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Agenda Item Name:
Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch Presentation by Sheriff Darnell

Presenter:
Sheriff Sadie Darnell and the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

Description:
Brief description of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches and acceptance of plaque for the Board of County Commission donations to this organization.

Recommended Action:
Hear presentation and accept plaque.

Prior Board Motions:
N/A

Fiscal Consideration:
N/A

Background:
In 1957, a small group of Florida sheriffs saw the need for a residential care facility for troubled boys. With a little bit of cash and a big dream, they pooled their wisdom and efforts and watched their dream become a reality. Within a short period of time, they were helping many young boys turn their lives around to become productive and responsible adults. In 1970, the Girls Villa, now known as the Youth Villa was created to provide the same structure and opportunities to girls. This location in Bartow, was granted a 99 year lease for the land at $1 per year. The vision of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch is to develop young men and women who, because of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, are able to face the future with a sense of direction, ability and hope. Their mission is to prevent delinquency and develop lawful, resilient and productive citizens.

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