The Polk County Sheriff's Office is partnering with Leland Family Ministries to sponsor the first annual Mothers Against Methamphetamine Conference on Saturday, September 24, 2005, at The Stuart Center, 1710 Highway 17 South, Bartow, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Given that September is National Recovery month this conference is designed to bring awareness and education to Central Florida communities and also offer hope for recovery from the dangerous drug called “meth.”

Dr. Mary F. Holley, OB/GYN, Founder and Director of M.A.M.A., will be the guest speaker as well as a panelist at the conference. In addition to Dr. Holley, representatives from various local agencies are slated for the panel discussion to include, the Polk County Sheriff’s Office, Mark Wilcox Center, Leland Ministries, Department of Children and Families, Peace River Center and Tri-County Human Services.

M.A.M.A. is a faith-based initiative currently being provided to inmates in Polk County and to citizens throughout the county. The Polk County Sheriff’s Office, through partnerships such as MAMA, has been successful in its war against drugs, specifically meth.

Sheriff Grady Judd says “By heightening awareness and educating the public about the dangers of meth, we can have a positive impact on crime in Polk County.”

The public and media are invited to attend. For more information please contact Leland Family Ministries at 863.533.1675.