



Rick Staly, Sheriff

## FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Sheriff to Rename District 1 Office and Marine Unit in Honor of Captain Grady Prather Jr.

One year ago, Sheriff Rick Staly announced that the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) would be re-launching a full-time Marine Unit in Captain Grady Prather Jr.'s honor, complete with land and water vehicles to patrol Flagler County's 85-miles of water and 18-miles of ocean shoreline.

On Monday, May 20 at 10:30a.m., Sheriff Rick Staly will host a ribbon cutting at the FCSO District 1 Office at 69 Malacompra Road dedicating the newly renovated office in honor Captain Prather, Jr.



Join us for the FCSO District 1 Office Dedication to

# CAPTAIN GRADY PRATHER JR.

On Monday, May 20th at 10:30 am at 69 Malacompra Road off of A1A



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“We’ve had a full-time Marine unit for one year and it is time to rename our District 1 Office in honor of Captain Prather as well,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “Captain Prather was responsible for launching the full-time Marine Unit in modern history and was discontinued as a full-time unit after he retired, so it is fitting that his name be on the walls of the District Office, which also houses our Marine & Dive Unit.”

Captain Grady Prather was a 33-year veteran of the FCSO who led the Marine Unit, which he also created. Captain Prather retired on January 31, 2008 and passed away on November 17, 2009.

Sheriff Staly will also be unveiling the new COP Volunteer Marine Patrol and the new Dive Team Pontoon style boat.

Special guests expected to be in attendance are Grady’s wife Caryn and Captain Prather Jr.’s son, Jason Prather, who is a Flagler County Deputy along with Jason’s recently added son, Grady James Prather.

This event is to also kick-off FCSO’s summer boating safety initiative which starts Memorial Day weekend.

The ribbon cutting is open to the public and the community is encouraged to come and participate. FCSO Marine vehicles and vessels will be on display.

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