

# Auxiliary Provides Extra Set of Eyes

*The Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary is a voluntary organization designed to help Troopers. They are an extra set of hands and eyes that make a trooper feel a little more secure.*

The auxiliary was established as a result of a meeting held in Tampa on January 15, 1954. Those attending the meeting were Colonel H. N. Kirkman, Director of the Highway Patrol; Frank Falsome of Tampa and Attorney Ed Bently of Lakeland, both past Commanders of Florida American Legion; Past District Commander Robert A. Francis, Sr.; Mr. Roland Johnson and several members of the patrol. A resolution was drafted to form an Auxiliary program and was presented to the 1954 American Legion Convention. The resolution was approved and on October 28, 1954, Captain J. L. Hall, Training Officer of the Patrol, met with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Francis in St. Petersburg and plans were made to begin recruitment and training of units in St. Petersburg, Orlando, Jacksonville, Miami, Pensacola and Tallahassee. Since that time the Auxiliary has grown to 40 units.

An act authorizing the Director of the Florida Highway Patrol to establish an Auxiliary composed of volunteers was passed in the 1957 Legislature and signed by Governor Leroy Collins on May 14, 1957. The American Legion was helpful in getting this legislation passed.

Within the Organization there is a Council of Administration, composed of members of the Auxiliary who are Troop Commanders with the rank of Major and Executive Officers (Captains), which meets twice a year for administrative purposes. The Council handles liaison matters between the Auxiliary and the Florida Highway Patrol. It also adopts resolutions for policy changes which must be approved by the Director of the patrol.

On June 9, 1972, the policy was changed so that it was no longer necessary to be a member of the American Legion. Present requirements for membership are: two (2) years honorable military service, or three (3) years post high school work experience, or 60 semester hours of college work, age 19 to 55, high school diploma or equivalent, doctors certificate as to physical fitness and certification by the Police Standards and Training Commission for the successful completion of a 97 hour course of instruction.

Officers must purchase their own uniforms, and they receive no compensation for the many hours they work. A monthly activity report is submitted by each unit showing total hours in classroom, special details and riding patrol with troopers. There are currently over 750 active members who contribute over 180,000 hours annually assisting the Florida Highway Patrol.

The Auxiliary is more than just a support group for the Patrol. It is also a pool for potential troopers. Almost every recruit class has one or more people who have been members of the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary has given its support to the Patrol for 28 years and there is no way of telling how many troopers' lives may have been saved just by the presence of someone from the Auxiliary.



### **OKALOOSA UNIT TROOP A**

First row- LtoR: Larry Burgess, Henry E Whidden, Wayne C Phillips, Investigator. Second Row: Lee R Terrell, Harold Alford, Byron J. Crandall, Sgt. Ray L Belser, Cpl. Sidney E Lewis, W. J. Devine, Willie G. Terrell. Back Row: Tpr. W. A. Stewart, Lt. Phillip L. Deck, O. C. Douglas, F/Sgt. Walter F. Packer, Robert L. Johnson, Donald C. Johnson, Capt. A. A. Daniels.



### **PANAMA CITY UNIT TROOP A**

Cpl. Kenneth Creech, Sgt. William Bradley, Sgt. Lamar Adams,  
Lt. Howard McAdams and F/Sgt. Jim Rogers.



### **PENSACOLA UNIT TROOP A**

First Row - F/Sgt. C. P. Anthony, Tpr. C. D. Gordon, Capt. C. L. Bell, Major H. E. Goff, Cpl. R. E. Clark, Sgt. C. G. Massey and Cpl. H. D. Jones, Instruction. Second Row - Cpl. J. D. Grimsley, Tpr. A. P. Bell, Tpr. K. M. Wilson, Tpr. R. W. Erwin, Sgt. W. H. Williams and F/Sgt. C. D. Markin.



### **MARIANNA UNIT TROOP A**

C. E. Mayhall, Sgt. Edgar Morris, W. D. Taylor, Lt. R. C. Strouse, A. H. Morris, Cpl. Odell Miles, F/Sgt. Charles Carter and S. L. Davis



**PINELLAS PARK UNIT TROOP C**

*F/Sgt. Lew Mitten, Bob Able, Chuck Foldie, Gordon Brown, Tom Wolf, Gary Blount, Dennis Christman, Sgt. Jim Smith, Randall Kuester, Kathleen Ritter, Bob Eccohardt, Cpl. Ray Bchholz, Sgt. Gary Lancaster, Chuck Mooney, Carolyn Shields, Cpl. Bill Sponheimer, Fred Heintz, Bil Moldenhauer and Lt. Bruce Ziegler*



**LAKE WALES UNIT TROOP C**

*Front Row - Major F. Smith, Lt. R. Williams, F/Sgt. W. McKinzie, Cpl. W. Greeson, Back Row- Tpr. R. Hopper, Unit Instructor, Tpr. W. Webb, Tpr. J. Sebring and Tpr. E. Miller*



**WINTER HAVEN UNIT TROOP C**

Front Row - F/Sgt. B. Exum, Cpl. E. Keenan, Tpr. G. Gill, Tpr. C. Webb, Back Row - Tpr. R. Hopper, Unit Instructor, Tpr. R. Taylor, Tpr. J. Whatley and Tpr. W. Ward.



**TAMPA UNIT TROOP C**

Front Row - F/Sgt. Laymond Cummins, Jeffery Brunelle, Cpl. William Mosher, Lt. Ronald Isham, Cpl. Hector Hernandez and John Bulger. Back Row - Capt. John Fuerst, William Colean, George Neuendorf, H. B. Horne, Douglas Brewer, Sgt. I. V. Bearrows and George Courbat.



**BROOKSVILLE UNIT TROOP C**

Back Row - Instructor T. L. Greer, M. P. Johnston, N. T. Gore, R. M. Buckingham, F/Sgt. M. Verner and N. Paff. Front Row - R. G. Burnett, J. McFarlane and J. Fergueron.



**BREVARD COUNTY UNIT TROOP D**

Back Row - J. A. Schmalenberger, J. H. Parker, R. K. Baxley, R. Lindsey, S. H. Collins, F. W. Putnam, J. W. Andrews and D. L. Brown. Front Row- S. Sharp, D. Ruehman, S. Ricchuitto, M. Ricchuitto, J. T. Madden and R. W. Rice. Front Kneeling - W. H. Daum, Tpr. Assistant Instructor.



### **LAKE COUNTY UNIT TROOP D**

Back Row - John C. Holloway, William H. Wigelsworth, J. W. Krawczyk, William Gehlbach and F/Sgt. Lynn Lingerfelt. Front Row - James K. Huey, Lt. Edgar J. Elton, Cpl. William P. Henderson, Cpl. Loren L. Liston and FHPA Instructor M. R. Trammell.



### **OSCEOLA UNIT TROOP D**

Major Ormie L Waldron, Lt. Robert L. Cotton, F/Sgt. Leroy Jarvis, Sgt. Roy Reynolds, Tpr. Otis R. Reeves and Cpl. Terry D. Shutts



### **VOLUSIA-FLAGLER UNIT TROOP D**

Standing - Sgt. L. M. Robertson, Sgt. C. E. Barnard, Cpl. R. D. Childress, Tpr. E. L. King, Tpr. M. S. Tyde, Lt. W. J. Miller, F/Sgt. D. W. Smith, Jr., Tpr. E. E. Ek and Tpr. D. F. Van Winkle. Kneeling - Tpr. W. W. Wolf, Tpr. E. A. Valentik, Tpr. D. L. Smith and Tpr. E. R. Pagliari. Not pictured - Tpr. W. R. Dewees, Tpr. P. M. Monahan, Tpr. C. J. Radtke and Cpl. R. M. Bateman.



### **DADE COUNTY UNIT TROOP E**

Front Row: Howard, Schoenly, Katz and Howell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Fields, Delosreyes, Ellison, Winders and Votra, 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Brackett, Hamlin, Bargeron, Hartly and Millard, 4<sup>th</sup> Row: Adams, Peters, Hoffman and Mercer



### **BROWARD COUNTY UNIT TROOP E**

Front Row: Major John Stepp and Lt. James Melton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Rick Steffan, Ed Riedinger, Scott Campbell and Roland Frey, 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Terry Allen, Steven Willimas and Garry Duquette, 4<sup>th</sup> Row: Cpl. Martin Lavin, Robert Miller, Sgt. Randall Coward, Bob Crocker and Henry Cunningham



### **BRADENTON UNIT TROOP F**

Front Row: Tpr. Charlie Martin, Major Bill Huffman, Tpr. Nick Gogliotti and F/Sgt. Charlie Hulen, Middle Row: Bob Cooley, Floyd Basehore, Lt. Phil Mandzil, Sgt. Dave Miller and Gilbert Smethurst, Back Row: Howard Merritt, Sgt. Richard Beazley, Sgt. Robert Baker, Robert Dyce and Cpl. Moe Morris



### **FORT MYERS UNIT TROOP F**

Back Row: Olin Thomas, Charles Kidd, John Watts, Eddie Howell and Robert Forrest, Front Row: Tpr. T. B. Dunn, Brad Gossman, Gordon Harby, Ray Dean, Kent Caldwell Darrell Schultz



### **HIGHLAND COUNTY UNIT TROOP F**

First Row: J. M. Rhodes and C. J. Hart, Second Row: E. D. Dromne, Charles Foster, John Shorrock, Bob Boggus, Ralph Randall and Bill Lee, Back Row: Pete Cobb, Ed Conklin, Ken Cunningham, Lucias Henderson and Herb Smith



### **ST. JOHNS/PUTNAM UNIT TROOP 6**

Front Row: Lt. E. A. Houck, F/Sgt. E. A. Waddell, Sgt. A. N. Morris and Cpl. J. Marrs,  
Back Row: Cpl. C. L. Tomlinson, David Reed, Cpl. Dick Reid, Sgt. Sam Carter, Langford Williams,  
Ron Vermeulen, Billy J. Clemants and C. Harnage



### **JACKSONVILLE UNIT TROOP 6**

C. M. Powers, N. C. Vass, A. R. Treadwell, W. L. Bradley, C. R. Severance, M. M. Mims, M. N. Farmer,  
D. R. Church, V. J. Allen, R. W. Smith, B. L. Lancaster, C. Farr and M. Crider.



### **OCALA UNIT TROOP 6**

Standing: Stephen Connelly, Rex Mace, Richard Conklin, C. E. Haveard (Instructor), Rick Tuman, Bill Yates and Ernest Ayotte, Seated: Cpl. Tillman, Sgt. Bill Kernan, Capt. Jin Weitlauf and Cpl. Jim Glisson



### **NASSAU COUNTY UNIT TROOP 6**

Front Row: William Ryals, Joseph Crews, William Harden, Sr. and Edward Creel,  
Back Row: Perry Williams, Wesley Dover, Daniel Peacock and Charles Haney



### **WEST PALM BEACH UNIT TROOP L**

E. J. Barnes, L. S. Kruser, C. L. Norsworthy, R. Yarborough, R. P. Lamphier, Lt. Col. Albert Coward, John Davidson, E. D. Donahoe, E. D. Boyce, T. G. Ferguson, W. Ingram, L. B. Beck, M. King, L. R. Stone and A. Sheppard



### **FT. PIERCE UNIT TROOP L**

Cpl. Martin Cluster, Lt. Edward Merritt, Sgt. Henry B. Shepherd, Carl Kirchner, Raymond Blackwood, Daniel Johnston, F/Sgt Franklin (Puffer) Sumner, Melvin J. Trammell, William Huffman, Daniel R. Macleod, Jr., Gerald Jenkins, Cpl. Carl L. Holbrook



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Vehicle  
purchased  
with FHPA  
funds, used by  
the Br4evard  
County Unit.



Auxiliary provides security at the Bob Hope Benefit Show for the  
USAF Widow's Home at Ft. Walton Beach in 1980.

LtoR: Allen Daniels, H. A. Garrett, Bob Hope, B. A. Stewart,  
Roy Parker and Phillip A. Deck.