MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF

To the Citizens of Flagler County,

As your Sheriff, I believe that an informed community is an engaged community. In order to keep you informed, I am pleased to present the 2018 Annual Report for the Flagler County Sheriff’s Office (FCSO). This document outlines many substantial initiatives that were achieved or launched in 2018, as well as facts and statistics for the year. Our hope is that this report will give you an overview of each aspect of our versatile law enforcement agency.

As the largest and only full-service law enforcement agency in Flagler County, we are committed to providing you with premier law enforcement, court and detention services. We are proud to be a four-diamond accredited agency. With more than 300 professionals serving you, the FCSO is accredited by the Florida Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation, the National Institute of Ethics, and our 9-1-1 Communications Center is accredited by the Florida TeleCommunicators Accreditation Commission. This year we added Accreditation by the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission. This is the first time in FCSO history that the detention facility has been accredited.

The FCSO is committed to making Flagler County safe. For 101 years, it has been our honor to serve and our duty to protect our citizens and visitors and I believe our personnel work to achieve that mission daily. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (386) 586-4891 or email sheriff@flaglersheriff.com. Thank you for taking the time to review 2018 with us.

Rick Staly
Sheriff

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2018 Analytics

Total Calls for Service

- 2017: 113,067
- 2018: 120,755

Total Cases

- 2017: 8,730
- 2018: 8,720

Countywide Cases

Arrests Are Up 15%
Total Crime Is Down 22%
2018 Crash Analytics

Crash Data Comparison

- **Injuries and Fatalities are Down**

K9 Unit: Total Calls for Service 4,366

- Deployments: 648
- Arrests: 148
- Narcotics Detect: 269
- Explosive Detect: 133
- Presentations: 36

Flagler County Sheriff's Office
**Sheriff's Office Receives $161,542.26 Grant to Combat Domestic Violence - 1/10/2018**

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office applied for a grant through the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence to fund a dedicated detective and a crime analyst along with training and community education designed to prevent and improve investigations of domestic violence. The Domestic Violence Detective and Analyst are assigned cases involving Domestic Violence, dating violence, and stalking. They work collaboratively with the Family Life Center and the State Attorney’s Office investigates Domestic Violence cases and providing assistance to victims.

**First Annual Sheriff’s Gala Raises Over Seventy Thousand Dollars for FSEAT - 1/29/2018**

2018 marked the first annual Sheriff’s Gala to benefit the Flagler Sheriff’s Employee Assistance Trust (FSEAT). The event was held at the Hammock Beach Resort and was attended by more than 200 guests. Also at the Gala Sheriff Rick Staly recognized members of the Flagler County Sheriff’s Office, volunteers and citizens for outstanding service to the community in 2017. A net of $70,645.28 was raised for FSEAT to benefit the men and women of the Flagler County Sheriff’s Office should they need assistance in an emergency.

**Sheriff's Office Launches Mobile App for Android and Apple Devices - 1/16/2018**

The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office unveiled the agency’s first ever mobile application! Users who downloaded the free app receive immediate access to all features including Mobile Inmate Search, Sex Offender Search, Crime Mapping, Send a Tip, and more.

**Flagler Sheriff's Employee Assistance Trust - FSEAT**

The mission of FSEAT and the citizens who support it is threefold: provide financial assistance to employees during a personal crisis; give support to the families of slain FCSO deputies; and recognize FCSO deputies killed in the line of duty. Learn more at www.fseat.org. FSEAT is a 501(c)(3) organization overseen by business and community leaders.
**Flagler County Inmates STRIDE Towards Success 2/26/2018**

Sheriff Rick Staly recognized the significant progress of the STRIDE (Skills, Transitional Support, Respect, Integrity, Direction, and Employment) initiative which began in 2017. STRIDE includes a multitude of programs for inmates booked or sentenced to the county jail including G.E.D. courses, Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, Narcotics Anonymous meetings, and Christian-based Anger Management classes for inmates to attend. Additionally, non-denominational ministry services are offered at least weekly for inmates. A faith-based recovery program is offered by Open Door Ministries in the jail to both men and women and after release to help rehabilitate male offenders. The county jail also works with the Family Life Center to offer domestic violence counseling each month to female inmates.

As a result of Sheriff Staly’s Domestic Violence Task Force, an 8-week program was also added to STRIDE titled “Choices and Changes”. STRIDE also provides men and women the opportunity to take parenting classes while in jail and after they are released to satisfy court-ordered requirements.

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**Sheriff Staly Implements Investigative Costs Recovery Program – Saving Taxpayers Money - 3/13/18**

Sheriff Rick Staly has implemented a policy for deputies and detectives to seek the recovery of the cost of a criminal investigation from the defendant upon conviction. FCSO now works with the State Attorney’s Office in order to add reimbursement charges as part of the sentencing of the defendant. Reimbursement will be requested from all persons arrested upon conviction, whether it’s for DUI, shoplifting or murder. Fees recovered are returned to the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners’ general fund.

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**Flagler Sheriff C.O.P. Volunteers Now Armed With Non-Lethal Defensive Weapon - 3/29/18**

FCSO Citizen Observer Patrol volunteers were armed with pepper spray, a non-lethal defensive weapon, in March. Sheriff Rick Staly directed that all volunteer COPs be issued the defensive spray after an incident which occurred earlier that month when a man unsuccessfully attempted to carjack a C.O.P. patrol vehicle and threatened a C.O.P. volunteer with a 12-inch knife.
FCSO Wins “Agency of the Year” for InVest and Domestic Violence Summit - 4/13/18

The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office (FCSO) was awarded the “Agency of the Year” Award at the National Crime Victim’s Rights Week Breakfast for FCSO’s Domestic Violence Summit and InVest Program.

“I am extremely proud of the work our employees have done to combat Flagler County’s domestic violence issue. The goal of programs like InVest and the Domestic Violence Summit is to make sure victims and their friends know resources in our community are available and domestic violence will not be tolerated,” Sheriff Staly said.

Sheriff Rick Staly Holds ‘Addressing Crime Together’ Community Meeting - 4/20/18

Sheriff Rick Staly held a public meeting on “Addressing Crime Together” where he discussed crime trends in Flagler County, the initiatives the Sheriff’s Office has made to address crime, how Domestic Violence cases are now handled, and revealed new Sheriff’s Office initiatives for 2018.

Sheriff Staly spoke on the Intelligence Led Policing model that the Sheriff’s Office implemented in 2017 called CRIMEMAPS. Robberies, burglaries, and stolen vehicles are much lower than in the past year. Sheriff Staly also spoke of the new Domestic Violence Detective and Domestic Violence Crime Analyst the Sheriff's Office was able to hire because of a grant awarded to FCSO. These two new positions focus solely on domestic violence-related cases in order to follow up on every domestic violence-related case and every victim.
Sheriff Staly Dedicates Jail to Flagler County’s Second Sheriff - 5/7/18

Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly announced in May the Flagler County Inmate Detention Facility would be re-named after Sheriff Perry Hall, Flagler County’s second elected Sheriff and the first law enforcement officer to die in the line of duty in Flagler County. The jail will now be known as the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility.

FCSO Offers Free Scent Tracking Kits - 5/22/18

The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office began offering free scent tracking kits by Find-M’ Friends Inc in May. The scent tracking kits are easy to use and consist of a wipe and an airtight container. If a resident of Flagler County goes missing after completing a scent tracking kit, our tracking K-9s or bloodhounds from Tomoka Correctional will have a pure sample of that person’s scent to track and can potentially have an easier time finding the missing person. If you would like to receive a free kit, please call 386-437-4116.

Sheriff Unveils Agency’s Full-Time Marine Unit - 5/23/18

The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office unveiled the new full-time Marine/Beach Unit to patrol the beaches and waterways of Flagler County on May 23. The Marine/Beach Unit will use a fully equipped Jeep Wrangler that is capable of driving on the beach and on most terrain that is impassable for regular patrol cars, as well as an airboat and traditional patrol boats.
**JUNE 2018**

**Sheriff’s Operations Center Evacuated**  
- 6/15/18

The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office Operations Center at 901 East Moody Boulevard was completely evacuated on June 15. The evacuation was prompted after 27 Sheriff’s Office employees filed worker’s compensation claims due to symptoms potentially related to the building. It is unknown at this time when Sheriff’s Office employees will be able to move back into the Sheriff’s Operations Center or the long-term outcome, as testing is still ongoing.

**FCSO Uses A Herd of Mustangs for Traffic Enforcement**  
- 6/19/18

The FCSO unveiled five new Mustangs in June. The Mustangs were purchased as part of an initiative in 2018 to expand the FCSO Traffic Unit in the City of Palm Coast. The Mustangs will primarily focus on speed enforcement, DUI enforcement, and aggressive driving.

**FCSO Announces Partnership with Ring to Create New Digital Neighborhood Watch**  
- 6/18/18

In June, the FCSO partnered with Ring video doorbell in hopes to fight crime in Flagler County in an entirely new way. Utilizing Ring’s app ‘Neighbors,’ users can connect with one another and share crime information, suspicious encounters, and videos captured on their doorbell cameras. This information can then be shared with law enforcement through a “digital neighborhood watch.”

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**JULY 2018**

**FCSO Announces S.W.E.A.T. Program to Get Juvenile Offenders Back on Track**  
- 7/10/18

The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office (FCSO) has unveiled a new program aimed to get juvenile offenders back on the right track. The new program is called S.W.E.A.T. (Sheriff’s Work Ethic and Training) and the mission of the program is to supervise, guide, mentor, and lead juvenile offenders by direction and discussions.
In August, the Flagler County Sheriff’s Office (FCSO) gave Incident Survival Presentations as well as Active Killer Training to all Flagler County School District employees. The training was given to ensure that all Flagler County school employees will be able to respond should they be faced with an active killer or other incidents during school hours. The Incident Survival Presentation also touched on how to identify a potential active shooter and warning signs to look for before an attack occurs. FCSO presented similar presentations to all high school, middle school, and elementary school students at the start of the school year and will continue each year.

**FCSO partners with MHS for the “Law & Justice Flagship” Program - 8/21/18**

Matanzas High School, in partnership with FCSO, unveiled a new “Law & Justice Flagship Program” on August 21 for students. The Law & Justice Program is intended to be an introduction to students to the inner workings of criminal justice functions such as law enforcement, court proceedings, 9-1-1 communications, CSI and corrections. Students will also earn college credit if they are dual enrolled with a local college.

**FCSO Unveils Rapid ID Technology - 8/22/18**

On August 21, the Flagler County Sheriff’s Office equipped all patrol and Fugitive Unit Corporals with Rapid ID technology. Rapid ID mobile devices scan a person’s fingerprint and transmits it directly to the State Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). Fingerprint based identity results are returned immediately to the deputy in the field including any criminal history the person may have. This tool has helped identify numerous criminals who initially gave a false name to law enforcement officers.

**School Resource Deputies - August 2018**

For the 2018-2019 school year, the FCSO has expanded the School Resource Deputy (SRD) program to have at least one deputy sheriff assigned to each school. Each high school has two SRDs on campus at all times. Senior deputies have been selected and trained in the unique role of a School Resource Deputy.
**SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Cold Justice TV Show Spotlights Local Cold Case - 9/15/18**

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office worked with the TV Show Cold Justice to look deeper into the disappearance of George Contos, a Flagler County resident reported missing on May 20, 2015. This investigation was highlighted in an episode of Cold Justice, “No Safe Return” on Saturday, September 15, 2018 on the Oxygen channel.

**FCSO Finds Missing Juvenile Alive After Five-Day Search - 9/25/18**

After FCSO searched tirelessly for missing juvenile Rickey Wheeler for four days and nights, FCSO organized a structured volunteer search where over 100 volunteers from the community assisted. Time was of the essence as Wheeler has a medical condition that can be life-threatening when he has not had his medication. Rickey Wheeler was transported to Florida Hospital Flagler where he was reunited with his family.

**OCTOBER 2018**

**Flagler County Sheriff's Office Receives National Award for Digital Government-to-Citizen Experience - 10/1/18**

The FCSO Public Affairs Office received the County Government-to-Citizen Experience award from the Center for Digital Government. The organization specifically highlighted FCSO’s online outreach of Behind the Badge, Fugitive Friday Bingo and the Agency’s Highway Safety Campaigns increasing driver awareness including traffic deputies in costume. The award was presented to Public Affairs Officer Shannon Martin-Sabatini during the Center for Digital Government’s annual awards banquet held in Austin, TX.

**Flagler County Jail Becomes State Accredited for the First Time in Agency History - 10/2/18**

Sheriff Staly made attaining Corrections Accreditation an Agency goal when he took office in January 2017. The accreditation process usually takes twenty-four months to accomplish but FCSO was ready for the FCAC onsite assessment in just 19 months. On October 2, 2018 the Flagler County Inmate Detention Facility was awarded state accreditation from the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC). This is the first time in the jail’s 101-year history that it is an accredited correctional facility. Only 34 jails in Florida hold this distinction.

**Flagler County Sheriff's Office Awarded Law Enforcement Re-accreditation - 10/3/18**

The FSCO received its 5th accreditation from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFLEA) during a commission meeting on October 3, 2018. After rigorous review by CFLEA onsite assessors in June, which examined proofs of compliance on 243 mandatory and optional standards and held inspections and interviews to verify FCSO complied with CFLEA standards, the onsite team unanimously recommended FCSO’s re-accreditation to the CFLEA Commissioners. The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office is a 4-Diamond agency. Sheriff Staly serves on this commission.
FCSO Partners with FortifyFL App to Help Keep Flagler Schools Safe - 10/10/18

The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office (FCSO) has announced their partnership with the Fortify Florida app on October 10, a suspicious activity-reporting app available to parents, teachers, and students across the State of Florida. The Fortify Florida app allows students, faculty, and the community the ability to relay information anonymously concerning criminal activities and threats to FCSO and school officials.

Flagler Sheriff’s Emergency Response Team Deploys to Panhandle for Recovery Effort - 10/15/18

The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office (FCSO) deployed an Emergency Response Team to Gulf County, Florida, following the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. Hurricane Michael made landfall along Florida’s Panhandle on October 10th as a Category 4 storm, leaving devastating conditions in its wake. The FCSO is a participant in the Florida Sheriff’s Association Mutual Aid Agreement, which provides a system for Florida Sheriffs to work together during emergency operations.

Sheriff Staly Presents ‘Great Kids’ Award to Students - 10/23/18

“We don’t hear enough about the good things that kids are doing these days, and I’d like to help change that in Flagler County,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “Throughout the school year, I will work with the teachers and SRDs to find students going above and beyond to make a positive impact in our community. They deserve to be recognized. These are the kids we want our children and grandchildren to look up to. I am honored to be able to recognize them and give them a keepsake to always remember to be great.”
**November 2018**

**FCSO Implements Pretrial GPS Monitoring Program for Domestic Violence Offenders - 11/2/18**

As part of the Sheriff's Domestic Violence Task Force, formed in June 2017, the FCSO has partnered with the 7th Judicial Circuit to equip domestic violence offenders with GPS tracking devices. The purpose of this program is to improve the safety of domestic violence victims by providing victims with designated exclusion zones where the offender may not lawfully enter. If an offender violates the exclusion zones the victim and FCSO are immediately notified. This notification allows victims to know that there may be a threat nearby and a deputy will respond to arrest the offender.

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**Flagler County Sheriff's Office Employees Donate over $16,000 to Support 11th Annual Christmas with a Deputy Event - 11/27/18**

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office participated in the 11th annual Christmas with a Deputy event. The event focuses on providing Christmas gifts for children in the Flagler County community who otherwise would not have a Christmas. From July through December, FSCO employees donate to the Christmas with a Deputy fund through payroll deductions. This year the agency raised $16,717.00 and helped 155 children.

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**December 2018**

**Crime in Flagler County Drops 22% from 2017 to 2018! - 12/31/18**

Reported crime for the jurisdiction of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) decreased significantly in 2018. Total crime is down 22% from 2017. Violent Crime (Murder, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault) is down 16.3% and Property Crime (Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Theft) is down 24.7%. Arrests are up 15% in Flagler County from 2017. This is the lowest crime index for FCSO's jurisdiction since 2005!