



Rick Staly, Sheriff
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Sheriff Rick Staly Holds 'Addressing Crime Together' Community Meeting

Sheriff Rick Staly held a public meeting on "Addressing Crime Together" at the Hilton Garden Inn in Palm Coast on Thursday afternoon with a full room of eager community members. Sheriff Staly discussed crime trends in Flagler County, the initiatives the Sheriff's Office has made to address crime, how Domestic Violence cases are now handled, and revealed new Sheriff's Office initiatives for 2018.



Left: Sheriff Rick Staly. Right: Full room at the Hilton Garden Inn for the ACT Meeting.

Sheriff Staly spoke on the Intelligence Led Policing model that the Sheriff's Office implemented in 2017 called CRIMEMAPS. CRIMEMAPS is a weekly meeting that alerts deputies, detectives, and analysts to crimes in the community, suspects to watch, and other crime reduction strategies. Oftentimes the subjects discussed in CRIMEMAPS on Wednesdays are arrested before the week's end.

Focus crimes for 2018 are down 18% from the first quarter of 2017. Robberies, burglaries, and stolen vehicles are much lower than in the past year. The only focus crime that is up are car breaks, which Sheriff Staly attributes to people not locking their car doors. 80% of car burglaries could be avoided if people locked their doors.

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Arrests are up from the previous year. When Sheriff Staly took office in January 2017, the county jail had an average population of 130 inmates. The number now averages about 215 inmates per day, but has been as high as 230.

Calls for service are up 12% from the prior year but deputy response time has greatly improved. When Sheriff Staly took office, the response time was over five-minutes. The average response time as of February 2018 is three-minutes and 23 seconds for emergency calls. Sheriff Staly attributes the improvement to the increase in staff due to budget increases from both the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Palm Coast, as well as the District policing model implemented last July.

Sheriff Staly spoke of the new Domestic Violence Detective and Domestic Violence Crime Analyst the Sheriff's Office was able to hire because of a grant awarded to FCSO. These two new positions focus solely on domestic violence related cases in order to follow up on every domestic violence related case and every victim.

As for new initiatives in 2018, Sheriff Staly introduced the expansion of the Traffic Unit to include five new deputies who will patrol the City of Palm Coast in white Mustangs. They will focus on speed enforcement, DUI enforcement, and aggressive driving. Already in 2018, there have been 685 crashes in Flagler County and five traffic fatalities. Another new unit is the PACE unit, or the Problem Area Crime Enforcement team. This new unit will be responsible for focusing on recurring crime problems in neighborhoods with special attention to criminal activity in specific locations, repeat offenders, and any current crime trends.

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, the FCSO will have the first full-time Beach/Marine Unit. Utilizing patrol boats, the new airboat, and the four-wheel drive Jeep. This unit will have full access to the beaches and waterways in Flagler County.

"I am very proud of how much our agency was able to accomplish in my first year as Sheriff and I expect only better things to come in the future," Sheriff Staly said. "I have a great team and they are working very hard to serve and protect the citizens of Flagler County."

Sheriff Staly was joined by Bunnell Police Chief Tom Foster who gave a recap of the City of Bunnell and the police department's efforts and successes. Bunnell crime rates are down 33% for the start of 2018.

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Left: Bunnell Police Chief Tom Foster Right: Flagler College Professor Dr. Joe Saviak

The entire event was moderated by Flagler College Professor Dr. Joe Saviak. Dr. Saviak serves as the Assistant Director of Public Administration at Flagler College. Prior to teaching at Flagler College, Dr. Saviak worked as a Senior Administrator in local government.

To view the public meeting, please visit our YouTube Channel: https://youtu.be/NsifZ6jO_4A

To view the PowerPoint presentation from the meeting, click here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/fhsfs7jd72dglc/2018%20Sheriff%27s%20Update%20for%20ACT%204.19.18%20FINAL.pptx?dl=0>

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