling. Not the kind of yelling that indicates fun and frivolity, but the desperate, terrified screams that accompany near-panic. He turned and saw that four kids were caught in a rip current.

and then 100 yards more while carrying another human. You get the picture. Giorgio was gassed, but not done. One of the adults that had gone in initially to get the kids was now in trouble. Giorgio launched himself into the gulf one more time, and along with BM2 Raxter, two others, and a kiddie float, brought the woman in safely.

Back on the beach, Giorgio and others started first aid and were relieved to see the Park Rangers and Escambia Fire Rescue show up.

Giorgio is quick to deflect attention. Many others played important roles too; Harvard shirt guy, former lifeguard guy, blonde nurse, Greg's son, and white beard guy. He didn't get their names, but thought it was important that you knew about them.

President Biden expressed his appreciation for the bravery and service of those that were honored. "You're the heart and soul, and the very spine of this country and your communities. Each one of you from small town departments to big cities, you're cut from the same cloth. You possess the selflessness, that's really hard to explain. A rare commitment to your neighbors and your fellow Americans, an unusual bravery that inspires everyone."

NOTE: Chapter 6 is extremely proud of Officer Giorgio and has submitted him as the Distinguished Service Award Nominee for Law Enforcement 2022. Well done Officer Giorgio, well done.



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UPDATES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Chapter 20

George M. Harrison, Chapter President

As we near the end of this 2021-2022 year we want to reflect on the great strides our Chapter has made. For the first time in three years, we have a full chapter board, all excited and motivated for the upcoming year. This team has been able to work hard and pull together our Chapter Effectiveness criteria with just a few short months to learn the process and implement it!

We participated in fundraising and community-service/community-involvement activities locally and

supported the state projects! Coming out of several years of COVID restrictions we were happy to be out and about, in-person at many of the events. It was great running/walking at the JDRF OneWalk and Law Enforcement Torch Run.

This upcoming year we have already calendared the Breast Cancer Awareness walk in October, Run for First Responders 5K presented by Survive First, the 2023 Brevard County Law

Ride, 2023 Brevard County Backs the Blue 4th Annual BBQ, 2023 JDRF OneWalk, and the 2023 Special Olympics Florida Torch Run! We also hope to get re-involved with the Shop with a Cop programs in our county as well as foster new relationships with other community partners.

We hope to be innovative in getting existing and new members active and engaged in the chapter!

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Chapter 21



Chapter 21 and the staff of Jackson CI collected toys and donated them to Malone School. Thank you to all who donated gifts and helped deliver happiness for children who may not have had a Christmas to look forward to otherwise.

Chapter 21 and the staff of Apalachee CI collected jackets to ensure children within our community had a warm winter. A total of 31 jackets were collected and donated to Sneads Elementary. Thank you to everyone who participated and assisted to make this happen.





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NEW PRESIDENT - Chapter 27

FCCD is excited to announce big news for Chapter 27. Chapter 27 has been reestablished and will have F.D.C. Warden Christopher Edelen of Lake Correctional Institution as the new President. Warden Edelen brings a wealth of experience in the criminal justice field, as well as a passion for the advancement of individuals and organizations through contemporary training and the exchange of best practices between agencies. In point of fact, Warden Edelen has been an instructor for the Florida Department of Corrections throughout his 23 years of distinguished service with the agency. Mr. Edelen demonstrates a passion for educating others and improving the quality of both the personnel within an agency and the services provided by an agency to our communities. This drive to educate and advance others has been recognized and utilized repeatedly by the American Correctional Association as they qualified

Mr. Edelen to train staff throughout the country and certify them in Correctional Behavioral Health. Likewise, F.D.C. has invested in Mr. Edelen's knowledge and leadership skills by certifying him in numerous specialized courses, such as: Rapid Response Team- Munitions and Batons, Emergency Preparedness, Blue Courage Diversity, Assessment and Treatment of Transgender Inmates, Professional Communication with LGBTI, the Role of Security in Mental Health Units, and Line Supervisor training for Correctional Officer Captains and Lieutenant.

In addition to his commitment to educating and advancing others, Mr. Edelen has also demonstrated a commitment to the communities in which he lives and works. This is significant as Warden Edelen has been assigned to 8 F.D.C. facilities across the state and he has been engaged in community activities in all, from Taylor County to his current assignment and home of Lake County. To that end, Mr. Edelen has invested a significant portion of his personal and professional time to working with initiatives

such as Special Olympics Florida, Toys for Tots, Blood mobile drives, Big Brother/Big Sisters and numerous other organizations that are devoted to improving the lives of those in the community. Although extremely hard-working and dedicated, Mr. Edelen also recognizes that this Chapter needs more than just him. Enthusiastic, like-minded and well-respected community leaders are needed to accomplish all the missions that are planned for Chapter 27. To facilitate the formation of this team, Mr. Edelen has met with Groveland P.D. Chief Ramsey, Clermont P.D. Chief Broadway, Lake County Sheriff Grinnell and Jail Administrator Jensen to enlist their assistance in creating a Chapter Board that will be as positively impactful as possible for the communities that they work for. Discussions with these leaders, as well as Mr. Edelen's presentation at the recent Chief's association meeting, have been very well-received and resulted in numerous ideas on how to optimize the training of law enforcement staff and the best ways to assist and improve our local communities. The future looks bright for Chapter 27 with a true servant leader in Warden Christopher Edelen!

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Sara A. Zamora-Baldrige

I, Sara A Zamora-Baldrige am your FCCD State Secretary candidate. I accept this nomination whole heartedly with honor and humility. With, a clear understanding the responsibility, diligence, and commitment that holding office at the State level of Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency entails. As a 28-year active member I have held leadership positions in Chapters 3, 8 and 11. I began my career with the Florida Department of Corrections in 1991 and shortly after became a member of Avon Park CI's Chapter 03. From day one of membership, I knew FCCD was an organization with its community involvement, staff training and Statewide chapters would be one I knew I would be proud to serve. As I advanced

in my career, I joined supported and became active at each Institutional Chapter I was assigned to. As I saw need at each facility, I became a committee member, organizing community events, recruiting new members and held the title of Chapter President in Chapters 3, 8 and 11. Under my leadership, with support of members and state leadership those chapters met chapter effectiveness and became financially sound. I currently am a member of Chapter 3 and remain active in that Chapter.

After many years of supporting the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics I was honored with the assignment of South Florida - FDC representative and remain active with the Special Olympics. I am also a member of the following professional organizations ACA- Correctional Peace Officers Foundation- and the Corrections Foundation.

On July 2020, I entered the rank of retirement after 29 years of service to the State of Florida where I began as a Correctional Officer at

Hardee CI. I honorably held each security rank assigned to seven different facilities. Completing a fulfilled career retiring at the rank of Assistant Warden of Operations at Okeechobee CI. During my career I also served on the Security Advisory Team, Special Operations Teams, Instructor at the Institutional and Regional Level, and was successful in Operational Review Audits, PREA Audits, and ACA Audits.

This retirement has allowed me to volunteer at Grace Bible Church where we attend regularly as a family. This time is now concentrated on grandchildren, travel, family time, volunteerism, and photography. I also have made myself available to all FCCD Chapters as a motivational speaker specializing in Corrections Topics and Leadership, along with assisting with Chapter Effectiveness.

I respectfully ask for your support in the upcoming election by voting for me IT IS a Vote for Leadership a Vote for Innovation a Vote for Longevity a Vote for Diversity and a Vote for the Future.



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Tim Strickland

I have been a Silver Member of FCCD since I started with the Florida Department of Corrections in 1995. Over the past 23 years with FCCD I have been a member of both small and large chapters in small towns and metropolitan areas. My introduction to FCCD started as a Correctional Officer at Hamilton Correctional Institution in Jasper. My path through the Department also lead to service in many FCCD Chapters. I went from a Corrections Officer at Hamilton CI to a Classification Officer at Madison CI. Then out to Community Corrections as a Probation Officer to Live Oak P&P and a Sr. Probation Officer at Lake City P&P. I then promoted to a Supervisor at Quincy P&P then a Sr. Supervisor at Deland and St. Augustine P&P. I went to Tampa Circuit Office as a Deputy Circuit Administrator, then Riverview & Tampa Central P&P Offices, finally on to my current post in Central Office as the Assistant Bureau Chief over the Bureau of Interstate Compact. I am also a CJSTC certified instructor as

a general, firearms, and defensive tactics instructor. I am also a range master with the Department and an adjunct instructor at the Florida Public Safety Institute in Midway.

In my career with the Department I have developed organization and leadership skills that I have used to further the mission of FCCD. I have worked in front line positions both inside and outside the fence. I was the Sr. Supervisor of what at the time was the largest probation office in the state. I helped develop new processes in Community Corrections that provided Probation Officers more time to supervise offenders instead of doing paperwork. In my current position as the Assistant Bureau Chief over Interstate Compact I have developed processes that has placed Florida in a leading position within the Compact. I work with and have provided training on the Compact to every state in the nation as well as throughout Florida to not only the Department of Corrections but to other agencies as well.

In my last 23 years of FCCD service I have supported numerous community service projects throughout the state. In 2011 at the 82nd Annual Training Institute I began working with the State Board assisting with the AV equipment. I continued providing service to the State Board by chairing the AV equipment committee since 2012 ensuring that trainers at our annual institute have their needs met. I have been the Web Master for the

State Board and served on numerous committees. I have been the Chapter President of Chapter 1 and Chapter 2. In 2015 I was honored to receive the Distinguished Service Award in Corrections.

While my career with the Department and service in FCCD has and remains a great joy to me, I am also active in our community. As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints I have served as a youth leader on multiple occasions over the years throughout the state and I served as the ecclesiastical leader of the Live Oak Ward in 2004 before moving to Tallahassee. In addition to service within Church I am active in the Boy Scouts of America. I currently serve as an assistant scout master for our troop, the Training Chair for the Suwannee River Area Council and I serve as a firearms safety instructor at Wallwood Boy Scout Reserve.

The bottom line is that I love FCCD. If I did not I would not have stayed a member for over 2 decades. For over 20 years I have worked in many hours of community service and worked to provide first class training to members to assist in their professional development and the meaningful exchange of ideas. My personal priorities are faith, family, friends and community. I am selective on where I give my time and effort. For 23 years I have loved and given of myself to FCCD. The members of this organization are both friends and family to me. I hope that I can continue to serve FCCD as your State Secretary.



Michelle Whitworth

Ms. Whitworth began her career in criminal justice in 1994 upon graduating from Florida State University with a Bachelor’s degree in Criminology. She started her career as a Correctional Probation Officer with the Florida Department of Corrections graduating from the Probation Officer Academy and being certified by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. She gained vital experience and was promoted through the ranks holding various positions in community corrections, institutions, training, and management. In 2006, Ms. Whitworth moved to the Florida Parole Commission, subsequently renamed the Florida Commission on Offender Review (FCOR). She served in several investigative and management positions within FCOR’s Clemency Investigations office located in Tallahassee. On June 4, 2019, she was appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Cabinet as the Coordinator of the

Office of Executive Clemency. Ms. Whitworth currently serves the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Board of Executive Clemency. In that role, she directs the Office of Executive Clemency and leads the quarterly Executive Clemency Board Meetings. Ms. Whitworth is considered an expert in general and capital punishment clemency matters, a segment of the criminal justice system that is unique and ever changing with each governor and cabinet administration.

Ms. Whitworth’s contributions to the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency (FCCD) have been numerous. She joined FCCD chapter 29 in 1999 and moved to chapter 2 in 2006. During her membership she has served as secretary for chapter 2 in 2007-2008 and has been active in the chapter serving on the Training Committee, Golf Committee, Distinguished Service Awards Committee, and Scholarship Committee. She has participated in many chapter community service projects, volunteer events, charity events, and fund-raising activities. One of the most rewarding to her personally is participating in the annual senior angel charity event.

In addition to chapter activities, she has served the FCCD Executive Board as a member of several committees since 2015 including

the Exhibitor, American Correctional Association Affiliate Liaison, and Lifetime Membership Committees. Her service on these committees has provided her the opportunity to work closely with the President each year affording her vital operational knowledge of many key aspects of the training institute and golf tournament. Those efforts culminated in her receiving the President’s Award on several occasions.

Ms. Whitworth previously served on Executive Board Committees during 2003-2006 to include the Merchandising Committee, Membership Committee, and Exhibitor Committee.

Ms. Whitworth has been recognized for her professional and civic contributions and has received the following awards:

- Chapter 2 Criminal Justice Distinguished Service Award 2013
- Executive Board President’s Award – President Gina Giacomo 2016
- Executive Board President’s Award – President Linda Brooks 2017;
- Chapter 2 Criminal Justice Distinguished Service Award 2020
- Statewide Criminal Justice Distinguished Service Award – Executive Board Award 2020
- Executive Board President’s Award – President Shelly Liddle 2021



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