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NEWS RELEASE

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Sheriff Presents Awards to Good Samaritans and FCSO Employees

Sheriff Rick Staly hosted the second quarterly awards ceremony on Tuesday afternoon at the Sheriff's Operations Center. The ceremony began by recognizing two Flagler County residents who selflessly rendered aid to complete strangers, and in one case saved a life.

Ladena Rutland received a Certificate of Commendation from Sheriff Staly for driving two juveniles to the Emergency Room after the children were severely injured by fireworks. Ms. Rutland saw the two boys running from the bathrooms near the Dr. Carver Gym and knew that something was wrong. She ushered the boys into her car and drove to Florida Hospital Flagler while on the phone with 9-1-1.



Left: Ladena Rutland and her sister with Sheriff Staly. Right: Susan Seitzberg with Sheriff Staly.

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Susan Seitzberg was presented a Lifesaving Award for the care she gave to a 19-year-old gunshot victim on June 24th that ended up at her garage door, bleeding out. Ms. Seitzberg, a registered nurse, held pressure on the wound until paramedics arrived. Hospital doctors reported that without the initial care provided by Ms. Seitzberg, the 19-year-old would not have survived. Ms. Seitzberg addressed the crowd and said that she's a nurse and "that what we do; we try our best to save people who need help."

Sheriff Staly also presented Certificates of Appreciation to local citizens. Anthony Bell was commended for holding a suspect until law enforcement arrived, after Bell found the masked suspect in his daughter's vehicle. His aid allowed law enforcement deputies to arrest the suspect.

Charles Junior McFarlane, Charlie Wicker and Gloria Barton were recognized for volunteering during the weeklong CSI camp that was attended by nearly 40 fourth and fifth graders. Their help allowed the camp to be a success.

Sheriff Staly proudly awarded Chief Paul Bovino the Sheriff's Citation Award in recognition of his dedication and commitment to excellence in the development and implementation of the Sheriff's vision for District Policing.



Chief Paul Bovino and Sheriff Staly.

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April Employee of the Month



Deputy Chris Wray recognized as April's Employee of the Month by Sheriff Staly.

Deputy Chris Wray received a Certificate of Commendation, as well as April's Employee of the Month, for his actions as the first responder to a motorcycle crash on April 17. and evidence that his actions saved lives. He was nominated by Andrew Hardesty of Flagler County Fire Rescue who stated that there was evidence that his actions helped save the victim's life.

May's Employee of the Month



Detention Deputy Brian Sheridan recognized as May's Employee of the Month by Sheriff Staly.

Detention Deputy Brian Sheridan received a Certificate of Commendation, as well as May's Employee of the Month, for his is level of integrity for bringing allegations of misconduct of three other detention deputies to the attention of his supervisor. These allegations resulted in a criminal investigation by the FDLE, and subsequently the three deputies resigned. Deputy Sheridan is commended for his actions which brought about significant and positive change in the professionalism at the Detention Facility.

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June's Employee of the Month



Communications Specialist Ashlie Hicks recognized as May's Employee of the Month by Sheriff Staly.

Communications Specialist Ashlie Hicks received a Lifesaving Award, as well as June's Employee of the Month, for receiving a medical call in reference to a three-year-old boy having a seizure. CS Hicks remained calm while instructing the mother on how to perform CPR. Once the child began breathing, CS Hicks continued instructions on how to sweep clear the airways. CS Hicks is commended for her ability to stay calm and reach quickly in a stressful moment, all while keeping the mother calm and providing life-saving instructions.

In addition to the Employee of the Month Awards, Sheriff Staly honored employees who provided exemplary service in April through June of 2017.

Lifesaving Awards

Deputies Daniel Malta, Christopher Wray and Marcus Dawson received Lifesaving Awards for responding to a motorcycle versus vehicle head-on crash involving severe injuries. All three deputies provided life-saving aid to the driver of the motorcycle.

Sergeant Phil Reynolds received a Lifesaving Award for responding to a medical call where a 71-year-old man was not breathing. Sgt. Reynolds used his AED device at which point the man began to breathe on his own. Sgt. Reynold's actions contributed to saving the man's life.

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Left: Deputies Daniel Malta, Marcus Dawson and Christopher Wray. Right: Sgt. Phil Reynolds.

Unit Citation Awards

A Unit Citation is presented for extraordinary achievement in accomplishing a mission and displaying great work as a team.

- Commander Gerald Ditolla; Sergeants Jason Neat and Kenny Goncalves; Detective Diego Morales; Corporals Christopher Santoianni, James Miley and Scott Vedder; Deputies William Cochran, Greg Weston, Carmine Celico and Shantel Flanary for their handling of a suicidal call in February 2017.
- Sergeant Greg Tietje; Corporal Mike Lagana; Detectives Annie Conrad, Jodi Glasgow, Mark Moy, Ron Mellow, George Hristakopoulos, Gabe Fuentes; the Special Investigations Unit; Crime Analyst Shannon Sandberg; CSI Manager Laura Pazarena and CSI Lainie Weibling for their handling of two major cases in May 2017.
- Communications Specialists Amy Sisti, Cherie Doggett, Heather Robinson, Diovanni White and Joe Esposito for their professionalism and teamwork during a high-stress call when shots were fired at a deputy.
- Sgt. Tietje, Sgt. Emery, Cpl. Reckenwald, Cpl. Breckwoltdt, Cpl. Gimbel; Deputies Pedersen, Malta, Chris Taylor, Colson, Stogdon, Kandour, Rodenborn, Cowan, Petkovsek, Beausoleil, Kuleski, Alecrim and Crego for their work in locating and apprehending a shooting suspect. Through their teamwork, the suspect was in custody within 30 minutes of committing the crime.

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- SIU Detectives, Corporal Michael Lagana, Communications Specialists Danielle Brown, Ashlie Hicks, Megan Burton, George Lilly and Craig Medvid for handling a six-hour long manhunt for a suspect while maintaining every other function at the Communications Center properly and uninterrupted.
- Laura Pazarena and Lainie Weibling for producing and hosting a very successful weeklong CSI camp.

The Certificate of Commendation

- Sergeant Phil Reynolds for showing kindness and compassion to a family while their mother was being treated in the hospital. Sgt. Reynolds stayed with the four children and brought them McDonalds Happy Meals to eat.
- Deputies Christopher Crego and Robert Finn for their professionalism in handling a call for service where the men only spoke Russian.
- Commander Mark Carman and Sergeant Mike Lutz for their efforts in presenting Active Shooter Training to over 1,000 people over three months.
- Detective Gabe Fuentes for taking on the lead role of detective in a Flagler Beach homicide.
- Detention Deputies Mark Remish and Robert Craun for preventing an inmate from hanging himself.
- Communication Specialist Danielle Brown for coordinating a six-hour manhunt of a suspect on June 22nd.
- Deputy Jonathan Duenas for catching a burglary and domestic violence suspect while off duty.
- Deputies Austin Chewning and Robert Finn for stopping an organized scheme to defraud Target using fraudulent credit cards.

The Certificate of Appreciation

Deputies Carl Parker, J. Gibson Smith and Kyle Gaddie, and Corporal Joe Barile were commended for their work on a burglary call and subsequent follow-up resulting in the stolen property being returned to the owners and the suspect being arrested for exploiting the elderly.

Deputies Marcus Dawson and Jason Williams and Detention Deputy Kyle George received recognition for their input into the design of the Commemorative badge. The new badge will be worn by deputies for the Centennial year, until July 9, 2018.

Sheriff Staly presented Years of Service awards to employees that have been working for the FCSO for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 years. Years of Service awards were given to the following employees:

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Five years of service: Renina Fuller, Stephen Watkins, Joanna Sa, Jason Prather, Michael Moniz, Karen Long, Jesse Kocorowski, Frederick Kemp, Nathan Hockenberry, Edward Faircloth, Brian Capobianco, Justin Bailey, Lainie Weibling, Randy Vickers, Juan Salicrup, Shane Meehan, Ashlie Hicks, Jodi Glasgow, Frederick Gimble, Manikam Confusione, Stephen Palmer, Christina Mortimer, Eric Glasgow, Joseph Esposito, Jay Aldridge.

Ten Years of Service: Brett Wood, Jonathan Welker, Joseph Costello, Teresa Shaw, Sarah Gammon, Brandon Fiveash, Althea Civil, Carmine Celico, Timothy Abruzzo, Joseph Vedder, William Vazquez, Laura Kruger, Mera Kozlenko, Glenn Davis, Annie Conrad, Vickie Cochran, Jeremy Chambers, Howard Underwood, Shannon Sandberg, Jennifer Prevatt, Jason Neat, Louis Miceli, Michael Lutz, Christopher Hughes, Anthony Guerin, Calvin Grant, Peter Descartes, Michael Breckwoldt, Heather Robinson.

Fifteen years of service: Michael Lagana, Edwin Velazquez, Philip Reynolds, Brian Pasquariello, Scottie Justice, Kim Davis, George Lilly, Nancy Birdsong.

Twenty years of service: Tammy Stakes, Sandra Gay, Stephen Cole, Gregory Weston, Lisa Nesbitt, Peggy Mrus, Michael Fink, Adam Biss, Steven Brandt, Becky Quintieri.

Twenty-five years of service: Amy Sisti, Jeff Stuart, Mark Judd, Cherie Doggett, Sandra Terrell

Thirty years of service: Wendee Hartman

The FCSO will host the next Employee of the Month quarterly awards ceremony in the Fall.

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