



Rick Staly, Sheriff

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

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Sheriff's Operations Center Evacuated

Personnel Relocated to Courthouse and Jail Administration Building

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office Operations Center at 901 East Moody Boulevard was completely evacuated as of 2:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon. The move began with the east side of the building on Monday and concluded with the executive offices on Friday. The Sheriff and his executive staff were the final tenants to vacate the building.



The Sheriff has left the building.

The evacuation of the building was prompted after 27 Sheriff's Office employees filed worker's compensation claims due to symptoms potentially related to the building. While air quality testing was completed and remediated earlier this year, employees continued to suffer from symptoms after re-entry to the building. The return or worsening of employees' symptoms caused Sheriff Staly to request more extensive testing by the County and a complete move out of the building until the building can be

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deemed safe. Sheriff Staly also hired a medical doctor to review all claims and medical reports in hopes to identify a potential link.

“This profession is dangerous enough from criminals,” Sheriff Staly said. “My employees should not have to live in fear of their workplace causing them illnesses. I want to thank the Flagler County Administrator, the Board of County Commissioners, the County’s IT staff, Heidi Petito and her staff, and all of the employees of the County and the Courthouse for assisting us and welcoming us into our temporary accommodations. We are hopeful for a swift resolution to this issue.”



Left: IT department moving computer equipment. Right: Employees leaving Operations Center.

The Sheriff’s Investigative Services Division, Records Unit, Seniors versus Crime Unit, and Community Policing Command Staff have relocated to the first floor of the Kim C. Hammond Justice Center (Courthouse). A Sheriff’s Office Public Safety Officer will staff the front desk. The second floor will house the Governmental Affairs and Volunteers Manager, Human Resources, Business Services, Accreditation, Public Affairs and General Counsel. The Sheriff, Undersheriff, and Victims’ Advocates are located on the third floor. The Courthouse is located at 1769 E Moody Blvd in Bunnell.

The Training Unit, Purchasing Unit, Crime Scene Investigators, and Evidence Unit have relocated to the Jail Administration Building. The Jail Admin building is located at 1002 Justice Lane in Bunnell.

All email addresses and phone numbers for all agency personnel will remain the same. It is unknown at this time when Sheriff’s Office employees will be able to move back into the Sheriff’s Operations Center or the long-term outcome. ESI, an environmental firm hired by the County began taking samples and testing Thursday, June 14th.

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