



Rick Staly, Sheriff

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

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After Serious Crashes and One Fatality, Sheriff Reminds Motorists to Drive Safely this Holiday Weekend

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office responded to two severe crashes in Flagler County on Saturday. One accident on I-95 at Mile Marker 284 around noon involved multiple vehicles. Sheriff Staly arrived on scene shortly after the accident and spoke with witnesses, even providing a small child with a teddy bear to help bring her comfort. Exit 284 northbound was shut down for hours to conduct the investigation and clear the debris by FHP. Thankfully, no life threatening injuries were reported.



Sheriff Staly at the scene of the I-95 crash speaking with witnesses and providing a stuffed animal to a child.

Around 2:20 p.m. another crash occurred at US1 and Old Dixie Highway in front of the White Eagle. A motorcycle collided with a vehicle and the motorcyclist was pronounced deceased on scene.

The Sheriff is urging motorists to drive safely, be patient, and avoid distractions so that everyone can arrive safely at their destination and enjoy a safe holiday season.

"We have increased patrols on the roads this weekend," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Please slow down, drive alert and be aware of your surroundings. Never text and drive or drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Let's all do our part to ensure that everyone arrives alive for Christmas and their holiday weekend."

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The FCSO Motor Unit is conducting traffic enforcement operations at high crash locations to deter speeding and the running of red lights. The Grinch was assisting the Motor Unit on Saturday to pull over speeders and aggressive drivers.



The Grinch on Palm Coast Parkway assisting the FCSO Motor Unit.

DUI Units will be enforcing sober driving every weekend through the remainder of 2018. Message boards are displayed throughout the county with the message "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and the Sheriff's Taxi Patrol car will be visible in various locations.

"We can't be everywhere so let's work together to make our roads safe for everyone," added Sheriff Staly. "Report aggressive driving by calling 386-313-4911."

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