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Sheriff Hosts First Quarter Awards Ceremony **Gets Surprise Life Saving Award Himself**

Sheriff Rick Staly hosted an awards ceremony on Thursday morning at the Sheriff's Operations Center. Members of the community were recognized alongside Sheriff's Office employees for exceptional service. In an unexpected twist for Sheriff Staly, he was awarded a lifesaving award at the ceremony. The woman whose life he saved was in attendance.

Life Saving Award – Sheriff Rick Staly



From Left: Sharon Demers, Sheriff Staly, Debbie Staly, and Undersheriff Jack Bisland

On April 11, Sheriff Staly saved a woman's life at an event at the Pine Lakes Golf Club. Sheriff Staly saw Sharon Demers in distress. She was unable to speak but indicated to the Sheriff that she was choking. Sheriff Staly immediately began the Heimlich maneuver. On the fourth attempt, the food was dislodged and the woman was able to breathe again. Without Sheriff Staly's quick reaction and lifesaving response, the situation could have quickly turned tragic. Sheriff Staly was awarded the Life Saving Award at the quarterly award's ceremony by Undersheriff Jack Bisland.

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K-9 Koas Retires – handler Deputy Brandon Fiveash



Sheriff Rick Staly, Deputy Brandon Fiveash and K-9 Koas with his retirement bone from the Sheriff

Kaos is a 10-year-old Belgium Malinois who is dual certified in both Patrol and Narcotics. K-9 Kaos has been with the agency since 2009 and has been working with Deputy Fiveash since January 2014. Since January 2014, K-9 Kaos has assisted the Sheriff's Office with nearly 300 K-9 deployments. He has located and/or apprehended over 70+ violent criminal offenders. He assisted the SWAT Team with numerous high-risk search warrants, building searches and area searches, as well as countless narcotics sniffs of vehicles and residences. K-9 Kaos has also assisted deputies in locating several missing juveniles and elderly persons with dementia or Alzheimer. K-9 Kaos has had a positive role in the community with over 30 demonstrations at our local schools, churches and community events.

Citizen Certificate of Appreciation – 6-year-old Kylie Gobler



Sheriff Staly with Kylie Gobler

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On February 23, Communication Specialist Danielle Holland received a 9-1-1 call from six-year-old Kylie Gobler. Kylie was calling because her mother was having a medical emergency and they needed an ambulance. Kylie remained calm and was able to provide the dispatcher with the address of the emergency so that the appropriate units could be dispatched. Her mother is safe because of Kylie's call for help. Kylie was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation.

Citizen Certificate of Appreciation- 12-year-old James Ziegler



Sheriff Staly, James, brother Austin, and mom Communications Specialist Ashlie Hicks

On March 16, 12-year-old James called 911 because his father was having a seizure. He was not sure of the address but was able to give a detailed description of the house. He provided his father's medical history and medication and followed the pre-arrival instructions that were given. He did an exceptional job of staying calm and keeping his two younger brothers calm as well.

Employee of the Month awards were presented for January, February and March of 2018. In addition to recognition from the Sheriff's Office, Family Kia of St. Augustine also recognized each recipient with a beautiful glass plaque, a \$250 donation to FSEAT (the Flagler Sheriff's Employee Assistance Trust fund) and plans to take each recipient out for lunch. President and Owner Richard Stoff lives locally and wanted to take this opportunity to give back to the people who serve and protect.



Left: Deputy Malheiros, Tina Eddy, Deputy Phil Conway, Richard Stoff, Carl Davis, and Sheriff Staly.

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January Employee of the Month – Communications Specialist Tina Eddy



Communications Specialist Tina Eddy and Sheriff Staly

On January 11, Sergeant Weaver asked Communications Specialist Tina Eddy to run a tag on a suspected stolen vehicle. The system was not responding to the search so Tina went above her required responsibilities to research previous cases involving that tag and review report entries. Once she had the corresponding report, she immediately notified Sgt. Weaver of the stolen status. The vehicle then fled from law enforcement. Soon after the vehicle fled, it crashed which led to the arrest of two subjects and the recovery of the vehicle as well as property from other vehicle burglaries. Because of her dedication and persistence, Tina is awarded the January Employee of the Month.

February Employee of the Month – Deputy Philip Conway



Deputy Philip Conway and Sheriff Staly

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On February 14, Deputies Philip Conway and George Bender attempted to serve a violation of injunction order. The violator became aggressive and defiant and refused to comply with law enforcement orders eventually assaulting Deputy Conway and forcing him to the pavement resulting in a dislocated shoulder and a laceration to his chin. Deputy Conway maintained his composure even after the extensive injury and successfully deployed his Taser so that Deputy Bender could handcuff the suspect. For his professionalism and calm demeanor during and after the violent attack, Deputy Conway is awarded Employee of the Month for February.

March Employee of the Month AND Life Saving Award - Deputy Nancy Malheiros
Certificate of Commendation – Deputy Beatrice Rivas



Deputy Nancy Malheiros and Sheriff Staly

Deputy Nancy Malheiros is receiving the Life Saving Award and the March Employee of the Month award for saving the life of an infant in a near drowning situation. On February 15, units responded to a possible infant drowning. Detention Deputy Rivas was a few houses down, heard the commotion, and responded to the residence. Her bilingual ability was key in providing the father CPR instructions. Deputy Malheiros arrived soon after and began resuscitating the infant until she was breathing on her own again. The child is in good health and just celebrated her second birthday back at her home in Honduras. Deputy Rivas receives a Certificate of Commendation for a job well done.

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Unit Citation – Delta Squad – Communications



Communications Specialist Ashlie Hicks and Sheriff Staly

On February 24th, all communications phone lines went down. During this time, members of Delta Communications used their personal cell phones to help in making numerous phone calls to outside agencies. They also allowed Putnam County to call their cell phones to relay 9-1-1 calls they were receiving on behalf of FCSO. Despite the technical difficulties, the Communications team dispatched all calls for service and maintained their high level of service to the community. (Not pictured: Danielle Holland, Danielle Brown, Megan Burton and Heather Robinson.)

Unit Citation – Special Investigations Unit



Division Chief Steve Brandt and Sheriff Staly

The Special Investigations Unit has been working diligently to combat drugs on the streets in Flagler County to make it a safer place. Detectives received information from a confidential informant about a possible drug house in Palm Coast. On March 1st, Detectives executed a search warrant for the residence and seized nearly 7 pounds of illegal drugs and \$46,000 in drug money. The Special Investigations Unit is making a difference in this community and getting drug dealers off the streets.

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Division Chief Steve Brandt accepted the award on behalf of the unit. (Not pictured: Sergeant Bernard Woodward, Corporal Brian Finn, Detective Rodriguez, Det. Gamarra, Det. Erlandson)

Community Service Certificate – PAL Director Kim Hale and PAL Coordinator Kerri Henderson



Kerri Henderson, Sheriff Staly and Kim Hale

Kim and Kerri work extremely hard to make the PAL program a success in Flagler County. There are over 1,500 children in PAL Programs in Flagler County. They regularly come in early and stay late in order to arrange and participate in the numerous functions and programs throughout Flagler County to ensure our youth have an opportunity to play sports, interact with sheriff’s deputies, and participate with programs countywide.

Certificate of Appreciation – Santa Maria Del Mar GED Volunteers (STRIDE)



Left: Hugh Bowman, Ronaele Bowman, Cynthia Dodzik and Sheriff Staly

The volunteers from Santa Maria Del Mar Catholic Church have been critical to the Detention Facility being able to implement and begin a GED program for the inmates. Acquiring the skills required to pass the GED exam will enable the inmates to obtain employment upon release and become productive members of society. (Not pictured: Louis Callegari, Joyce Degen, Gary Yezbick, and Donald Gregg.)

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Certificate of Appreciation – Director Becky Quintieri



Division Chief Steve Cole and Sheriff Staly

Director Quintieri has been instrumental in launching the STRIDE program in our inmate facility. She, along with her team and our community partners, have stepped up to the plate and created a functional and effective program that has already been successful in helping to rehabilitate inmates at the Flagler County Detention Facility and help them become productive members of society once released from jail. Division Chief Steve Cole accepted the award on her behalf.

Certificate of Appreciation – C.O.P. Angela Camit



C.O.P. Angela Camit and Sheriff Staly

An armed man on Eric Drive in Palm Coast attempted to enter a Sheriff's C.O.P. vehicle while Corporal Angela Camit was on patrol. C.O.P. Camit reported to deputies that the man, armed with a 20-inch knife held above his head, first tried to gain entry into her vehicle on Eric Drive. When that attempt failed, the man fled on foot. C.O.P. Camit followed the man to Egan Drive where he again ran towards her with the knife. Deputies responded and took the male into custody. C.O.P. Camit is awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for her dedication to tracking a dangerous man and getting him off the streets.

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Certificate of Appreciation – Detective George Hristakopoulos



Detective George Hristakopoulos and Sheriff Staly

Detective Hristakopoulos is receiving the Certificate of Appreciation for his consistency in working high profile cases, his interview skills, and his tenacity and dedication to his cases. Detective Hristakopoulos is an invaluable asset to the Investigative Services Division.

Years of Service



Left: Director Christina Mortimer with 10 years of service. Right: Deputy Howard Underwood with 15 years of service.

Sheriff Staly presents 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:

10 Years of Service – Joe Esposito and Christina Mortimer

15 Years of Service – Mike Breckwoldt, Jason Neat, and Howard Underwood

Sheriff Staly holds the awards ceremonies quarterly. The next awards ceremony will be held in July.

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