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*President's Message*

Dear Members of the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency,

As we reach the halfway point of the year, I am continually impressed by the outstanding work each chapter has accomplished. From impactful trainings to numerous community service projects, the energy and dedication are truly inspiring. We've also witnessed the revitalization of inactive chapters, and the enthusiasm within our association is contagious.

At our state board meeting in February, we had the privilege of witnessing the fruits of your collective efforts. One highlight was presenting a significant amount of food donations to the Hillsborough County area Pace Center for Girls—a testament to the generosity and commitment of our members. In line with our "Anything Is Possible" theme we received training on AI technology and how it improves communication by voice, video, or data.

Our chapter presidents have stepped up to the challenge of sending more members to the Training Institute in September. I am looking forward to an exciting spring and working with our chapter presidents on reaching our goals and continuing to serve our communities.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Whitworth  
State President



# 2025 Statewide Community Service Project

By Donna Wiebe, Community Service Chairperson

FCCD State President Michelle’s theme for 2024-2025 is “Anything is Possible”; and she has chosen the Pace Center for Girls as her statewide community service project.

Since 1985, Pace has been a leading advocate, providing programs that help girls and young women thrive across more than 23 communities in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Pace envisions a world where all girls and young women are safe, have economic security and an opportunity to use their voice in shaping their future. Pace has served approximately 3,000+ girls each year, with a total of 40,000+ since 1985.

At the board meeting in Tampa, February 7 and 8, 2025, we collected nonperishable food items and hygiene items for the Pace Center for Girls in Tampa. We collected approximately \$5,000 in food/hygiene items and presented them with a check for \$250.00. A huge thanks to all chapters and members that participated and to the PBA Probation Officer Chapter for their monetary donation. Davia Lerebours, the Executive Director of the Tampa Center was overwhelmed by the donations from our members.



The photo shows one half of the items collected along with the FCCD Board.

As a reminder, we will be collecting for the Pace Center for Girls in Orlando, during the annual institute in September 2025. Requested items are underwear (size S-XXL), soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, hair ties, shampoo and conditioner.

We also have a wish list for our boutique, the Pace boutique is a special space where our girls “shop” using points they’ve earned throughout the school year through their hard work and achievements. To motivate and reward their efforts, we strive to keep the boutique stocked with items that excite and inspire them. The girls themselves have provided input on what they’d love to see, many of which are things they desire but can’t easily obtain due to their families’ limited income. To ensure we can keep offering new and exciting options, we’ve put together an Amazon list with items suggested by the girls. These items represent what they would most like to shop for Pace Boutique List. Although this is an Amazon list, you’re welcome to use it as an inspiration and purchase similar items from any retailer. It simply serves as a guide to what the girls would love to see at the boutique.

# MEMORIAL TO FALLEN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

## Chapter 2

By Logan Harrod, Treasurer



The Florida Department of Corrections hosts an annual Memorial to Fallen Officers and Employees to recognize those officers and employees who have lost their life while on duty or in the line of duty. Over the years, FDC has added 104 names to the memorial. In an effort to ensure all eligible staff are added and honored in the appropriate manner, institutional and community corrections leadership submit the names of individuals who meet the criteria. Each submission is carefully reviewed by FDC’s Executive Leadership Team to ensure all facts are known and accurate. During the ceremony, each member’s family is provided an American Flag in a wooden case, and a FDC challenge coin with the member’s dates of service. Additionally, the hallway at the Harry K. Singletary Building includes a framed photograph of each member.

For the 2025 calendar year, FDC was fortunate that no staff member met this criteria to be added to the memorial. Although no staff will be added, a wreath laying ceremony and a reading of the names will still occur in April to honor those officers and employees who made the ultimate sacrifice for our agency and fellow staff. As of February 2025, FDC is set to honor one fallen officer for the 2026 memorial.





## CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

### Chapter 3



**A** Heartfelt Thank You to Avon Park FCCD Chapter 3, Desoto FCCD Chapter 28, and Hardee FCCD Chapter 34 for an Incredible Cornhole Tournament with FCCD Chapter 3 hosting.

We want to extend a huge thank you to all who participated in our first-ever cornhole tournament, and to the chapters from Hardee, Avon Park, and Desoto for coming together in such a big way! It was a fantastic day filled with friendly competition, laughter, and a spirit of camaraderie that truly showcased the heart of our community.

Thanks to your support, we had an excellent turnout and an even more remarkable time. It was especially heartwarming for our staff, many of whom had the chance to reconnect with retired colleagues they hadn't seen in years. It's moments like these that remind us of the lasting bonds we share, and how events like this help bring us closer together.

We are also incredibly proud of the proceeds raised during the tournament, which will go on to support Special Olympics. It's a cause that's near and dear to so many of us, and thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of everyone involved, we were able to contribute to such a meaningful cause.

A special thanks goes out to all the volunteers, participants, and sponsors who made this event a success. Your time, effort, and energy didn't go unnoticed, and we're so grateful for each and every one of you. We look forward to making this an annual event and building even more memories with all of you in the years to come.

Here's to more fun, more connections, and more opportunities to give back. Thank you once again for making this event a memorable one!



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# PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS

## Chapter 3



sphere of compassion and support, reinforcing the values of care and respect that are so important within our mission. CO. Medicus efforts help ensure that their personal hygiene needs are met and that they feel valued and cared for. Your actions set an outstanding example of service, compassion, and selflessness, and we are truly grateful for your continued support.

The impact that these young ladies will have on our world is unpredictable. Providing hygiene products is one of the many ways we can give back. This is just the beginning, the first of many donations that will be collected by Chapter 3 this year to benefit this great cause. Self-worth is something that we all strive to have. When the tools necessary to succeed are available to us, it's so much easier to reach our goals.

It's important that every young lady have the basic essentials needed to thrive in a world full of obstacles. These donations are more than collected items, they show the community support for this awesome cause.



Chapter 3 is proud to present our very own Rachel Medicus with a Certificate of Appreciation for her large contribution to the first leg of our annual Pace donation challenge.

I am writing to extend our heartfelt appreciation and recognition for your generous donation to the Pace foundation. Your thoughtful contribution of personal care items, including toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine pads, mouthwash, bar soap, liquid soap, shampoo, conditioner, and dental floss, demonstrates your exceptional commitment to the well-being of those we serve.

CO. Medicus act of kindness not only provides essential items to the girls but also creates an atmo-

# HOLIDAY CHEER!

## Chapter 3

December 18th, 2024, FCCD Chapter 3 prepared to visit the Oaks of Avon Nursing and Rehabilitation center. There were several of our chapter members coming, including Dee the pug and Sandy the terrier mix. The K9 combo couldn't be resisted...everyone wanted to love on them. What a great addition to our Holiday ensemble. When we entered the facility, it was quiet, business as usual. Little did they know, we came ready and equipped to spread Christmas Joy and Cheer to everyone there! We made our way through the entryway and halls leading into the dining room, there were several residents already waiting and excited about our visit.

We began with singing Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer to the piano (played by our own Ms. Kuehl) that was keeping perfect tempo, both residents and staff joined us in spreading the Cheer. What an impact, we saw their faces light up with delight and smiles from ear to ear.

For those who didn't have family to participate in the Christmas Holiday Season with, we came prepared with 35 gift bags. We quietly crept down the halls taking turns blessing each of them with gifts. All the while sharing much needed smiles and brief companionship to all those we visited with.

We were nearing the end of our giving list and came across Shirley. She had a special request for us to sing a Christmas Carol at her door, we were all eager to oblige. As the song came to an end, we found out, it was her birthday! We all sang Happy Birthday to Ms. Shirley before making our way back to the dining room.

We couldn't leave without singing a few more Christmas Carols. On we went with Jingle Bells and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.... This may seem like a small gesture for those of us who have families and loved ones to share this season with. Sometimes in our lives we are placed in different situations that are unexpected during the holidays, it is little things like this, that can be lifechanging for those.

During this time of year, it's especially important to remember those who can't travel to spend time with their family, or don't have family to spend time with.





# TOYS, FOOD, BLOOD DRIVE DONATIONS

## Chapter 4

By Tammy Marcus, Chapter 4 President



Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency (FCCD Chapter 4) and Circuit 17 Community Corrections in Broward County collected toys during the Christmas holiday for the Broward County Magic School Bus project which provided toys to children in Broward County whose families needed assistance. FCCD members and Probation Officers from Circuit 17 in Fort Lauderdale donated a large box of toys to help make the holidays



a little brighter for the children in the local community.

Chapter 4 also participates in a quarterly blood drive where the ONEBLOOD Mobile Bus comes to the Tri-Plex probation office in Fort Lauderdale. On January 10, 2025, eight individuals donated blood which it is reported that with every donation 3 lives are saved. Thus, our members potentially saved a total of 24 lives from this blood drive.

Chapter 4 members have also made many numerous donations over the past few months to the ADVA Women's Abuse Shelter in Palm Beach. Donated items include food, toiletry items, clothes, house wares, and cleaning supplies. A Special Thanks to Chapter 4's FCCD treasurer Sherri Cole who makes regular drop offs of all the donations to the shelter to ensure their food pantry is well stocked!

Chapter 4 also provided ten boxes of books, movies, housewares, and clothes to veterans. Chapter 4 has made this community service project an ongoing event.





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# FOOD DRIVE, VETERAN'S EVENT, ANGEL TREE, AND SO MUCH MORE

## Chapter 5

On November 26th, Chapter 5 made a heartfelt effort to support those in need by delivering food donations to the Lawtey Grace Methodist Church. They also reached out to the Starke Thrift Store, which compassionately provides meals to the homeless in our community every day. It's truly inspiring to see such generosity in action!



On December 1st, Chapter 5 hosted its annual meet and greet at the Robert H. Jenkins Jr. Veteran's Domiciliary, which included a tree decorating activity. This event is highly anticipated by the veterans, who appreciate the opportunity to socialize and engage with Chapter 5 Members. Chapter 5 takes pride in contributing to this gathering by providing an afternoon filled with enjoyable food and camaraderie for everyone involved.



On November 27th, Chapter 5 kicked off an electrifying Football Wreath Raffle that had everyone buzzing! The talented Laura Stewart crafted three jaw-dropping wreaths, each inspired by beloved teams: Florida Gators, FSU, and Georgia Bulldogs. The excitement was palpable as staff from Corrections, Probation, and our very own Chapter 5 members rallied together to participate. It was a fantastic event that celebrated our team spirit and brought everyone together for a good cause!

Annual meet and greet for the Veterans...





On December 4th, Chapter 5 brought joy to all 130 children in the Guardian ad Litem program for Bradford, Baker, and Union counties with thoughtful presents. Each year, dedicated staff from Union Correctional Institution, Florida State Prison, Reception and Medical Center, Region 2 Office, and Lawtey Correctional Institution come together, and this year, the Starke Probation Office joined us in making a positive impact in the lives of these children.



Union CI



Lawtey CI



Florida State Prison



Reception Medical Center

On December 6th, Chapter 5 also brought joy to 80 of the 250 children in the Guardian ad Litem program for Columbia County with thoughtful presents. This year dedicated staff from Columbia Correctional Institution and Baker Re-Entry Center came together to make this positive impact. We also pledged to take on more children from their list next year.



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On December 13th, members of Chapter 5, along with dedicated officers from the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, came together to spread joy by delivering gifts to the children at the Episcopal Services Center in Starke, Florida. This wonderful Head Start program supports children from newborns to pre-kindergarten, and our annual event with the Sheriff's Office has become a heartfelt tradition. It's a beautiful occasion that touches the lives of everyone involved, bringing warmth and happiness to these children and their families during the holiday season.

On December 18th, Chapter 5 participated in our 3rd annual Veterans Secret Santa event, showcasing the strength of community and giving. We partnered with veterans from Baker Re-Entry Center and Union Correctional Institution to create heartfelt cards and collect generous donations from staff and Chapter members to provide each veteran with a Walmart gift card. This initiative allows veterans to purchase items that fulfill their needs and desires. Many who reside at the Robert H. Jenkins, Jr. Veterans Domiciliary find themselves without family during the holiday season, making our gift a symbol of love and appreciation. The kindness and generosity shared by everyone involved create a profound impact, reminding us of the importance of connection and support.



Chapter 5 Dorothy Seto, Megan Hatch, Tina Morgan, Naomi Jones, and Zachary Barlow





# AUTISM TRAINING IN SEMINOLE COUNTY: A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

## Chapter 7



On November 14th, 2024, FCCD Chapter 7 was proud to collaborate with the Autism Society of Greater Orlando, which was held at the Seminole County Sheriff’s Office. Donna Lorman, who is the President of the Autism Society of Greater Orlando was the keynote speaker. The training provided attendees with valuable insights and tools for understanding and supporting individuals with autism in their communities and workplaces.

Participants praised Donna Lorman’s expertise and engaging approach, leaving the event inspired and equipped with practical strategies. The overwhelming success of this session has sparked interest from other groups, with many requesting additional training opportunities.

Stay tuned for future sessions as we continue to empower our members and community through education and awareness!



## Membership Spotlight

**Branden D. C. Dunkley**

**STUDENT**

**Branden D. C. Dunkley 's Experience- Shaping My Future!**

Q & A

**Name:** Branden D. C. Dunkley  
**Age:** 14  
**Active years of Service for FCCD Chapter VII:** September 2023-present



**FCCD Chapter VII: Hello. Can you tell us any hobbies you have?**  
**Branden:** I like talking with my friends, and playing in the band. I play in both Jazz and Symphonic Bands. Currently, I’m learning the conga drums. Also, I like to sleep and cook. Sports are my passion, especially football. I LOVE FOOTBALL, my family, and my dog Leia.

**FCCD Chapter VII: What kind of movies do you like?**  
**Branden:** I like watching horror, action, or suspense.

**FCCD Chapter VII: Why did you join FCCD?**  
**Branden:** I joined because I liked helping in the community, and my mom volunteered for me. LOL.

**FCCD Chapter VII: Tell us about your first experience with FCCD:** My first experience was helping with the Changing Room’s Annual Love on the Community Event by Paloma Martinez. It was at Lake Eola in Downtown Orlando. The organization gave clothing, food, and toys to the homeless community and the less fortunate.

**FCCD Chapter VII: What did you learn from that event, and what made it fun?**  
**Branden:** It was fun seeing people (both adults and kids), be excited about getting food, clothes, or a donated toy. I learned people will come together to support a great cause. Also, I learned that even a small action can make a big impact on people. It was a great experience.

**FCCD Chapter VII: How do you think FCCD has helped you?**  
**Branden:** It’s helped me look at things from a different perspective, by understanding how fortunate I am. Also, it makes me feel that I made a difference, even in a small way. Sometimes, I can be a bit shy. FCCD helps me with socializing and making new friends.

**FCCD Chapter VII: Would you recommend joining FCCD to anyone?**  
**Branden:** Yes, I recommend FCCD or any organization if you want to get out, make a difference, and make a change.



### Celebrate Our Members!

Nominate a fellow member to highlight their dedication and achievements. Let’s shine a spotlight on their impact!



# REENTRY SIMULATOR

## Chapter 9

This past quarter, Chapter 9 hosted a Reentry simulator for our community law enforcement personnel and federal judiciaries partners. Reentry simulations demonstrate the struggles and challenges faced by individuals who are transitioning from incarceration back into society. The simulator gives law enforcement personnel and community partners an idea of what offenders endure integrating back into the community. Having knowledge of the struggles gives the community the opportunity to come up with the needed resources and it improves public safety by providing offenders with services that are perceived to reduce the risk of recidivism and to improve integration into the community.



# PARTNERING WITH GET IT GONE

## Chapter 14

### SUCCESS

Over the past quarter, we achieved a major milestone! Partnering with Get it Gone, a local moving and removal service, we collaborated to collect supplies for multiple nonprofit organizations (NPOs), including a local science and technology middle school program in Sarasota, an animal rescue in North Port, a homeless outreach program in Arcadia, and the shoe-gathering project for Chapter 2. These items were gathered and stored by Get it Gone at no cost.

Thanks to our organization’s size and reach, distribution is seamless, as our members routinely gather and deliver these items to service locations within their areas.

### CHALLENGES

Despite these successes, we encountered a few challenges:

**1. Expanding Participation:** We need to connect with more nonprofits interested in participating and clearly identify the specific items they need so that Get it Gone can help locate them during their work in the community.

**2. Efficient Communication:** A centralized communication hub is essential to quickly coordinate and distribute items. Delays can prevent these resources from being put

to good use. While exploring available tools on social media platforms, we want to avoid introducing another app that requires downloads, sign-ups, or membership fees. On a larger scale, group text messaging isn’t a viable solution due to its limitations.

**3. Free listings:** They already exist on platforms like Craigslist, Facebook, and various upcycling websites. However, searching through these locations for items can be time-consuming. Having a centralized location simplifies the process.

**4. Planning for tracking** donations is essential, as it allows us to anticipate the materials NPOs will need in the future. Streamlining this process with an app can help account for these needs more efficiently.

### HOW IT STARTED

This collaboration began when coming across Get it Gone’s Facebook page and noticed they were listing furniture items for free to assist individuals in need. This sparked an idea. As a moving service, Get it Gone frequently encounters unwanted items. While these items might no longer serve a purpose in households, they can be incredibly valuable in other contexts, such as animal care or educational programs.

Expenses add up, and as the saying goes, “Watch the pennies,

and the dollars will follow.” When small but necessary expenses can be alleviated through donated items, funds that would have gone toward these purchases can instead be redirected toward the larger mission of an organization.

Our members participate in other nonprofit organizations focusing on other missions. Recognizing this potential, we initiated a partnership to redirect these items to nonprofits that could repurpose them to benefit the community. This approach not only prevents usable materials from going to waste but also bridges the gap between surplus and need, creating a win-win for everyone involved.

### FCCD and MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Many of our members are actively engaged on the ground, working closely with a variety of nonprofits. FCCD members can contribute by asking these organizations, “What do you need to support your mission?” This simple question can help us better identify and prioritize items for collection and distribution.

We also encourage nonprofits to join FCCD, where they can share ideas, challenges, and solutions with other members across the state. Through these interactions, nonprofits may discover strategies and insights from others who have faced and overcome similar challenges.



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## BLESSING OUR COMMUNITY THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

**Chapter 17** By Josh Lynn, Chapter 17 President



*Guardian ad Litem Toy Drive- Jared Cox, Jessica Roman, Donna Wilkins, Whitney Wilson, and President Josh Lynn*



*Pace Center for Girls Food Drive- Vice President Matthew Harper, Whitney Wilson, and President Josh Lynn*



*Toys for Tots- Jared Cox, Jessica Roman, Donna Wilkins, Whitney Wilson, and President Josh Lynn*

FCCD Chapter 17 members were busy again this quarter making a difference in our community. We started off the quarter collecting gifts for 30 children with our local Guardian ad Litem and Toys for Tots. Through these organizations we were able to bless many children and help make a difference for them this Christmas Season. We participated in "Shop with a Cop" with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, which is always a blessing and a wonderful experience for the children we get to shop with. We also collected food items for the "Pace Center for Girls" in Hillsborough County for our Quarterly Meeting and collected over \$200 worth of items.

We ended this quarter with a great training event where Dr. Cassandra "Cassie" Renzi from Keiser University shared with us about "Understanding Sexual Offenders and Predators". We had a great turnout for this training event with staff from the Volusia County Jail, FDC Community Corrections, and Tomoka Correctional Institution attending this training event. I can't thank the members of Chapter 17 enough for their dedication in making a difference in our community!



# “SHOP WITH A COP” EVENT

## Chapter 18



On December 16, 2024 FCCD Chapter 18 members participated in Shop with a Cop. This event was sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of Silver Springs and held at the Walmart in Silver Springs Shores. Each child was gifted \$100 to purchase presents for themselves or members of their family. Chapter 18 members paired up with the 20 kids and assisted them with their shopping spree. When the shopping was completed, our members assisted

them with wrapping their presents. Santa Claus and the Grinch were on hand in the breakroom area for entertainment and Walmart graciously donated refreshments for the kids and volunteers. This was the second year that Chapter 18 has volunteered to take part in Shop with a Cop to assist the Boys and Girls Club. Our Chapter is looking forward to doing the event again next year.

# TOYS FOR TOTS

Chapter 18 members once again participated in the Annual Toys for Tots Program in Marion County. FWRC, Lowell C.I., Marion C.I., and the Ocala-West Probation Office all collected toys for this drive. Toys for Tots, originally a toy drive started by the U.S. Marine Corps in 1947, has been a staple community service project for Chapter 18 for many years now. Collections bins are set out in early November of each year and collected mid-December and delivered to the Toys for Tots collection site. Our members have generously donated toys over the years to ensure every child receives a gift at Christmas time.



# ANNUAL JINGLE FEST

## Chapter 19

We started out the quarter with our 2nd annual Jingle Fest. It was a huge success, drawing approximately 100 staff and their kids. We had a special visit from Santa Claus all the way from the North Pole! Santa brought Mrs. Claus with him, and together they sat down with staff members kids and gave out gifts. Not only was our staff able to socialize, but we also offered meals and drinks as well as game stations to keep the kids entertained. Gift cards generously donated by a kind stranger to Five Below were given to families who attended. We also held a bake sale in the month of December which raised \$300.00. Several staff members baked their best goodies and brought them in to sell with proceeds going to FCCD.





# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

## Chapter 21

By Mary Widgeon, Past President

Chapter 21 held our 5th Annual Christmas Toy Drive November 18, 2024 through December 18, 2024. This year we partnered with Toys for Tots to ensure that all of the children in Jackson County had a wonderful Christmas. Through the combined efforts of our dedicated members, we were able to donate close to 200 toys to the organization. When Mr. Sean Connolly arrived to pick up the donations, he was amazed at the amount that was collected. He told me a little story about how him and his wife started the Toys for Tots branch in Greenwood together in 2011 and she has since passed away. He told me that he felt it was only right to continue what they started together as a tribute to her memory. He said that he was very thankful we reached out to them to help support the wonderful cause his wife loved so much. This year's toy drive was a huge success as usual and we will continue to strive for excellence in all of our events to come.



# CHRISTMAS CANDY GRAMS



Chapter 21 held our 1st Christmas Candy Grams Event for our members. Everyone had from December 1, 2024 through December 18, 2024 to submit their slips with the information of who they wanted to send a sweet treat to and what they wanted the special message to say. The Candy Grams were then passed out on between December 20, 2024 through December 23, 2024. This was a very nice way to show someone they were appreciated this Christmas season. This event turned out to be a smashing success and had quite the response with over 200 Candy Grams sent out. Chapter 21 is proud of our members for their continued support in all of our events.

# ANNUAL WINTER JACKET DRIVE

## Chapter 21

By Mary Widgeon, Past President



Chapter held our 3rd Annual Winter Jacket Drive September 16, 2024 through November 15, 2024. This year we were able to collect almost 200 jackets which was enough donations to help the children at Sneads Elementary School and Malone Elementary School stay warm during this winter season. We feel like this was a very beneficial event considering the Florida Snowstorm that happened in the Panhandle on January 21, 2025. Without these donations, several children may not have had a jacket to stay warm while playing in the snow. Our members continue to amaze us with their generosity and kindness with every community service event we have.



# REMEMBERING OUR LOCAL NURSING HOME

## Chapter 23

FCCD Chapter 23, and Liberty C.I. collected donations for socks and blankets to give to the local nursing home. Often seniors in the nursing home get forgotten about so we wanted to make sure they knew someone was thinking about them. All 90 residents were able to receive a pair of socks for the Christmas Holidays.



# FLORIDA RETIREMENT PLANNING EVENT



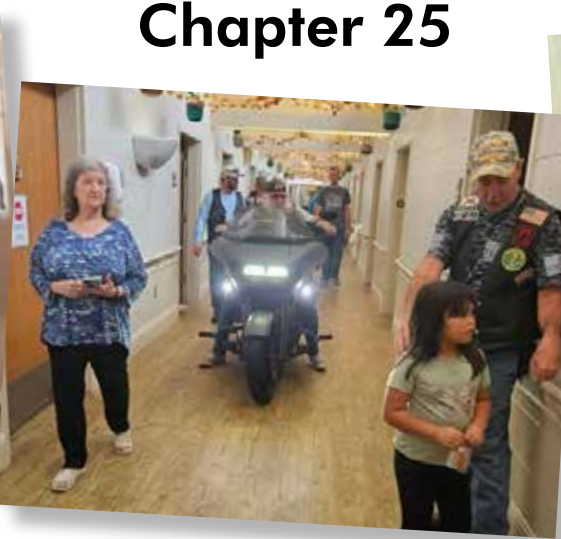
## Chapter 25

FCCD Chapter 25 hosted a Community Dinner with a comprehensive overview of the Florida Retirement System, on December 11, 2024. The presentation was done by Josh Parrish from Southern Financial Group. He explained the different parts of the FRS and delved into some best options for new and current FRS members. He answered many questions, providing knowledge to help us understand our retirement future.



# VETERANS NURSING HOME MOTORCYCLE VISIT

## Chapter 25



Warden Tony Knight, President of FCCD Chapter 25, is also a part of the VFW Post 4437. On Veterans Day, November 11, 2024, a visit was made to 2 local nursing homes to visit the veterans. This was a great day of fun and

surprises to the nursing homes because the VFW was given permission ride their motorcycles right down the hallways. FCCD and VFW Post 4437 also brought gifts to honor the veterans in house.

# THE GRINCH GOES TO SCHOOL Chapter 25

FCCD Chapter 25 and the Grinch visited Bonifay K-8 School as part of their Holiday Celebration. The Grinch had a great time with the students and had fun bothering the teachers. Happy Grinchmas!.





# MEMBERSHIP DRIVES

## Chapter 25



FCCD Chapter 25 hosted Membership Drives at Walton and Holmes Correctional Institutions in December with a little help from Santa Claus and The Grinch. There were a good handful of very interested individuals at both facilities. We’ve invited them to attend our next meetings to learn more.



# TOY DRIVES

## Chapter 26

This past Christmas, Chapter 26 held two toy drives. The received donations were given to the Lee Conlee House and Epic Cure, agencies within Putnam County. Chapter 26 also held the Re-Entry Simulator training on February 3, 2025, with Putnam County Judicial Staff, Correctional Officers, and Correctional Probation Officers within circuit seven, in attendance. A huge accomplishment for Chapter 26 this quarter was we were able to establish a bank account.

Our goals next quarter community fundraisers, membership drives, and events. We plan with St. John’s Sheriff’s Office the Probation to coordinate community service training events the county.





## CHAPTER 27 SPREADS KINDNESS



Leesburg, FL – December 21, 2024 – In a heart-warming display of community spirit, the members of FCCD Chapter 27 took to the streets of Leesburg on Saturday to distribute care packages filled with essential household items to residents in need. Led by their dedicated President, Torry Terry and Sergeant Dukes, the initiative aimed to provide much-needed support to the inner-city community.



The event, which took place going door to door, early in the morning to give care packages that included items such as toiletries, cleaning supplies, non-perishable food, and personal hygiene products. The effort was part of FCCD Chapter 27's ongoing commitment to uplifting the local community, especially during challenging times. "We recognize that many families in our area are

struggling, and we wanted to do our part to help," said President Torry Terry. "These care packages are a small way to show our support and remind our neighbors that they are not alone."



The response from the community was overwhelmingly positive, with many residents expressing their gratitude for the assistance. "This means so much to us," said local resident. "With everything going on, it can be tough to make ends meet. Knowing that people care enough to help makes a big difference."

The outreach initiative was made possible through generous donations from FCCD members and staff at the Florida Department of Corrections, Lake CI. The chapter plans to continue these efforts in the future, aiming to expand their reach and provide even more support to those facing hardships.

As the sun set on a successful day, the members of FCCD Chapter 27 left with full hearts, knowing they had made a positive impact in their community. Their dedication to service exemplifies the spirit of unity and compassion that is vital in building a stronger, more resilient Leesburg.



*For more information about FCCD Chapter 27 and their upcoming initiatives, please visit by following them on social media.*

## CHAPTER 28 EVENT UPDATES

Chapter 28 featured a training session conducted in collaboration with the Epilepsy Foundation. The Desoto Correctional Institution was the first facility to participate in this training.



Chapter 28 sponsored a family through Guardian ad litem for Thanksgiving



Chapter 28 sponsored a family through Guardian ad litem for Christmas.



Chapter 28 was invited to Chapter 3's training at Avon Park correctional. The training was amazing, and the subject was about Bikers against child abuse.



Chapter 34 held a training with Bichler & Longo the First Responder Law Firm. It was an amazing presentation.



President- John Robertson, Vice President Casey Westberry, Treasurer Daniel Westberry, Secretary Tamika Jackson and Chapter 34 President Jacky Snow and Chapter 34 board and representatives from the law firm.



# Save the Date

September 8-11, 2025

## FLORIDA COUNCIL ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY



95th Annual Criminal Justice Training Institute



*Rosen Plaza Hotel*  
*9700 International Drive*  
*Orlando, Florida 32819*

## UPDATES

### Chapter 30

Chapter 30 has been revived with new board members. A new membership drive with a focus on community events, assisting local organizations to help others, and training opportunities.

**In one short month, we have accomplished the following:**

- Gained 25 new members.
- Obtained donations and held a drawing for a “Basket of Drinks” that raised \$305.00 to our bank account.
- Collected clothing items and shoes (on-going) for Sunrise of Pasco County (Domestic & Sexual Violence Center).
- Currently holding two 50/50 drawings, one in Pasco County and one in Hernando County, with the proceeds going to Special Olympics, supporting flag football teams playing in the Sunshine Bowl.
- Co-Sponsoring a Black History Month Program held at Hernando Correctional Institution by providing desserts, a door prize and a “Beauty Bag” chance to win.



*The names from Left to Right in the picture for introduction of the new board members are: Rochelle Hartley (Treasurer), Tamera Poynter (President), April Andrews (President Elect), and Dan'Shantal Holloway (Secretary)*



*Items collected that were new to slightly used for the Sunrise of Pasco County (Domestic & Sexual Violence Center)*

## BOOSTING MEMBERSHIP

### Chapter 33

By Kimberly Shirah, President

Chapter 33 covers Gulf County in the panhandle. We hit the ground running this winter, hosting bake sales, a membership drive, and a holiday themed paint party. We are working hard to boost our membership as well as get our name out in the community to let everyone know what FCCD is and what it is about. We are excited to team up with our moral committee at Gulf CI this Easter to assist in boosting moral with an “EGG Prize Giveaway” as well as an Easter Egg Hunt.



# VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE

## Chapter 34

By Kimberly Shirah, President

Chapter 34 has been working hard recently. We decided to have some fun, and held a Valentine's Day Bake Sale Fundraiser which consisted of Cookies, Cupcakes, Brownies, Rice Crispy, Crazy Apples and Candied Fruit. We sent out our flyer and pre orders started rolling in. With Pre Orders we have sold 139 items and had multiple donations. Our actual bake sale was held February 14th and Chapter 34 had an incredible outcome. We ended up selling out of every item we had and made a total of \$750.00. We appreciate each one of our staff who helped make this possible. We can't wait to see what 2025 has to offer us as a Chapter and we look forward to making the best of it.



# OUTREACH

## Chapter 35

In the month of January, we received word that the Holy Family Center was asking for donations of laundry detergent to help the elderly. Our Chapter Donated \$50 of laundry detergent. Our community means a lot to us and when we know there is a need we don't mind helping.



150 Baskets to be filled with laundry items.



Pictured from left to right: Officer C. Hamilton, National Guard, Warden K.K. Clack and Sgt. A. Davis



Sergeant C. Hamilton and Sgt. A. Davis, Recruitment staff, Franklin C.I.



# WHAT IS FCCD?

The Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the promotion of high professional standards for criminal justice agencies and criminal justice personnel. The mission of the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency is to foster into interagency collaboration of all criminal justice entities, provide relevant training, and encourage community service to the state of Florida.



FCCD has a 35 chapters throughout the state of Florida. Each chapter focuses on providing a multitude of community services in their surrounding communities, as well as offering relevant training opportunities to educate and enhance those involved in a criminal justice arena. FCCD is the flag ship organization in the State of Florida for bringing the various criminal justice disciplines together to have recognized issues and develop strategies to solve our great state's Criminal Justice challenges. FCCD traces it's history back to 1935 through an antecedent organization, the Florida Probation Association. The Council was characted by Secretary of State in 1964 as a non-profit corporation dedicated to promoting high standards for criminal justice agencies and criminal justice personnel. Through the years, FCCD has continued to focus the attention of its members and the citizens of Florida upon the needs of criminal justice system. The emphasis at the state and local level has been on a variety of challenges facing the state in the criminal justice arena. FCCD strives to improve criminal and juvenile justice systems by examining problems, proposing solutions, and monitoring and evaluating the impact of those solutions. FCCD assists criminal justice systems to function more productively by fostering interagency coordination and cooperation, developing and coordinating policy issues, rendering training and technical assistance, and by granting funds to support system improvements. Membership in FCCD is open to all criminal justice disciplines, as well as any concerned citizen who wishes to be part of this great organization. Please take a moment to visit us online at [myfccd.org](http://myfccd.org) and join through our online process.

## GABE SIMPSON

Eric "Gabe" Simpson is an experienced and dedicated leader with 2 decades of selfless service in the Florida Department of Corrections and is a candidate for FCCD Secretary 2025-2026.

Gabe has been a member of FCCD since he joined the FDC in 2005 and enjoyed attending training events, community service and fundraisers as a part of Chapter 15 and Chapter 5. Now a proud member of Chapter 2 Gabe has been honored to serve as the Statewide Training Coordinator Chair and Co-Chair since 2021. Whether it is meeting with and recommending vendors, collecting fundraiser donations, or writing training plans Gabe loves serving the members of FCCD and looks forward to many years of service as a lifetime member.

Gabe started in security at Mayo CI as an Officer, promoted to Sergeant in 1010 at Suwannee CI, promoted to Lieutenant at Mayo CI in 2015, and Captain at Taylor CI in 2017. In 2018 Gabe was promoted to Research Training Specialist, in Central Officer

in the Bureau of Professional Development and Training and managed the Field Training Officer Program Statewide. He promoted to Statewide Training Manager in 2021, overseeing Curriculum Development. Gabe was promoted to Assistant Bureau Chief in 2022. In 2024 Gabe was given the opportunity to promote to Operations Manager within the Bureau of Intelligence. Concurrent to his promotional path were specialized assignments and achievements to include becoming a CJSTC certified instructor including certifications in Firearms, CPR/First Aid, and Defensive Tactics. Additionally receiving certifications as a Range Master, Munition Instructor, Lock and Key, Arsenal, AXON Master Instructor, as well as Florida Gang Investigator Association Basic and Intermediate Gang Specialist certification.

Gabe received a Bachelor of Science in Studio Art from Chowan University in 1999. Gabe worked as Graphic designer for two fortune 500 companies prior



to joining the Department of Corrections. Gabe has a received several awards including the FCCD President's award in 2023, The Officer Comedian Certificate of Recognition, 2022, Artist of the Year, 1999 Chowan University, and the FCCD Louie L. Wainwright award, 2023.

Throughout his career, Gabe has been committed to improving systems and processes to ensure the success of his teams, while his proudest achievement is being a dedicated husband and father. With a strong focus on family, Gabe finds fulfillment in raising four children alongside his supportive spouse. Gabe can be found playing guitar, working on wood craft projects, and enjoying the outdoors with his family in his off time.



Voting Instructions

The Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency holds elections for the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, and President-Elect on an annual basis. Each member in good standing of FCCD can vote. The ballot will present members one or more candidates for each position. Members are to select one person per position.

How to Vote

- 1. Visit FCCD’s Election page on our website. <https://myfccd.org/Elections/>
- 2. Click on the login link in the upper right-hand corner of the site.
- 3. Enter your login information and click Log In. If you do not know your password, click on the “Forgot password” link and follow the instructions.



- 4. Once logged into the site, you will be allowed to access the ballot by following the link on the Elections page. For more information about the candidates, click on the links provided.

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Note: Candidates with an asterisk (\*) after their name were nominated by the Nominations Committee for their respective positions.

To cast your vote for officers of FCCD please log into your account and click the link below.

2025 Officers Ballot

For more information on the candidates for Secretary, click on the links provided below.



Gabe Simpson



Hope Simpson

The ballot is only accessible to members in good standing and requires each member to log into their account. Please click [here](#) should you have issues voting, or need help accessing the ballot.



HOPE SIMPSON

Hope Simpson is a dedicated and experienced professional with over two decades of service in the criminal justice and counseling fields. Currently a Senior Officer in the Reentry and Transitional Unit at the Orange County Corrections Department, she has a wealth of hands-on experience in working with individuals impacted by the justice system. Hope’s tenure spans across various county and state agencies, including the Department of Corrections in both Oklahoma and Florida, giving her a broad and diverse understanding of the challenges within the system.

She holds a B.A. in Behavioral and Social Sciences from the University of South Florida and an M.A. in Professional

Counseling from Liberty University. Recently, Hope completed the requirements for a Provisional License through the Florida Board of Health, further enhancing her expertise in mental health services. She is also a certified instructor with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and a licensed minister, demonstrating her deep commitment to service, education, and leadership.

Hope has a strong track record of involvement with professional organizations, having served on multiple boards, including the Florida Association of Community Corrections (2006-2017), Chapter VII of the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency, and Toastmasters Club Orange. As President of Chapter VII for the 2022-2023 term, she successfully led her team, contributing to the growth and success of the chapter. Currently, she is the Vendor Co-chair for the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency, a role she has held under the leadership of seven

different presidents, showcasing her adaptability and commitment to the organization’s mission.

Hope’s passion for mentorship and training drives her to focus on both personal and professional development. She believes in the profound impact that these areas have on shaping lives, and she strives to mentor others to achieve their fullest potential. Her career is a blend of criminal justice and counseling, which she views as complementary fields that are deeply intertwined in positively impacting individuals and communities.

As a candidate for Secretary of the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency, Hope is committed to fostering collaboration, advancing the mission of the Council, and ensuring that its work remains at the forefront of creating a fair and effective justice system. Her experience, leadership, and passion for service will make her an asset to the organization and its continued success.



— PAYROLL DEDUCTION FORM (0414 Council Crime)



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(Choose one)

**Silver Membership - Payroll Deduction (Minimum of \$2.00 per pay period)**

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**Lifetime - \$750.00**

**Non-Profit Business - \$100.00**

**Business - \$200.00**

### Information Update:

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