



Rick Staly, Sheriff

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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FCSO Inmate Work Crew Saves Taxpayers

Over \$75,000.00 a Year

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) launched the Inmate Work Crew last year. Since then, the Inmate Work Crew has saved taxpayers \$75,000.00 annually!



Currently, the Inmate Work Crew provides landscaping and grounds keeping services to thirteen locations within Flagler County including: Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility complex; FCFRD fire tower training center area; FCSO Operations Center; Flagler County Storage Yard; Eagle Lake Water Plant; Fire Flight Airport Hanger complex; and Old Dixie Park. Most recently, the Inmate Work Crew participated in cleaning up the homeless camp in the wooded area behind the Flagler County Library.

The inmates selected to participate in the Inmate Work Crew are all non-violent county sentenced inmates who are supervised by a trained Detention Deputy at no additional cost to tax payers. In addition to landscaping, the Inmate Work Crew tackles other tasks on an as needed basis like removing old graphics on police vehicles going to auction, moving furniture, and much more. During Hurricane Irma

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inmates also filled sandbags for residents to use in protecting their homes.

“The Inmate Work Crew has been beneficial for everyone involved,” Sheriff Staly said. “The taxpayer savings from not having to pay for outsourcing these services speak for themselves. There is absolutely no downside to having the Inmate Work Crew, we are saving tax dollars and providing much needed work experience for the inmates where they learn how to use landscaping equipment. Programs like the Inmate Workforce and STRIDE are used to rehabilitate offenders and encourage them to turn their lives around and become productive citizens by providing them the tools to be successful when released from jail.”

Expect to see the Inmate Work Crew serving the community saving taxpayer money but know that they are low risk inmates, sentenced to county jail time and are always under the watchful eye of a Deputy Sheriff.

Inmate work crews are controlled by state law and can only be used on public property.

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