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FCSO Announces S.W.E.A.T. Program To Get Juvenile Offenders Back on Track

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) has unveiled a new program aimed to get juvenile offenders back on the right track. The new program is called S.W.E.AT. (Sheriff's Work Ethic and Training) and the mission of the program is to supervise, guide, mentor, and lead juvenile offenders by direction and discussions.



Juveniles selected to participate in the S.W.E.AT. Program will meet with FCSO deputies where they will be issued a reflective safety vest. Then, they will be transported to the beach for clean-up in a Sheriff's van.

After the beach clean-up is completed the S.W.E.A.T. participants will be transported to the Sheriff

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Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility to meet a guest speaker. The S.W.E.A.T. participants will be led inside the jail to a classroom and the sights and sounds of the jail. They will not interact with current inmates. The guest speaker will be a former inmate or former substance abuser who has turned their life around. The guest speaker will discuss topics such as:

- Life Choices
- Experiences in jail. (Limited contact with family and the outside world).
- Repercussions of surrounding yourself with the wrong affiliates.
- Repercussions of drug/alcohol abuse.

After the guest speaker has finished his presentation the S.W.E.AT. participants will have an opportunity to ask questions.

"This is a great program and I believe S.W.E.A.T. will help to not only fulfill court ordered community service hours, but also provide these kids with insight to what their future will be if their criminal patterns continue," Sheriff Staly said. "This is one more way to provide our troubled youth with the mentoring, leadership, and guidance they need. It is our hope these kids will turn their life around and become productive adults."

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