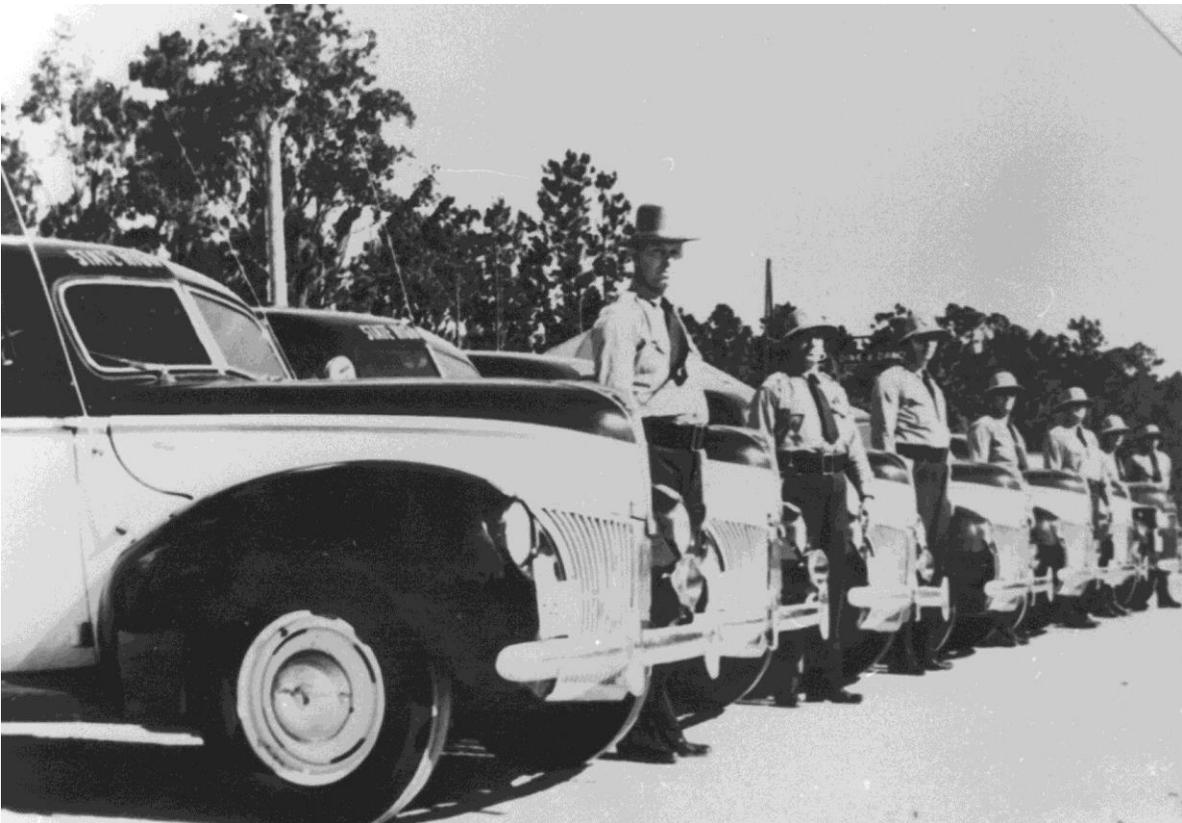


1940s



1940 FHP Vehicle



1940 Inspection Style

←In 1940, Patrolman Tiller,
Troop A - Crestview



Patrolman Byron P. Tiller
showing off his brand new
patrol car.



Patrolman George Henry, Captain Howard Martin and
Patrolman Ed Ferrell (early 1940's).



Patrolman Jay L. Hall with his new 1940 Chevrolet patrol car.



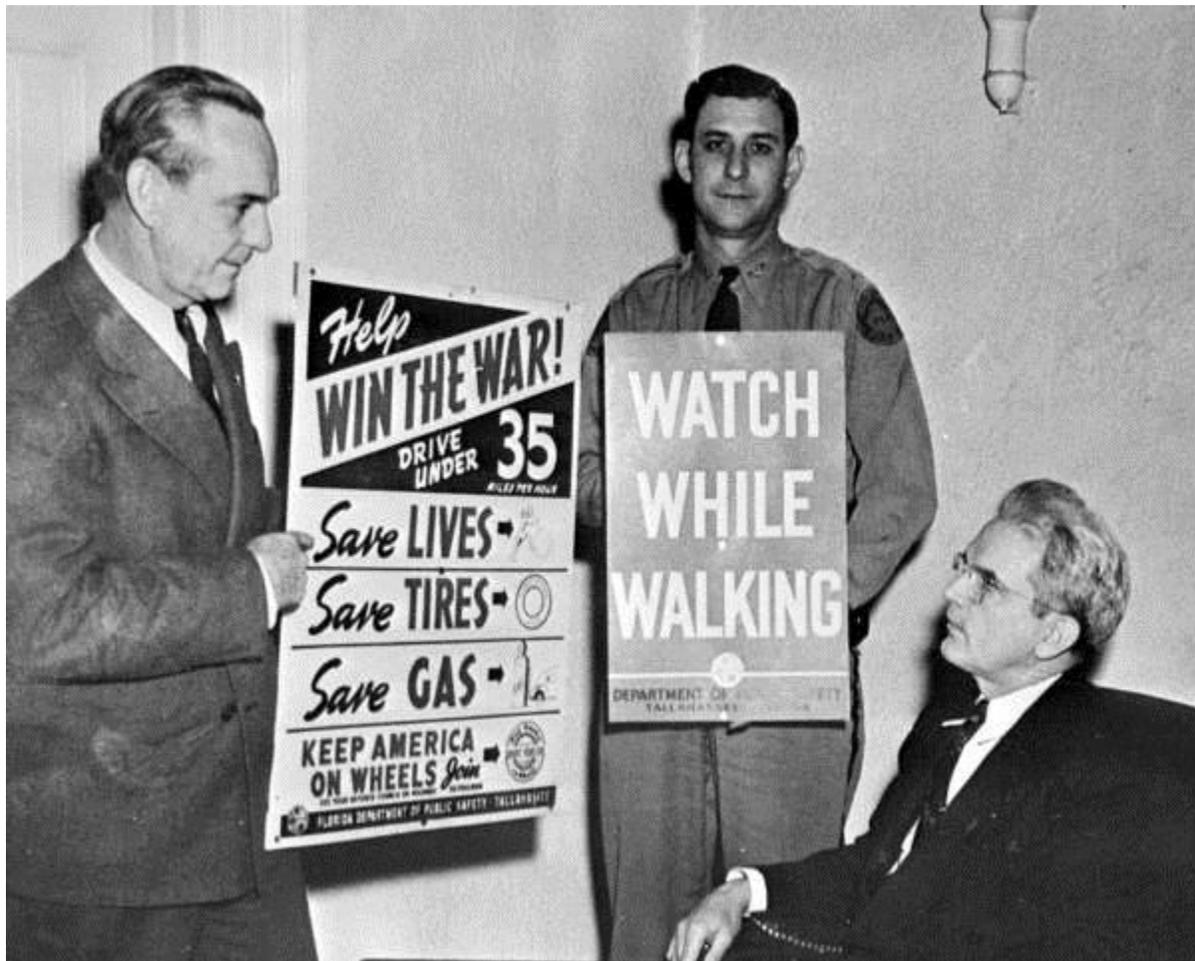
Patrolman Clay Keith in Bartow - 1941



Patrolman Clay W. Keith takes aim in Bartow - 1943.



Patrolman Keith in Bartow after receiving his new uniform in 1943.



Governor Spessard Holland (pictured above) with Director of the Highway Patrol, Jesse Gilliam (left) and Capt. Olin Hill look at defense posters designed to promote gas stamps issued during World War II. Tallahassee, Florida - 1943

← Gas stamps issued during World War II to FHP



FHP Pistol Team - 1943 Patrolman Broker, Sergeant Yonnally, Patrolman Tapscott, Patrolman Anderson and Captain Martin



Patrolmen selected to conduct driver license examinations.
Lakeland - August 13, 1944



Guy Bostic
and Clay
Keith in
1944.

Patrolman C. W. Keith
(1945)





Capt. Tobe Bass (Commander of the Southern Division), Lt. Joe Gallop (Dist. Commander at Deland, Florida) and Col. H.N. Kirkman attend a meeting of the Florida Peace Officers' Association.

Miami - 1945



Colonel Kirkman and Field Supervisors in front of the Martin Building, Patrol headquarters in 1946.



In 1946, new Patrolmen receive instruction on how to test the parking skill of applicants for driver's license.



Sgt. F. G. Burghart at Drivers License renewal time
in Dade County Court House Lobby.
September, 1946



Director of Department of Public Safety
H. Neil Kirkman after receiving medal.
March 1, 1946





Patrolman F.M. Thomas puts out an engine fire for motorist Lois Giddens above and to the left, Patrolman L.R. Marchington changes her tire.

November 7, 1946
All in a day's work!



Training School Officers and Recruits.
Hattiesburg, Mississippi - 1946

Florida Highway Patrolman C.W. Keith standing to the right helped train Mississippi Highway Patrolmen on how to conduct driver license examinations in that state. The training took place at Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.



President Truman says thanks. On one of his frequent visits to Key West, President Harry Truman thanks men of Troop E.

LtoR: Capt. Tobe Bass, President Truman, C. C. Reynolds, Bill Norton, Paul Gracey, Walt Lang, Duke Randall and Jerry Burkhart.

1946



Florida Highway Patrol Communications Room - 1946

Radio has aided Highway Patrolmen in the recovery of hundreds of stolen cars. A comparison of theft rates for seven southern states shows Florida with the lowest rate.



Governor Caldwell
at the Florida
Highway Patrol
display.

Winter Haven -
February 21, 1946
Governor Millard Caldwell,
left, meeting with Capt. I.
Olin Hill, Capt. Tobe Bass,
Col. Kirkman and John Snively
Jr. at the Florida Highway
Patrol exhibition display for
the Citrus Exposition.



Colonel Neil Kirkman, Manager of the Exposition Phil Lucy and
Capt. Olin Hill at the Florida Highway Patrol exhibition display
for the Citrus Exposition.

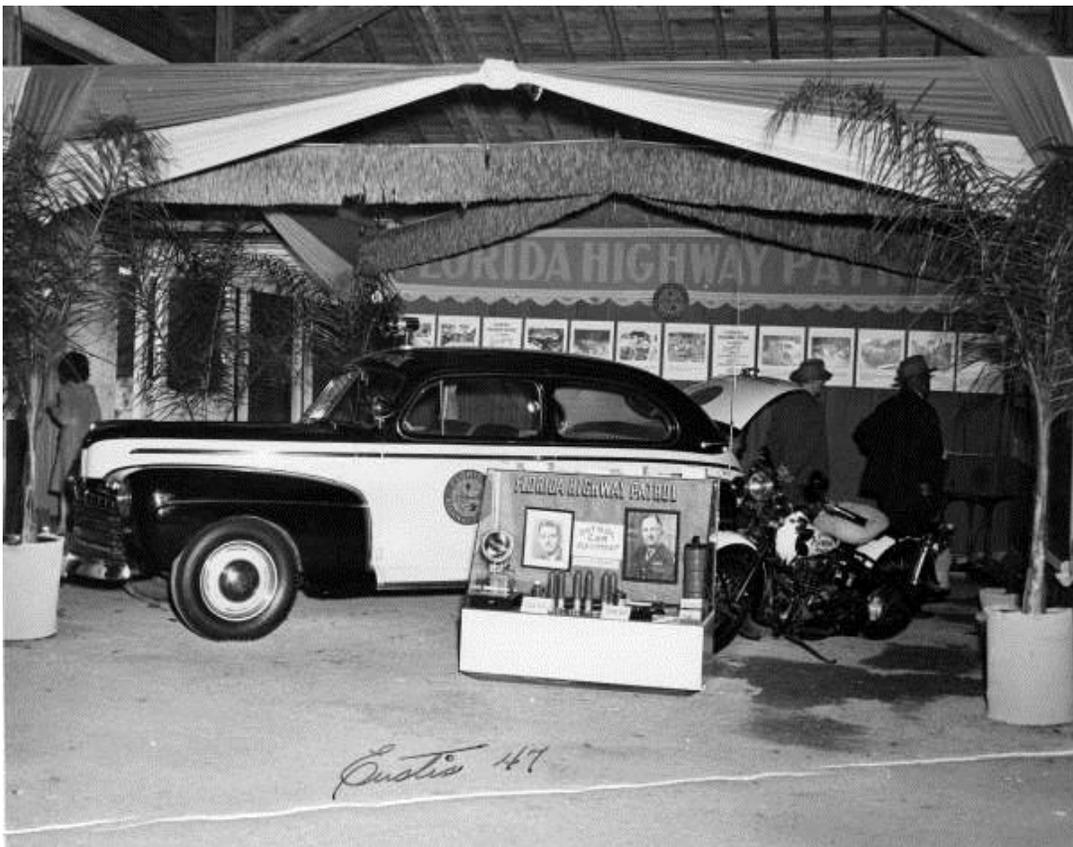
Winter Haven - 1946



FHP Booth at the Pensacola State Fair - 1946



←LtoR: Governor Caldwell, Capt. Olin Hill, Capt. Tobe Bass, Col. Kirkman and John Snively Jr. of Snively Groves.



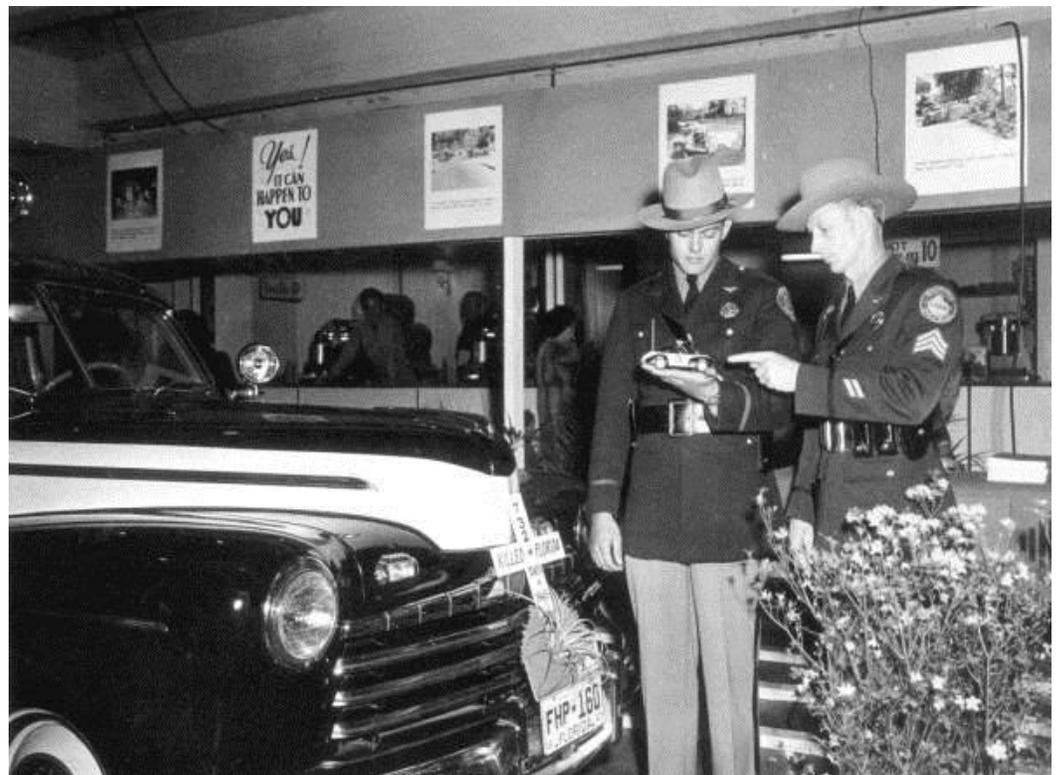
The Florida Highway Patrol exhibition display in Eustis - 1947



Florida Highway
Patrol
exhibition
display at the
Florida State
Fair in Tampa -
1947

Highway patrol
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LtoR:
Patrolman J.J.
Dorsey from
Pensacola and
Sgt. C.W. Keith
from DeLand.





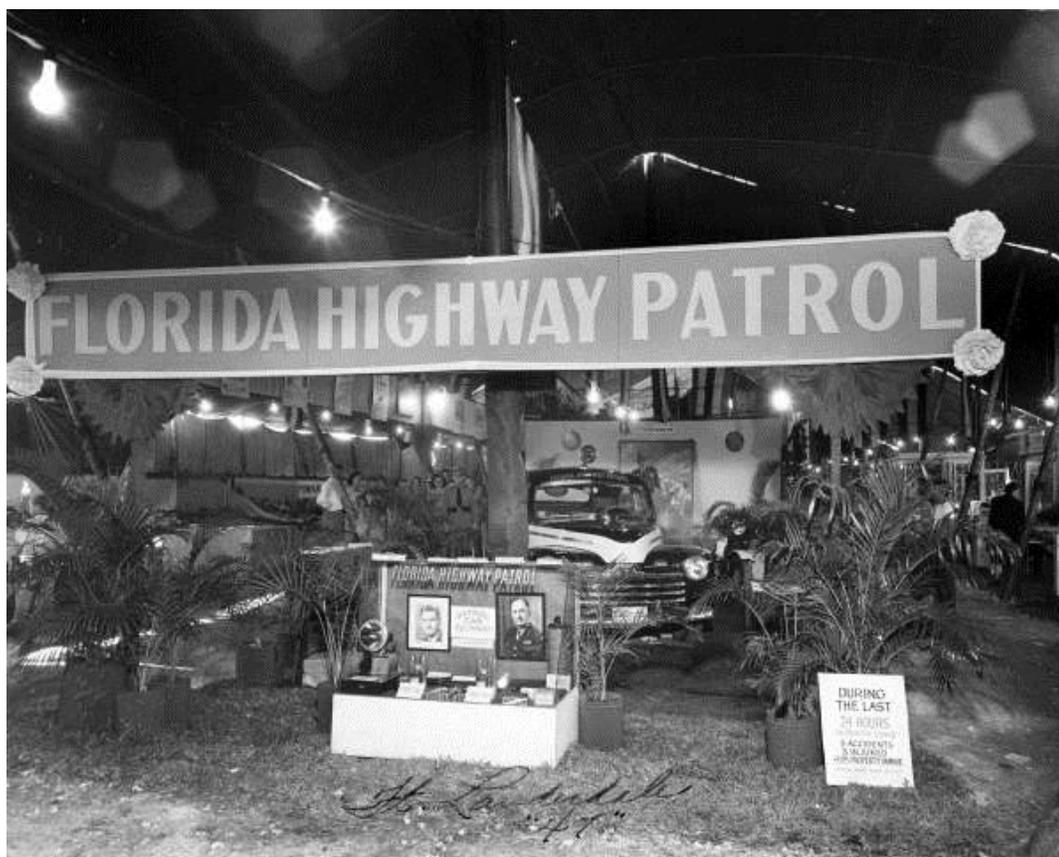
Patrolman Harrison and Sgt. Thomas with Patrol's display at the Central Florida Exposition in Orlando - 1947



The Florida Highway Patrol participated in the American Legion Convention held in New York City in 1947.



The Florida Highway Patrol exhibition display in Fort Lauderdale - 1947



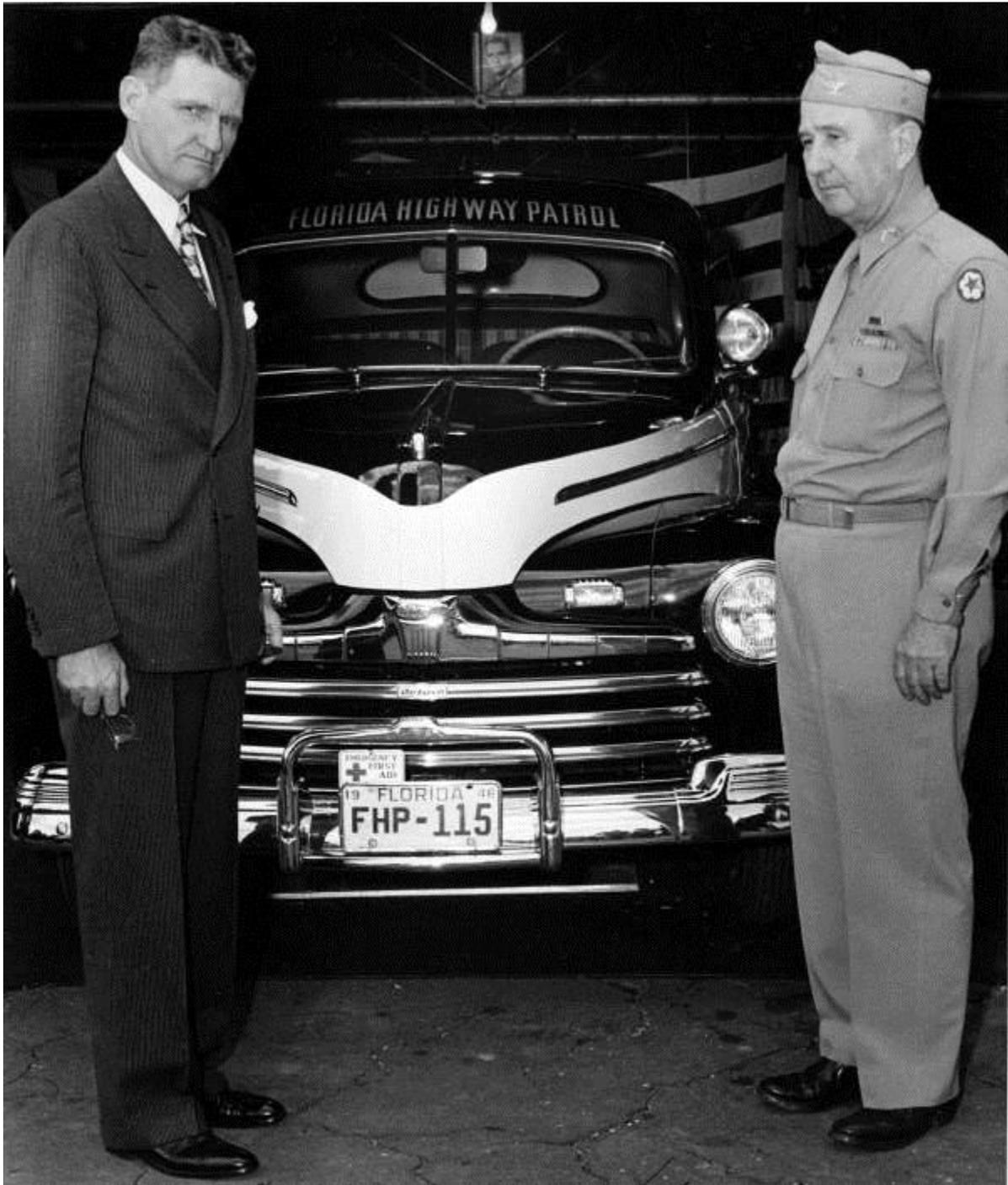


Florida Highway Patrolmen gathered around the motorcycle exhibition display at the 1947 Broward County Fair.

L-R: Albert Fausett, American Legion Commander Dave Turner, Sgt. Clay Keith, Capt. Tobe Bass seated and Tillingim.



←L-R: Sgt. Keith, American Legion Commander Dave Turner, Capt. Bass, Tillingim and Fausett.



Governor Millard Caldwell, left, with Colonel Kirkman during the first exhibit of the Florida Highway Patrol at the Citrus Exposition.

Winter Haven, Florida
February 1947.



Sergeant Tony Meseda, Captain Olin Hill and Patrolman B. J. Barnett join Cypress Gardens beauties to help kick off U. S. 27 Association meeting in 1947.



Patrolman Elmer Brown stands by his motorcycle, the type used by the patrol in the early years.



Florida Highway
Patrolman Clay Keith
when he was promoted
to the rank of
Lieutenant in 1948.

Keith was born on July 4,
1917 in Asheville, North
Carolina. He was one of
Florida's earliest troopers
joining the FHP in 1941, a
member of the third recruit
class.

He served 30 years in
uniform, rising to the rank of
major and becoming the
state's first Director of
Driver Licensing in 1963.

He left the FHP in 1978 to
become the civilian head of
driver licensing, and he
remained in that post until he
retired in 1987.

When he retired he became
the official historian of the
Florida Highway Patrol.

Clay Keith died
December 18, 2000.





Portrait of C.W. Keith at the Florida Highway Patrol exhibit at the Florida State Fair in Tampa, Florida.



← Patrolmen Jack Fullenwider (left) and P. E. Gracey, Sr. Write a report on their attempts to save an accident victim. Fullenwider just returned from an unsuccessful dive into a canal looking for the driver of a submerged vehicle.



Killearn Gardens - Tallahassee, Florida
February 7, 1948.



Motorcycle Patrolman - 1948

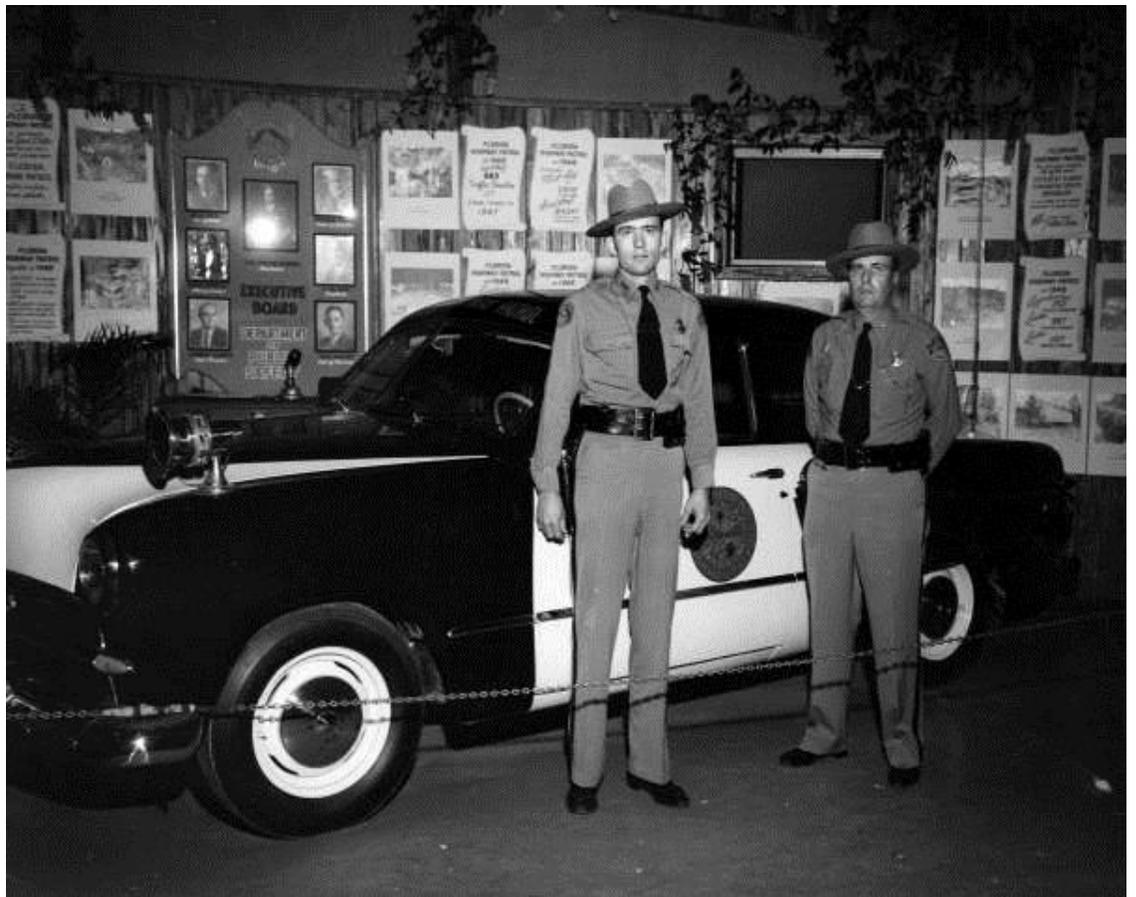


FHP leads the
Tampa
Gasparilla
Parade in 1949

Patrolmen
with
exhibition
display.
Orlando,
Florida

1949

The vehicle in
this photo shows
the siren on the
left fender.

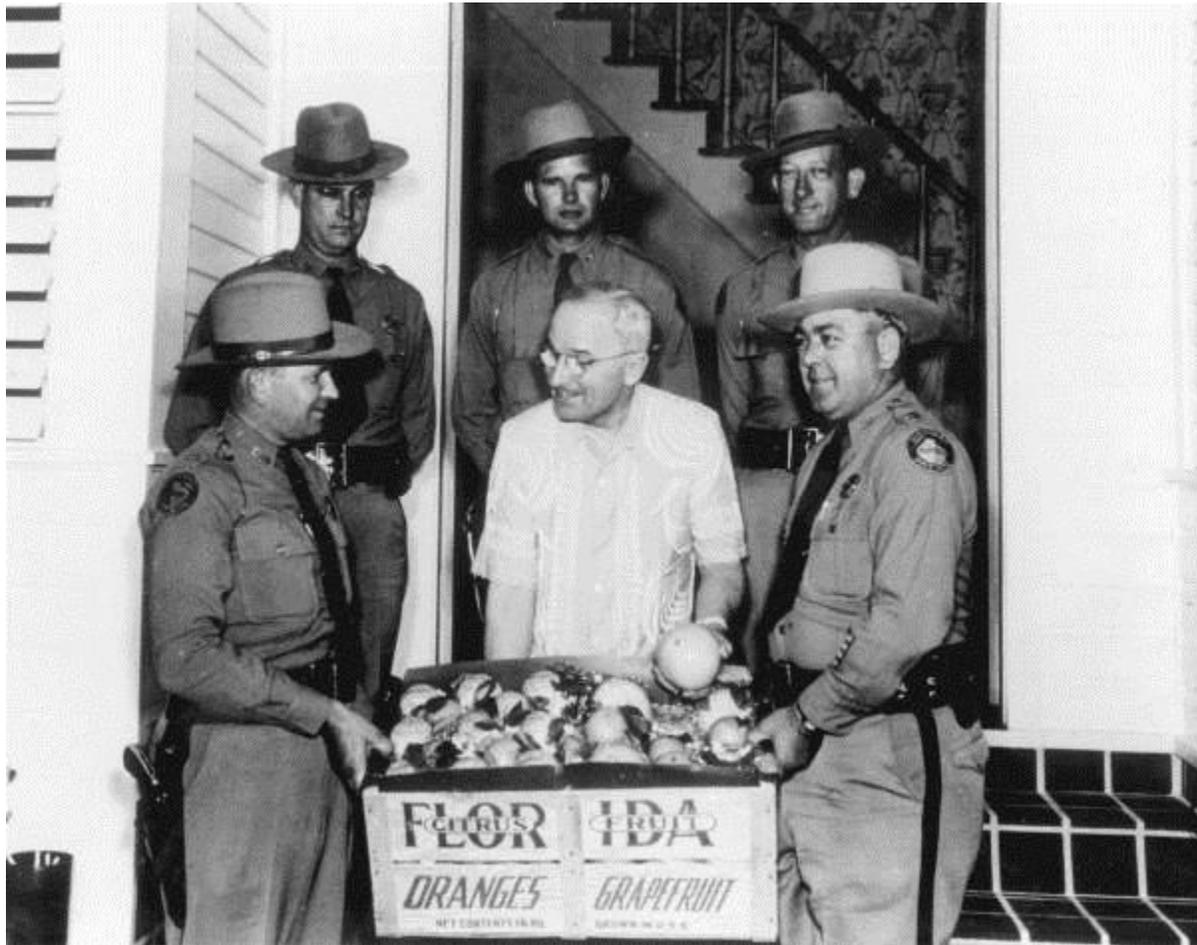




← Miss Florida, Janet Crockett, stands next to the Florida Highway Patrol's display.
Orlando - 1949



A Florida Highway patrolman questions a truck driver in a mobile training laboratory sponsored by the Florida Trucking Association.
Jacksonville, Florida - February 9, 1949



March, 1949, Captain Tobe Bass, Lt. Clyde Carlan, Patrolmen Walker, P. E. Gracey and Stevens called on President Harry Truman and presented him with a box of Florida-grown citrus fruits when he visited Key West.



FHP Captain Howard C. Martin
(Commander of the Central Division)
Tallahassee, Florida
1940s



Captain Murray Thomas



Sergeant Ted J. Reilly



Patrolman Duke Randall in Miami, Florida.



Patrolman Clay Keith (left) with Colonel Neil Kirkman,
Director of the Department of Public Safety
Tallahassee, Florida.



Patrolman Ed Ferrell and early Ford patrol car.



Florida Highway
Patrolman J. Wallace
Smith pictured above.

← Sergeant H. Lee
Simmons in St.
Petersburg, Florida



Patrolmen Clay Keith,
Reid Clifton and Jay
Hall pictured above in
Bartow.



←Florida State
Troopers at the
Nation's Capitol in
Washington, D.C.