

## Rick Staly, Sheriff FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

"An honor to serve, a duty to protect."

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Flagler County Seniors vs Crime Unit Delivers Results**

In September of 2015, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) partnered with the Florida Attorney General's Office to offer a Seniors vs. Crime Unit, a free program aimed to help senior citizens who fall prey to criminals. Since then the program has assisted in 325 cases and recovered a total of \$481,479.93 for Flagler County's seniors as indicated in an annual report released by the Flagler County Seniors vs. Crime Unit. In 2018 alone this unit recovered \$161,276.67 for Flagler seniors.

Flagler County Seniors Vs. Crime Results 2018		Flagler County Seniors Vs. Crime Results (All Time)	
Assist for Service	260	Assist for Service	613
Cases Resolved to Saisfaction with no Refunds	21	Cases Resolved to Saisfaction with no Refunds	48
Cases Resolved With Cash Refunds for Flagler Seniors	11	Cases Resolved With Cash Refunds for Flagler Seniors	70
Total Volunteer Hours	2005	Total Volunteer Hours	4915
Total Funds Recovered for Flagler Seniors	\$161,276.67	Total Funds Recovered for Flagler Seniors	\$481,479.93

"Enough good cannot be said about the great work being done by the volunteers involved with our Flagler County Seniors vs. Crime program," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "This year alone our volunteers put in over 6000 hours helping seniors in our county who have been victimized either of fraud or unscrupulous contractors by recovering funds for them or providing the groundwork for a criminal case. I want to personally thank each and every volunteer for their dedication and hard work."

Seniors vs. Crime provides direct services to seniors in Flagler County who have been victimized by businesses or service providers. If a case is determined to be criminal it is turned turned over to law enforcement officers to investigate. In addition, the volunteers regularly conduct seminars on how seniors can protect themselves from becoming a victim of these crimes.

For more information about Seniors vs. Crime, call the Flagler County Seniors vs. Crime Unit at (386) 586-2634, or visit them online at <u>www.seniorsvscrime.com</u>.

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