

Troop A Headquarters Panama City



Captain J. R. Henderson, Jr.
Troop Commander



Bordered by Alabama on the north and by the Gulf of Mexico on the south, Troop A consists of 10 northwest Florida counties: Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton and Washington. Troop A Headquarters is located in Panama City, Bay County, Florida. District stations are located in Marianna, Crestview and Pensacola.

Having been part of the northern district and later the western division, Troop A was formed on December 23, 1952. Captain Tobe A. Bass was the first Troop Commander. He was followed by Captain R. L. Robinson, Captain Johnnie W. Jourdan and Captain K. D. Sconiers. Troop A is presently commanded by Captain Joe R. Henderson, Jr.

In 1981 Troop A had a total of 139 employees - consisting of 101 uniformed personnel, 21 Radio/Teletype Operators, 2 Radio Engineers, 10 Clerk-Typists, 1 Secretary and 4 Custodial workers.

Troop A has 13 employees with 25 or more years of service. Eleven of these are uniformed personnel. Radio/Teletype operator G. A. Hodson recently completed 30 years of service. Secretary Christine M. Henderson has service all five troop commanders since Troop A's inception, having 29 years of service.

Troop A has the honor of having three troopers named "Trooper of the Year" by the Petroleum Council. Troopers receiving this honor were: Trooper R. M. McIntyre, in 1965, currently a Corporal in Fort Walton Beach; Trooper J. A. Powell, in 1968, the present Sheriff of Santa Rosa County; Trooper C. W. Johnson, Jr., in 1970, currently a trooper in Pensacola.



Panama City Station was occupied in 1976 adjacent to the old building.

Troop A employees have occupied three new stations in recent years; the Panama City Station in 1976, the Crestview Station in early 1980, dedicated to the late Lieutenant Joe Livingston, and the Pensacola Station in late 1980, dedicated to Inspector B. H. Spears.

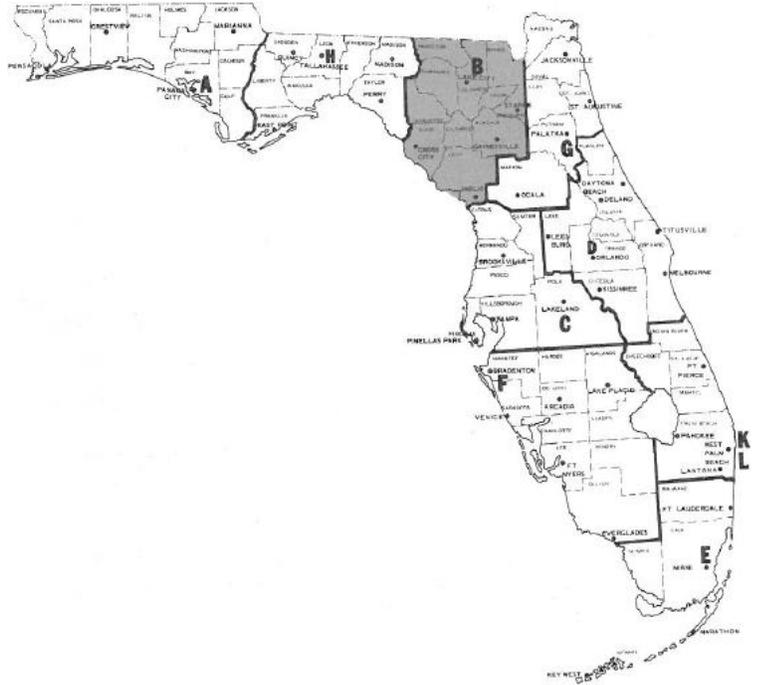


The Crestview Patrol Station was dedicated to the late Lt. Joe Livingston in 1980.

Troop B Headquarters Lake City



Captain J. E. Love
Troop Commander



In the early '40's, Troop B was known as the Northern Division of the Florida Highway Patrol and was comprised of 17 counties. Captain Fitzhugh Lee was Commander of the Northern Division. In July of 1946, Lieutenant Reid Clifton became the Commander of the Northern Division. Lieutenant Clifton was promoted to Captain and sent to Miami in 1948. He was replaced by Captain Olin Hill, and in 1955 Captain Hill was replaced by Captain C. E. Taylor.

In July, 1957, Troop B was reduced to 11 counties and Troop G was formed with six counties. Captain C. W. Hancock was Acting Troop Commander for a short time, then was replaced by Captain J. W. Hagans. In December, 1960, Captain Hagans was sent to command Troop L, West Palm Beach, a newly formed Troop, and was replaced by Captain K. D. Sconiers.

On July 1, 1963, Captain J. E. Beach became Troop Commander and was the Troop B headman until September on 1967 when Captain B. J. Barnett became the Troop Commander. Captain Barnett returned to Tallahassee in February, 1968, as Personnel Officer and was replaced by Captain G. E. Jordan, who remained until September of 1970 when he retired from the Patrol and was replaced by Captain B. H. Spears, who in turn was promoted to Major and transferred to Tallahassee in February of 1973. He was replaced by the new Troop Commander, Captain T. C. Hodges, on March 1, 1973. Captain Hodges was reassigned to the Investigative

Section on September 1, 1974. His replacement was the present Troop Commander, Captain J. E. Love.



New Troop Headquarters Station Troop B, Lake City, dedicated in 1979.

Troop B has five patrol stations. The oldest, Cross City, was built in 1947; Lake City in 1948; Starke in 1959; Gainesville in 1960 and Inglis in 1963. The original stations at Lake City and Cross City were replaced by new modern facilities in 1978 and 1979, respectively.

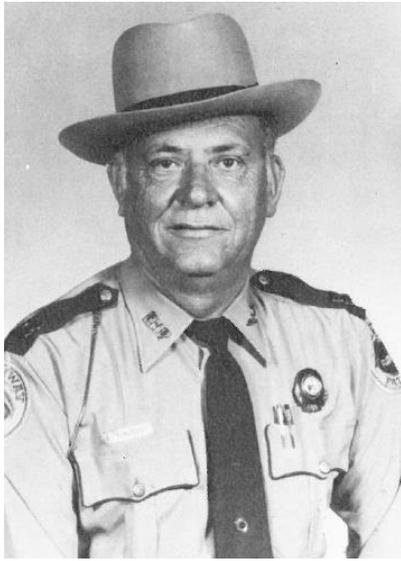


Cross City FHP Station was dedicated in 1979.

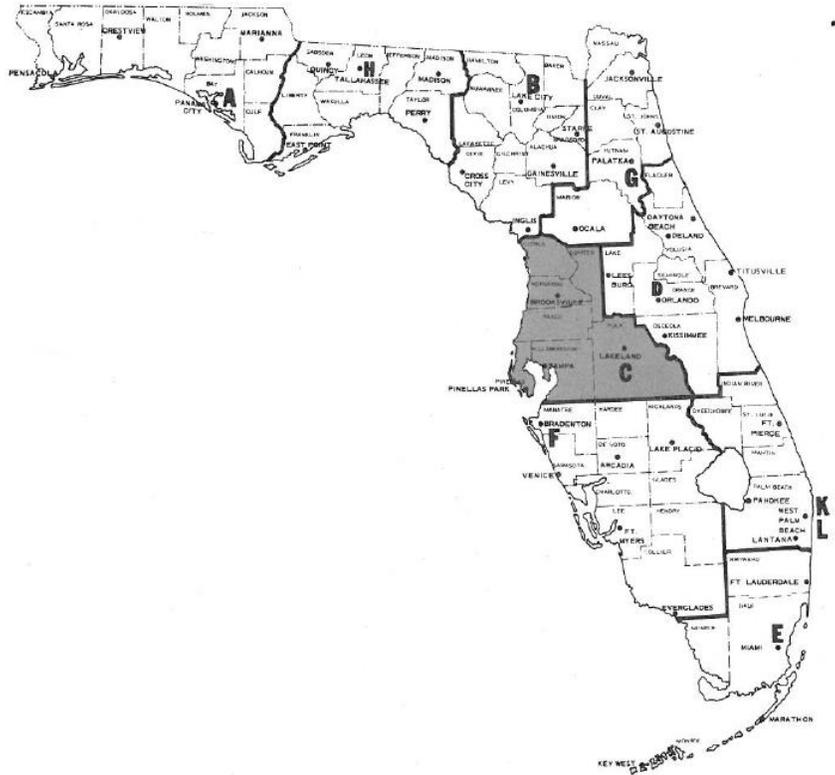
Four members of Troop B have been selected as "Trooper of the Year," and were given awards by the Florida Petroleum Council: Troopers C. R. Mabry and L. F. Mullis in 1969, Trooper Garland S. Paulk in 1971 and Trooper R. E. Williams in 1981.

Troop B former Captains of Troop B were promoted to General Headquarters' Staff. Colonel Reid Clifton served as Director until his retirement in early 1972; Colonel J. E. Beach is our present Director; and Major B. H. Spears is currently Inspector.

Troop C Headquarters Lakeland



Captain W. R. McIntyre
Troop Commander



When the Florida Highway Patrol was created in 1939, the state was divided into three divisions called Northern, Central and Southern Divisions. The headquarters for the Central Division was in the basement of the State Road Department in Bartow and in 1951 moved to Lakeland.

In July of 1950 the divisions were broke up into Troops and at that time the Central Division, which consisted of the 3rd and 4th districts, was split to form the present Troop C, except for Highland and Hardee Counties, which were transferred to help form Troop F in 1955 and the 4th district was designated Troop D.

Captain H. C. (Red) Martin was the first Commander of the Central Division and he was replaced by Captain Mack Britt who later transferred to Bradenton to take over Troop F. Captain Olin Hill was transferred to this Troop and remained until he retired in 1966. At that time, Captain S. L. Clements, Jr. was named Troop Commander until his retirement in February of 1980. He was replaced by our present Troop Commander, Captain W. R. McIntyre.



Troop C Headquarters in Lakeland. Dedicated to General Ralph Davis June 16, 1980.



New Brooksville District Office dedicated April, 1981.

Troop C moved into a new headquarters building in Lakeland in December of 1979, which was dedicated on June 16, 1980, to our former Executive Director, General Ralph D. Davis, a native of Polk County.



Troop C District Headquarters Tampa

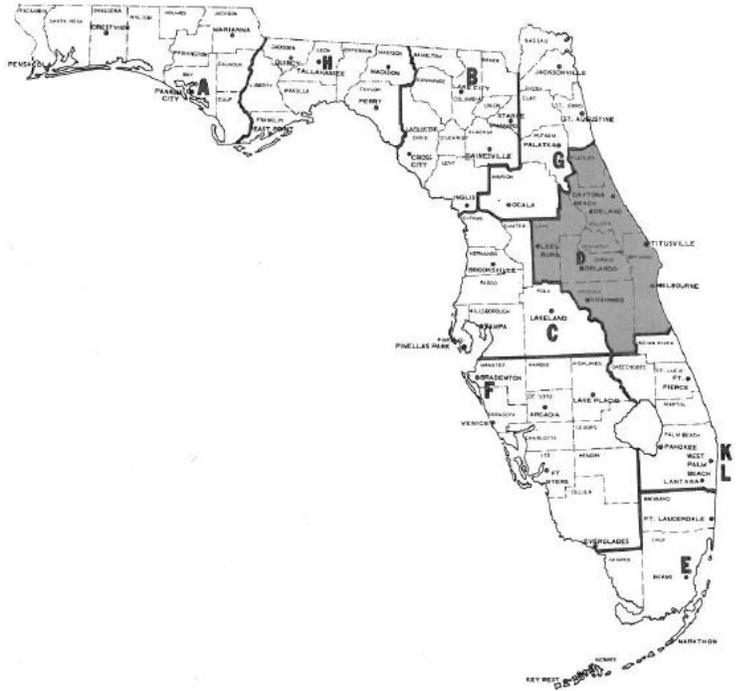
We have four district offices in Troop C. They are Lakeland, Tampa, Pinellas Park and Brooksville, which moved into a new district office in April of 1981.

Troop C Personnel consists of 167 uniformed personnel, 25 radio operators, 15 clerks, 1 secretary, 4 janitors and 2 radio engineers.

Troop D Headquarters Orlando



Captain J. W. King, Jr.
Troop Commander



Since Troop D was first formed in 1950 under the supervision of Captain Clyde Carlan, it has experienced phenomenal growth in what has become one of the fastest growing areas of the state. Troop D encompasses Orange, Osceola, Lake, Seminole, Volusia, Brevard and Flagler Counties with headquarters in Orlando. This area was formerly designated as the Fourth District of the Central Division.

The first station in Troop D was opened in the early part of 1949 in Melbourne. In November 1956 a new Patrol Station became operational in Deland under the command of Lieutenant H. A. Weaver. In February 1958 Lieutenant Weaver was promoted to Captain and transferred to Orlando to assume command of Troop D. He provided competent and distinguished leadership in that capacity until his retirement in February, 1980. He was replaced by Captain Jack W. King on March 1, 1980 who presently serves as Troop Commander. Captain A. P. Edlin was added to the staff of Troop D on January 1, 1981, due to Troop I being phased out.

In addition to the existing stations in Melbourne, Orlando and Deland, a station was opened in Leesburg on April 1, 1965 and another in Daytona Beach in 1967. Continued increases within the scope of the Florida Highway Patrol's responsibilities dictated the establishment of additional stations in Kissimmee in 1974 and Titusville in 1976 bringing the total stations in Troop D to seven.

There have been many significant attractions and events for which the area has become known, in addition to the favorable climate and environment, which has contributed to making Troop D the largest Troop in the State.



Captain A. P. Edlin, Jr.



Corporal Sanders rappels from a 400 foot tower at Seaworld during Troop D riot squad training.

In Brevard County at the NASA Space Center at Cape Canaveral, it has become routine to put astronauts in orbit around the earth, on the moon, etc., and return them safely to earth. The most recent accomplishment was the launch of the Space Shuttle which drew several hundred thousand spectators.

Disney World, the largest and most popular tourist attraction in Florida and the Country, opened in 1970 and is located in the southwest portion of Troop D in Orange County. Daily visitors normally range from 45,000 - 65,000 depending upon the season of the year and are largely comprised of residents from the entire United States and many foreign countries. Disney presently has under construction a huge project known as the Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow (EPCOT) which is slated to open in October, 1982. It is projected that daily attendance will approximately double when fully operational.

The Disney impact on the Orange/Osceola County area has caused a spin-off of other large attractions, either existing or under construction, and has contributed significantly to an influx of new residents and industrial expansion.

The Daytona Beach area in Troop D is famous for its beach and the Daytona International Speedway, where two major NASCAR Races are hosted annually. The Speedway facility will accommodate in excess of 100,000 spectators.

With the growth of Troop D, we have the distinction of being the only Troop in the State with two Riot Squads consisting of a total of 50 uniformed personnel.

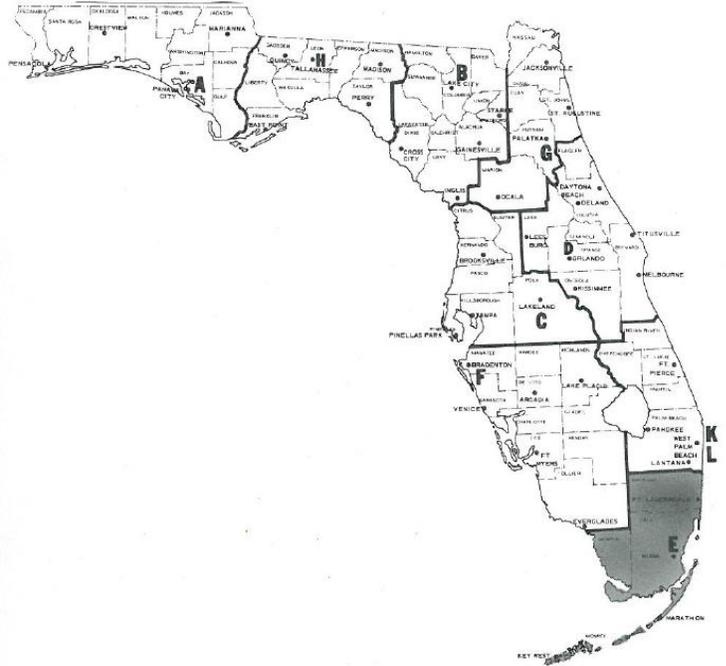
In the Legislative Session of 1980, the Legislature mandated that the Florida Highway Patrol be removed from truck weighing responsibilities.

Consequently, on January 1, 1981, one additional Captain, one Lieutenant, one First Sergeant, four Troopers and five Clerical personnel were added to the ranks of Troop D. Since Troop D was first formed in 1950 with 37 personnel, it has expanded to include 36 Supervisors, 154 troopers, 3 engineers, 42 radio/teletype operators, 26 clerical personnel and 9 custodians.

Troop E Headquarters Miami



Captain J. W. Carmody
Troop Commander



Troop E, the metropolitan lower east coast of the State, had its roots as the headquarters of the Southern Division of the Florida Highway Patrol. Originally located within the Broward County courthouse in Fort Lauderdale, the headquarters was moved to Miami in early 1947.

The first commander for the Southern Division was Captain Stuart Senneff. Captain Senneff took command in 1941, when the Florida Highway Patrol divided the State into three geographical/operational areas. Captain Senneff was followed by Captain Tobe Bass in March, 1946.

Reid Clifton, who eventually became Florida Highway Patrol Division Director, was promoted to Captain in November, 1949. When he was transferred to Tallahassee, J. G. Gallop was named interim commander in February, 1953.

J. W. Hagans was promoted to Division Commander in January, 1954, and was followed by Captain H. L. Simmons in August, 1954. Simmons served in that capacity until August, 1957.

J. W. Jourdan was next to fill the position of Division Commander from 1957 until E. D. Duggar replaced him in January, 1960. During Duggar's tenure, Troop E was created in its present geographical configuration of Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties.

Following Captain Duggar's retirement, W. A. Stevens was promoted to Troop Commander. In 1967, J. E. Hicks became Troop Commander and served in that capacity for eleven years, and in February, 1978, he was promoted to Major, in charge of the Southern District. R. B. Garriss was promoted to Captain, replacing Captain Hicks, remaining in that position until October 31, 1978, at which time he retired, taking a position with the Governor's Highway Safety Commission.

The present Troop Commander, Captain J. W. Carmody, was given the assignment and promotion November, 1978.

There are four stations in Troop E: Fort Lauderdale Station on Sr-84, which was completed in 1960 and the Broward Unit moved there from the "Basement barracks" that were located near the Broward County Courthouse. The Miami Station was built in 1958 to accommodate both Troop Headquarters and Dade County District functions. Monroe County has two stations - The "Blockhouse", Marathon District Headquarters and the Key West Station.

The saying goes "If it happens, it will probably happen first in Troop E" and that is an accurate assessment of the activity in this area. Unusual, unique, mind-boggling events take place on the lower east coast of Florida.

The largest events to which Florida Highway Patrol Troopers were ever detailed happened in Troop E. In 1972, both Political Parties came to Miami Beach to hold their presidential nominating conventions. The Patrol assigned 325 Troopers to act as the primary mobile task force to prevent violent disruption of the conventions. The FHP received worldwide recognition for their professionalism in that detail.

The Patrol was called on for a large contingent of men again in June, 1979, when more than 50 Troopers were detailed to provide protective escorts for fuel delivery trucks from Port Everglades, Ft. Lauderdale, to points in Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties. The Patrol provided the security for 1800 National Guardsmen and support personnel assigned to the delivery of fuel after the Independent Transportation Operators went on strike.

In April 1980, the Mariel Boat Lift, which brought 125,000 Cuban Refugees into Key West and other South Florida points, brought the Patrol into action in another high-visibility detail. Approximately 80 Troopers were sent to assist Dade and Monroe County Troopers and local police in providing security, escorts and law enforcement functions at holding centers in both counties. There were 2,200 National Guardsmen on duty in Dade and Monroe County.

"The Miami Task Force Detail" became a familiar phrase around the State in late December, 1980 and January, 1981. One Hundred additional Troopers were sent to Miami to relieve local departments of traffic responsibilities and to assist in fighting a staggering growth in the crime rate.

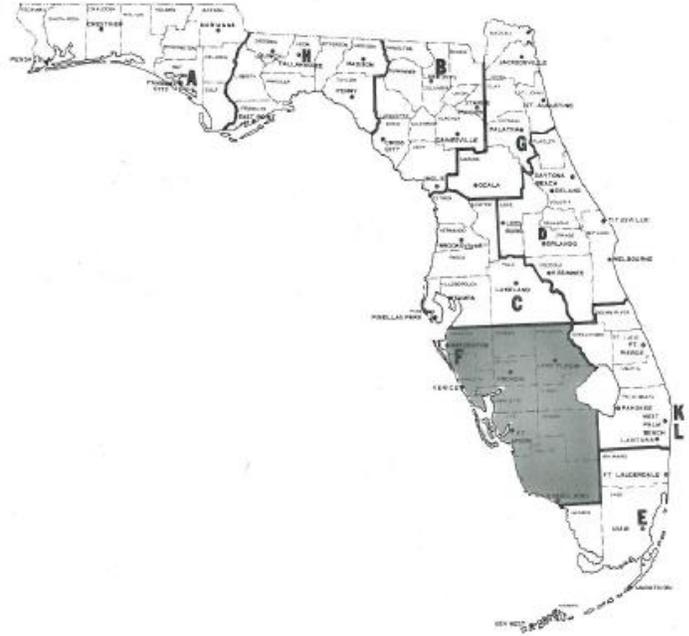
These details provide the proof of two historically accurate facts: "If it is going to happen, it will happen in Troop E" and "The Florida Highway Patrol can and will successfully handle any assignment in their dedication to the citizens."

Troop E now has 244 employees, consisting of 196 uniformed personnel, 26 Radio operators, 1 secretary, 1 receptionist, 12 clerk-typists, 5 maintenance workers and 3 communications technicians.

Troop F Headquarters Bradenton



Captain L. D. Brady
Troop Commander

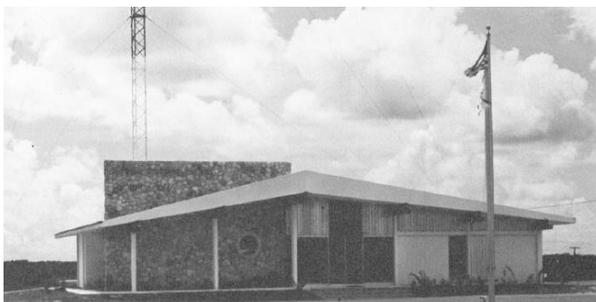


On January 1, 1955, eight counties, consisting of Manatee, Sarasota, DeSoto, Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Glades and Hendry, were designated as Troop F of the Florida Highway Patrol with Troop Headquarters in Bradenton, Manatee County, Florida.

The Fort Myers FHP station was built in 1940 and the original Bradenton FHP station in 1951. The Arcadia FHP station was next to open and it was completed in 1956. Progress has taken its course since the opening of the new station in Bradenton on March 6, 1965.



FHP Station in Fort Myers district.



Troop F Sub-Station Everglades City

The Everglades FHP station was erected in 1966. Hardee and Highlands Counties were adopted to Troop F in 1962 and another station was built in Lake Placid in 1967 to serve Highlands, DeSoto and Hardee Counties. Still realizing the need to keep up with the growing population, an additional station was constructed in Venice and completed September 1976. In October 1980, a new Troop Headquarters in Bradenton was constructed and relocated on State Road 70; this was just in time to be available to the motoring public of the newly constructed Interstate System (I-75).

When Troop F was formed, Captain M. G. Britt became the first Troop Commander and remained until his retirement on August 31, 1955. The next Troop Commander was Captain J. W. Jourdan, who served until his transfer to Miami in September 1957.

Captain Jourdan was replaced by Captain F. M. Thomas who was Troop Commander until his untimely death in June 1958. Captain J. T. Prater filled the vacancy as Troop Commander until transferring to Palatka on November 1, 1960. At that time, Captain Jake Raulerson transferred to Bradenton as Troop Commander until November 15, 1970, when he transferred to Tallahassee as Commander of Troop M. Captain A. E. Hambacher became Troop Commander until his retirement in January 1976. Since that time, the troop has been commanded by Captain L. D. Brady, the current Troop Commander.



Florida Highway Patrol Station in Venice.



New Troop F Headquarters opened in 1980 at Bradenton.

The first Florida Highway Patrol training school was held in Bradenton on November 5, 1939. It was conducted by various agencies such as the FBI, National Safety Council, Attorney General's Office and the American Red Cross.

Troop F is recognized for a number of outstanding contributions to the Florida Highway Patrol. Among the contributions, Troop F formed the first Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary Unit in the State. Members of the Auxiliary were awarded certificates of graduation by Colonel H. N. Kirkman. Troop F now has five FHPA Units and is approximately 85 strong.

Troop F has had four troopers that have been awarded the "Trooper of the Year" Award: Trooper Jerry Harrison, 1963; Trooper K. M. King, 1974; and Troopers C. L. Pascoe and J. R. Motes shared the honor in 1979.

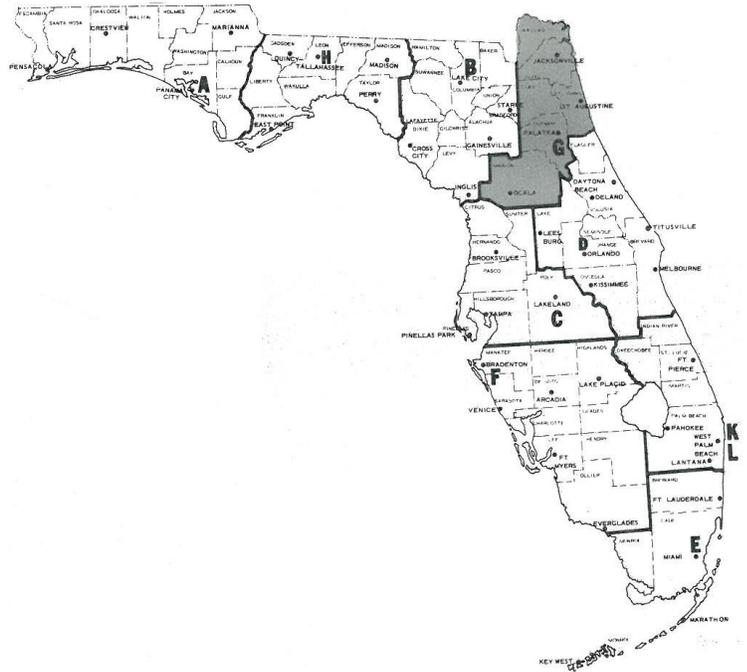
Troop F also aided in one of the most tragic occurrences that has ever happened - the collision of the Summit Venture on May 9, 1980, when it struck the Sunshine Skyway Bridge, causing 35 fatalities.

Troop F consists of 97 uniform personnel, 1 secretary, 9 clerk-typists, 31 radio teletype operators, 6 custodial workers and 2 communication equipment technicians - totaling 146 employees.

Troop G Headquarters Palatka



Captain T. C. Hodges
Troop Commander



On January 1, 1957, Troop G began operations with thirty-four uniformed men in Putnam, Clay, St. Johns, Marion, Nassau, Duval and Bradford Counties. The Troop Headquarters located in East Palatka was staffed by one Lieutenant (acting captain), one corporal, two radio teletype operators and one secretary. There were stations in Ocala and Jacksonville, and later stations were constructed in Starke and St. Augustine. In August 1961, Bradford County was returned to Troop B leaving Troop G the six counties of which it is presently composed.



FHP Sub-Station in St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

Captain C. W. Hancock was Troop Commander from the time the Troop was formed until he suffered a serious heart attack in July of 1960. Lieutenant K. D. Sconiers was made Acting Captain and functioned as Troop Commander from July 5, 1960, until December 15, 1960. Captain J. T. Prater became the third Troop

Commander and served until his retirement on February 29, 1968. Captain Jimmy Hill was the fourth Troop G Commander from July 1968, until February 1, 1975, when he retired. Captain Thomas C. Hodges was then appointed as Troop G Commander and is presently serving in that capacity.

Troop G is divided into three districts - Jacksonville, Palatka and Ocala, with each being commanded by a lieutenant. A new Troop Headquarters in Palatka was constructed in 1978, and this new Troop Headquarters was dedicated in October of 1979, to the first Troop Commander of Troop G, Captain C. W. Hancock.

Nearly twenty-four years after its formation, Troop G now has 108 uniformed personnel, 21 radio teletype operators, 2 secretaries, 1 radio technician and 8 clerks for a total of 145 employees.

Troop G Ocala District - In the early days of the Patrol, Marion County had one sergeant and two troopers who were assigned to patrol the whole county. Ocala continued to grow in population and size which required additional troopers and support personnel.

In December of 1980, Ocala was made a separate district in Troop G and Lieutenant T. H. Boatright was assigned as District Commander. The Ocala District currently has 32 employees which includes 25 uniformed personnel. Population in Ocala, Marion County, has grown from 51,600 in 1960 to an estimated 126,000 in 1981.



Captain T. C. Hodges stands in front of the new Palatka FHP Station.



FHP Water Rescue Unit Troop G, Jacksonville

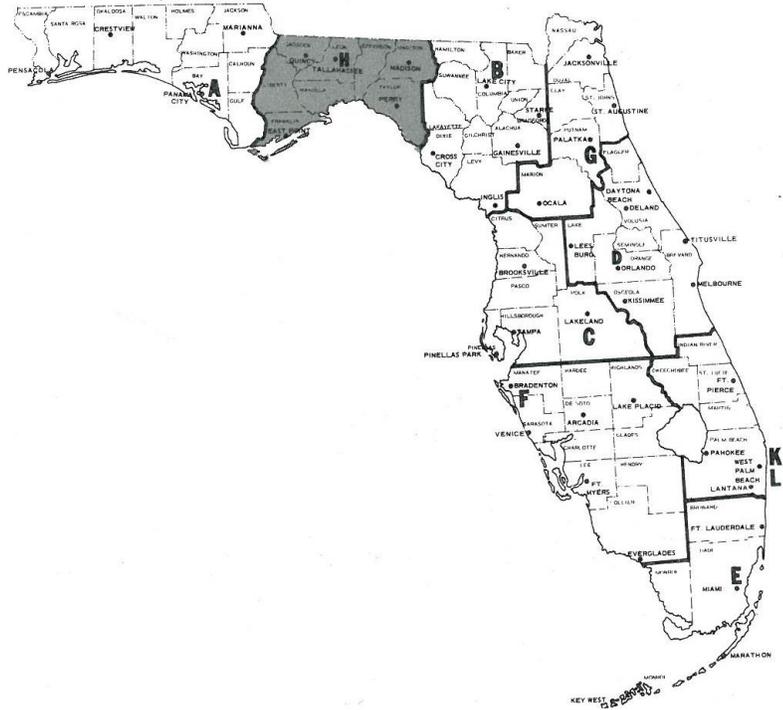


District Headquarters Jacksonville

Troop H Headquarters Tallahassee



Captain J. P. Cook
Troop Commander



The territory described above is the area of Florida commonly known as the "Big Bend" and is the portion of the state the Florida Highway Patrol knows as Troop H. Consisting of Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla counties, the Troop was formerly known as Headquarters Section and was officially designated Troop H in March 1957, with headquarters in Tallahassee.

The Troop Headquarters building is located at 2100 Mahan Drive and was completed in 1966 while Captain A. D. Cosson was serving as Troop Commander. Formerly the Troop Headquarters had been located in a building in front of the Kirkman Building.

Lt. J. P. Cook assumed command of Troop H in late 1967, when Captain Cosson transferred to GHQ, and was promoted to Captain on April 1, 1968. Captain Cook is still the commander of the Troop having served the Florida Highway Patrol since 1946.

Troop H consists of four sub-stations in addition to the Tallahassee Station. These are Perry, which was completed in 1961; Quincy, which was completed in 1965; Madison, which was completed in 1967; and Apalachicola, which was completed in 1970. Presently these stations are staffed by Sgt. Carl Williams in Perry, Sgt. B. J. Tinney and Cpl. C. W. Moore in Madison, Sgt. R. B. Gray and Cpl. T. F. Daniels in Apalachicola, and Sgt. R. I. Beard, Cpl. F. L. Bowden and Cpl. A. P. Sasser in Tallahassee.

Troop Headquarters is staffed by Captain Cook, Lt. C. L. Pfeiffer, and F/Sgt. C. H. Strickland. Safety Education and Public Relations activities are handled by Sgt. E. E. Anderson, with Recruiting duties assigned to Trp. V. Johnson and Applicant Investigation to Trp. J. T. Owens.



"From the Apalachicola...To the Suwannee" "From Georgia ...To the Gulf"

The Troop has an unusual amount of activity each year as the legislature convenes bringing a great amount of traffic to the area. In addition Florida State Univ., Florida A & M Univ., Tallahassee Community College, Maclay Gardens, Wakulla Springs and many other attractions contribute to a steady flow of traffic through the "Big Bend."

Troop H is the host for such festivals as the Pine Tree Festival in Perry, the Watermelon Festival in Monticello, the Seafood Festival in Apalachicola and the Blue Crab Festival in Panacea. All these activities provide for a considerable amount of extra duties and details.

The Florida Petroleum Council makes an annual award to the Florida Law Enforcement Officer for "Outstanding Execution of Duty for the Performance of an Act of Heroism." This award was implemented in 1965 with Trooper Q. O. Whittle of Perry the recipient of this first award. Trooper Whittle is still assigned to Taylor County having served 25 years this year. Several other Troop H members have received awards from local civic groups. Some of these have been Sgt. E. E. Anderson, Cpl. F. L. Bowden, Sgt. W. F. Flagg and Trooper J. E. Gillis.

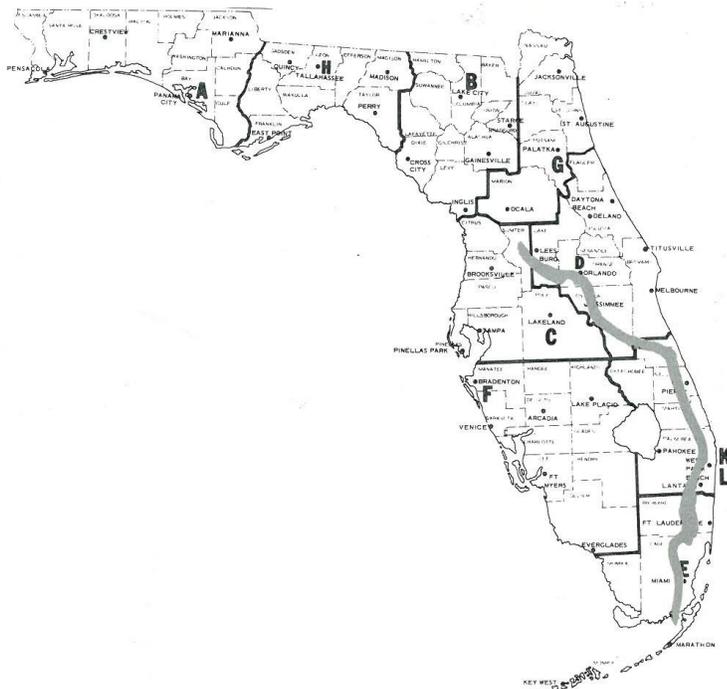
Troop H is the host Troop each four years for the Governors Inauguration and this activity requires a great amount of time, effort and coordination on the part of Troop H Staff as well as GHQ Staff.

The Troop has 57 uniformed members, 26 radio operators, 2 radio engineers, 1 secretary, 4 clerks and 5 custodians.

Troop K Headquarters West Palm Beach



Captain R. L. Hays
Troop Commander



The Legislature provided for this Troop when it created the Turnpike system. It stipulated that the Florida Highway Patrol was to provide law enforcement.

Troop K became the tenth troop of the Florida Highway Patrol in 1956. Currently Troop K has 83 troopers assigned in three districts, patrolling a total of 326 miles of limited access highways in Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Okeechobee, Osceola, Orange, Lake and Sumter Counties.

The first troopers assigned to the Turnpike patrolled completed sections of the Turnpike while it was still under construction to protect equipment and prevent unauthorized use until the system opened.

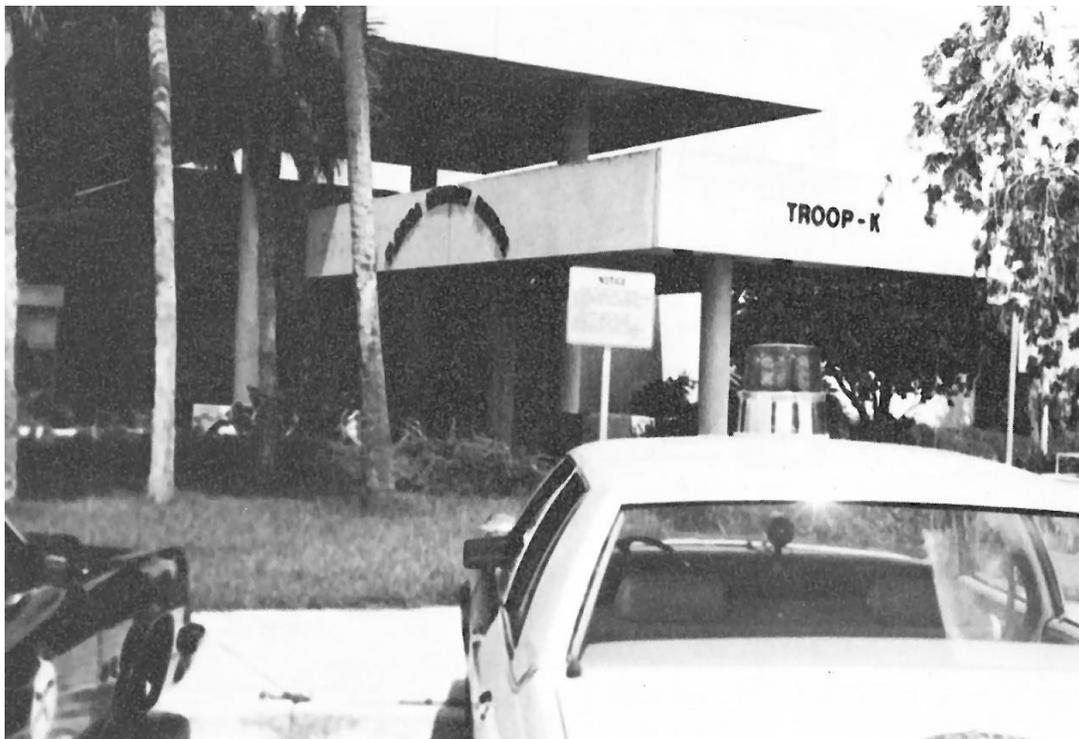
In October 1956, Captain C. E. Taylor and First Sgt. Enry Randall were assigned to form the new Troop and with the opening of the Turnpike in January 1957, the Troop became operational. Thirty-three men were assigned to the original Troop with troop headquarters in Ft. Lauderdale. Later troop headquarters moved to West Palm Beach.

In 1962, Captain Taylor retired and Lt. W. R. Kaufman was promoted to Captain and assumed command. In July of that year, the Turnpike extension from Ft. Pierce to Wildwood opened and seventeen additional troopers were assigned to the Troop. A new district was created with its headquarters in Orlando. Additional men were assigned to the Troop in 1965 and again in 1967, to meet the increased workload brought about by the rapid expansion of traffic.

Captain W. R. Kaufman was promoted to Major in March 1972 and Captain R. L. Hays assumed command of Troop K. In late 1973 the West Dade Expressway opened making it necessary to establish the Homestead District with additional troopers being assigned.

Currently Troop K's authorized strength is 83 troopers, 14 radio/teletype operators, 4 secretaries, 4 clerk typists, 1 service technician, 1 groundskeeper and 1 custodial worker for a total of 103 employees.

In February 1979, the West Palm Beach and Orlando communication centers were completely renovated and a new radio system installed. Posts 1 and 2, in the Homestead District, were consolidated and relocated in the Snapper Creek Service Area in 1980. Troop K has additional posts located at Pompano Beach, West Palm Beach, Stuart, Yeehaw Junction, Orlando and Leesburg.



New District office for Troop K at the Snapper Creek service area near Homestead.

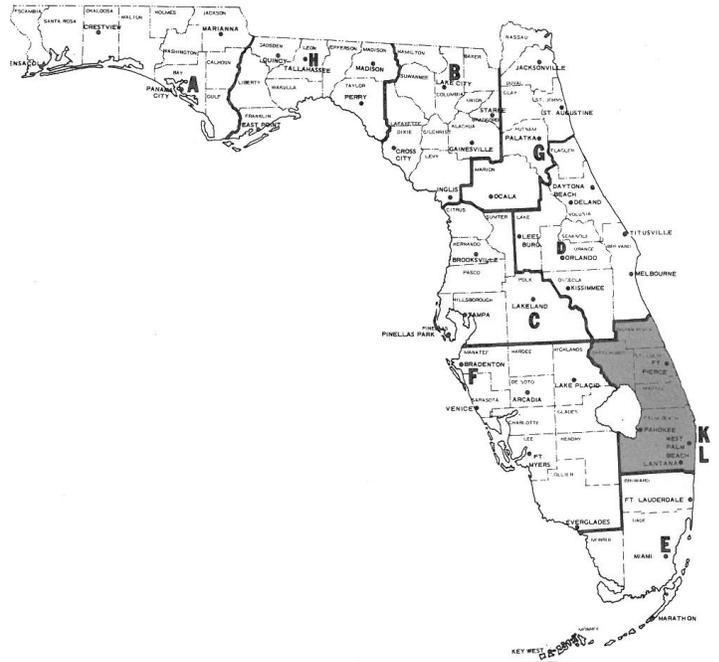
The Turnpike is in a constant state of flux. Construction is ongoing to continuously upgrade the system to keep pace with the increase in traffic. The Department of Transportation, in order to increase the capacity for additional traffic, safety and convenience, has provided for six-laning the Turnpike from the Miramar Interchange to the McArthur Interchange, with plans to extend northward to the Pompano Beach Interchange in the near future. The toll facilities at McArthur, Hollywood and Tamiami will be enlarged to better serve the motoring public.

A new upgraded microwave communication system is also in progress that will vastly improve or capability to respond to the ever increasing service demands of the motorist.

Troop L Headquarters Lantana



Captain B. R. Burkett
Troop Commander



Troop L came into existence in December 1960 by the division of Troop E. The first headquarters was on North Military Trail in West Palm Beach and was commanded by Captain J. W. Hagans until his retirement in December 1973. On January 1, 1974, Lieutenant W. B. Oliver was promoted to Captain, Troop Commander of Troop L and remained until his promotion to Major in December 1980. Lieutenant B. R. Burkett was promoted to Captain and is present Troop Commander.



Herman L. Morris Building - Troop L Headquarters in Lantana

The troop is divided into three districts. The Lantana district is headquarters for the eastern half of Palm Beach County. The Pahokee station is sub-district headquarters for the western half of Palm Beach County. The Ft. Pierce station serves as district headquarters for St. Lucie, Okeechobee, Martin and Indian River Counties.

The new troop headquarters is now located in Lantana. This building was dedicated in March 1978 to Trooper Herman L. Morris who gave his life in the line of duty on March 6, 1972.



Troop L District Headquarters in Ft. Pierce

The five acres on which the building is located was a part of the A. G. Holley State Hospital property and was provided by Governor Reubin Askew, the Cabinet and the Division of Health, Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

The Ft. Pierce headquarters is located on North 25th Street and was dedicated in January 1977. The Pahokee sub-district also has a new building named for former Director of the Florida Highway Patrol, Reid Clifton.

Troop L has 83 uniformed officers, 1 secretary, 4 clerks, 16 radio teletype operators, two communication technicians and four custodial workers.



Reid Clifton Building, Pahokee sub-district office
for West Palm Beach County.