



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

# **FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# **FCSO Conducts Operation to Enforce Disabled Parking Violations**

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office Motor Unit, along with the assistance of the Traffic Crash Investigators and Citizen Observer Patrol members, conducted an operation to enforce disabled parking violations on Thursday. Members of the disabled community reached out to the FCSO due to people parking illegally in spots that are designated for people with handicaps.

**Do's and Don'ts for using a Florida disabled parking permit.**

***Do's...***

***Correct Use of a disabled parking permit.***

- Once parked, hang your permit on your rear-view mirror.
- Hang your permit so the expiration date can be seen.
- Have your permit registration with you at all times.
- Make sure your permit is not expired.
- Park properly in disabled spaces.
- Remove your permit before driving.
- Replace your permit immediately if lost.
- Return your permit to DMV if the permit is no longer needed.
- Always use YOUR OWN PERMIT ONLY.
- Be courteous to police or parking officials.

***Don'ts...***

***Correct Use of a disabled parking permit.***

- Don't use someone else's permit (including relatives).
- Don't park in the Access Aisle (Striped Area). The fine for parking in the Access Aisle is \$250.00, even with a permit.
- Don't drive with your permit hanging on the rear-view mirror.
- Don't use an expired permit.
- Don't put your permit on the dash with the expiration date covered.
- Don't let anyone else use your permit, including close family members and relative. (Permits are registered to persons, not vehicles)

Above: The Do's and Don'ts for using a Florida Disabled parking permit.

In an effort to reduce such violations, the FCSO units patrolled business parking lots along Palm Coast Parkway and SR 100. The operation resulted in 13 citation and 11 warnings. Every person who received a warning or citation was also given an educational flyer explaining the "Do's and Don'ts" for using a Florida disabled parking permit.

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“This was an opportunity to educate the public on just what you can and can’t do when driving with a disabled parking permit in Florida,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “We received complaints and we answered the call. The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office will continue to patrol these areas and if you are parking illegally or not using your disabled parking permit properly, you will be hearing from us.” Sheriff Staly’s father was in a wheelchair for almost 30-years before his passing and he knows first-hand how important these reserved spaces are for our disabled residents.

If you need more information on how to properly use your disabled parking permit or how to apply for a disabled parking permit, please visit

<http://www.flaglertax.com/MotorVehicles/ParkingPermitsforDisabledPersons.aspx>

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