



Rick Staly, Sheriff

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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4th of July Safety Campaign Delivers Results



The 4th of July has come and gone and residents all over Flagler County celebrated our nation's birthday with backyard barbeques and trips to the beach to view a fantastic fireworks display. But, some Flagler County residents ended their celebration of freedom by forfeiting theirs and "checking in" for a stay at the Green Roof Inn.

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) patrol squads had an increased countywide presence and DUI enforcement from June 29th through July 4th in Palm Coast, Bunnell, and Flagler Beach and it seems to have paid off. FCSO responded to a total of 2,037 calls for service during this time resulting in a total of 44 arrests, three of them for DUI's. There were no traffic fatalities in Flagler County.

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The FCSO Marine units were also patrolling intra-coastal waterways in a joint effort with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's "Operation Dry Water" to promote boater safety and deter Boating under the Influence (BUI). This resulted in 9 vessel stops and one boating citation.

Also, making their first security deployment was the Sheriff's Mounted Posse to assist with security during the Palm Coast 'Fireworks in the Park' event. The Sheriff's Mounted Posse and Flagler County COP's provided Homeland Security support during the event by providing an extra layer of security detection and deterrent capability near traffic entry checkpoints.



The Sheriff's Mounted Posse is a non-profit volunteer organization. The Flagler County unit was founded 30 years ago by retired Deputy Kathy Weeks. The organization strives to serve the community through search and rescue efforts, and assistance with various community events.

"We had a relatively quiet 4th of July celebration in Flagler County this year," Sheriff Staly said. "Our deputies were prepared and vigilant on land and in the water, and they did a tremendous job making sure everyone stayed safe. I want to say thank you to the volunteers who were giving of their time to serve the community during this holiday as well. Thanks to the combined efforts of our volunteers and deputies anyone who was eager to lose their freedom was quickly transported to the Green Roof Inn while the rest of us celebrated the red, white, and blue!"

FCSO would like to thank all of our Flagler County residents who celebrated their freedom without losing theirs. We hope you had a happy Independence Day! Anyone wanting to become a Flagler County COP or a member of the Sheriff's Mounted Posse please visit

<http://www.flaglersheriff.com/join-fcso/volunteers> or email GFeldman@FlaglerSheriff.Com.

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