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FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

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FCSO Gears Up for Bike Week 2019

As Volusia and Flagler counties prepare to welcome Bike Week 2019 visitors and activities, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) wants to remind everyone to practice safe driving and common sense during the 10-day event, which begins Friday March 8.



Every year people from across the country make their way to Volusia and Flagler Counties to celebrate Bike Week and participate in the fun. However, an influx of visitors can also mean more opportunity for criminal behavior and traffic accidents. FCSO will be out in full force countywide to protect the community, watch for impaired drivers, manage traffic and target criminal activity, including motorcycle and vehicle theft.

As Flagler County roads become congested with Bike Week enthusiasts from all over the country, motorists and pedestrians are encouraged to be extra careful to prevent accidents and tragedies. Our deputies are watching for traffic violators but we remind everyone to do your part to help - whether you are driving, walking or riding a motorcycle or bicycle.

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“We want to make sure that everyone can enjoy Bike Week safely,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “We will have zero tolerance for drinking and driving. Our deputies will be out there actively patrolling but we ask that everyone drive safely. Be vigilant and drive free from distractions to avoid any dangerous conditions that may occur. Remember to always look twice and if you see something suspicious, report it to FCSO.”

Stay Safe on Roadways:

- Never walk on paved roadways where vehicles travel. If there is no sidewalk, pedestrians should walk only on the shoulder on the left side of the roadway, facing traffic that is approaching from the opposite direction.
- Bicycle riders traveling on a roadway at less than normal speed of traffic should ride in the lane marked for bicycle use. If no bicycle lane is available, ride as close as possible to the right-hand curb or edge of the road, riding with the flow of traffic.
- Drivers approaching an intersection with a traffic control signal should stop before entering the crosswalk and remain stopped to allow pedestrians to cross the entire roadway before proceeding.

Avoid Becoming a Victim:

- Use paid parking lots that have security;
- Be aware of where you park. Avoid dark, poorly lit areas. Pay attention to people standing around who seem to take particular interest in your bike.
- Leave nothing valuable in plain sight or in saddlebags, such as leathers, cameras, souvenirs or any valuables.
- Lock your motorcycle and/or vehicle and take your keys with you. Thieves easily bypass factory ignition switch locks. High-quality disc locks, wheel locks, and heavy cable or chain locks are recommended, in addition to factory installed devices. Inexpensive locks are generally easily broken or cut.

Do your part! If you see something, say something. Report suspicious activity or aggressive driving to the Flagler County Sheriff's Office by calling our non-emergency line: (386) 313-4911. Call 911 if it's an emergency.

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