



By land,

by air...



Seventy years ago, Florida's conservation officers rode horses into wilderness areas to detect law violations and arrest offenders. Today, their horses can fly, and they can see in the dark.

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Top: The FWC's 14 aircraft compose one of the largest conservation-oriented flight sections in the nation. **Previous page, middle:** The newest helicopter addition to the fleet, Bell LongRanger IV, is a durable utility aircraft used primarily for search-and-rescue and law enforcement assistance both day and night. It is equipped with a sophisticated infrared and color camera that can record activity on land or water. **Previous page, bottom:** FWC pilots (left to right) M. Nobles; M. Wood; J. Johnston; C. Colon; S. Stout; T. Riordan; M. Burke; J. Martyna; D. Welsh; G. Waldeck; J. McDonald; F. Utermohlen; J. Murphy; K. Vislocky. **Above, left:** FWC pilots practice remote area landing LongRanger IV helicopters. **Above:** The FWC twin engine Partenavia airplane is capable of long-range patrols. **Left:** An FWC helicopter pilot conducts a flight over the coastline looking for boaters in distress or illegal activity.



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The FWC's LongRanger IV helicopter provides aerial observation assistance to a SOG (Special Operations Group) team during a remote tactical training mission.

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The FWC Aviation Section plays a vital role in the agency's efforts to enforce conservation and boating laws, protect rare species and safeguard outdoor users. FWC pilots cover more than 74,000 square miles of Florida's lands and waters. Amid the vast acreage of wildlife management areas, national forests and remote coastlines, the aircraft enhance law enforcement efforts by directing limited officer resources to contacts on the water or in wilderness areas.



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