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Flagler County Sheriff's Office Employees **Donate over \$16,000 to Support 11th Annual** **Christmas with a Deputy Event**

It's Christmas time and the Flagler County Sheriff's Office is gearing up for the 11th annual Christmas with a Deputy event. The event focuses on providing Christmas gifts for children in the Flagler County community who otherwise would not have a Christmas.



Sheriff Staly presenting FCSO Commander Lou Miceli, President of Christmas with a Deputy, with a check for \$16,717.00

Christmas with a Deputy is scheduled to kick-off at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 7th at City Centre in Palm Coast, located at 145 City Place. The event kicks off with activities including crafts and games at the Chiumento, Dwyer, Hertel and Grant law office building. Each participating child receives gift bags filled with goodies and their very own Santa hat. Then, approximately 100 law enforcement vehicles

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with lights and sirens blaring will form a convoy and head to the Palm Coast Target with 120 children for holiday shopping. Target is located at 5100 East Highway 100 in Palm Coast.

For the first time in the history of the event, a second Christmas with a Deputy event will be held on December 14th for 30 more children made possible by a generous donation from Walmart. This second event will be held at the Palm Coast Walmart shopping center and all 30 children will be able to go shopping with a member of law enforcement.

Christmas with a Deputy is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization that was founded by retired FCSO Sergeant Larry Jones. The program is made possible by donations received from the community and the members of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office. From July through December, FCSO employees donate to the Christmas with a Deputy fund through payroll deductions. This year the agency raised \$16,717.00, which Sheriff Staly presented to the Christmas with a Deputy President, FCSO Commander Lou Miceli.

Children are selected to participate in the event by nominations from FCSO employees and Flagler County School District staff.

“We look forward to supporting the Christmas with a Deputy program. This event is a great way to give back and support our community while building positive relationships between children and law enforcement,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “I am proud of our employees who donate their time and money to make this event possible for the children of Flagler County.”

Any media outlets wishing to cover this event should contact Brittany Kershaw at (386) 586-2637 or by emailing bkershaw@flaglersheriff.com.

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