



Rick Staly, Sheriff

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

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Sheriff Recognizes 2018 Fourth Quarter Employees during Awards Ceremony

Sheriff Rick Staly hosted the fourth quarter of 2018 awards ceremony at the Kim C. Hammond Justice Center in Bunnell. The awards ceremonies take place every three months to recognize exceptional service by Sheriff's Office employees and members of the community.

"The employees at this agency work tirelessly every day for the people of Flagler County. This is my opportunity to recognize and thank the hard working men and women of the Sheriff's Office for their outstanding service," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "I congratulate all of our recipients and thank them for their dedication and service to the community."

October Employee of the Month – Detention Deputy Colin Haggerty

Detention Deputy Haggerty was assigned as the Bravo Squad Booking Deputy on October 10. While performing his duties, he noticed an inmate that was in a holding cell laying in an awkward position on the floor with what appeared to be a jumpsuit tied around his neck. Deputy Haggerty immediately responded and entered the cell to remove the jumpsuit from around his neck. As a result of Deputy Haggerty's actions, he prevented the inmate's attempt to take his own life.

November Employee of the Month – Communications Specialist Megan Burton

Communications Specialist Megan Burton continually provides the utmost care for her callers. She is always professional, calm and provides a positive customer service experience. Megan has volunteered to become officer-in-charge for Delta Squad Communications. On a daily basis, Megan is a team player and a valued asset to the Communications Center.

December Employee of the Month – Sergeant Jon Welker

Every Christmas, Sergeant Welker and his wife purchase gifts for to the children at the Vince Carter Sanctuary preschool. This is a selfless act that Sergeant Welker started several years ago. He works with the preschool to learn about each child and then personally purchases gifts for each child. Members of the K9 Unit then drop off the gifts along with some treats for the kids and staff. The kind

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heart of Sgt. Welker helps ensure these children have a happy holiday season and shows a positive reflection of law enforcement to the children in this situation. Sgt. Welker also received a Community Service Certificate for his actions.



From left: Family Kia President Richard Stoff, Communications Specialist Megan Burton, Detention Deputy Colin Haggerty, K9 Sergeant Jon Welker, Sheriff Rick Staly and Family Kia VP Carl Davis.

All Employees of the Month were gifted plaques from Family KIA of St. Augustine as well as a \$250.00 donation in their name to FSEAT, the Flagler Sheriff's Employee Assistance Trust fund.

Letter of Appreciation for Panhandle Response from Governor Rick Scott



From left: Dep. Bryan Jackson, Dep. Brad Stogdon, Sheriff Staly, Deputy Robin Towns, Sgt. Chris Ragazzo, Sgt. Jon Dopp, Cmdr. Glenn Davis, Sgt. Matthew Mortimer of Bunnell PD. (Not pictured: Cmdr. Jason Neat, Cpl. Shane Meehan, Dep. Steve Williams, and Detective Arthur Erlandson)

Governor Rick Scott sent personal thank you letters to each member our Emergency Response Team after they deployed to the West Coast of Florida following Hurricane Michael to thank them for their dedicated service to keeping Florida families and visitors safe. Sheriff Staly also presented the team with a commemorative Challenge Coin.

Certificate of Commendation – Deputies Kyle Gaddie and Arthur Horler

On November 26, Ormond Beach Police alerted FCSO about a bank robbery that had just occurred involving a serial bank robber. Deputy Gaddie and Deputy Horler responded to I-95, located the

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vehicle and performed a traffic stop on it. The bank robber was identified and arrested for multiple outstanding robbery warrants and later provided a full confession to several bank robberies involving surrounding jurisdictions. The great work of these deputies helped bring a serial bank robber to justice.

Certificate of Appreciation – Communications Supervisor Genice Caccavale



From left: Communications Supervisor Genice Caccavale and Sheriff Staly.

Communications Supervisor Genice Caccavale was appointed the Training and Relief Supervisor in January 2018. When she took on this role, she was given the responsibility of creating an in-house training program for the department. During the few first months in her new position, she put in extra hours covering shifts for people who were out sick and would offer to help on the floor whenever needed. Despite these added responsibilities, the training program was completed prior to the end of 2018 and has enabled more effective training for new hires, current employees, and the Communications Training Officers. Additionally this will save the Agency money by not having to send the employees to an outside school for training.

Certificate of Appreciation – School Resource Deputies Unit



From left: Dep. Alecrim, Dep. Petty, Sgt. Ragazzo, Sheriff Staly, Dep. Champion, Dep. Cooper, and Dep. Towns. (Not pictured: Cpl. Lowe, Dep. Landi, Dep. Williams, Dep. Pedersen, Dep. Malheiros, Dep. Agata and Dep. Lilavois)

The Florida Legislature produced a new law that Governor Rick Scott signed on March 9, 2018, called the 7026 "Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act." Our agency now has 12 full time School Resource Deputies, including 2 in each of our High Schools, which protect and serve our ten schools with over 13,000 students in addition to the faculty on campus. The unit was also involved in

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the planning and execution of lock down drills and familiarizing their campus staff with ideas, recommendations, and proposals to increase campus safety with the assistance of our Homeland Security Section. Throughout the school year, our SRD's have handled calls for service to include fights, narcotics, thefts, and have intercepted and handled campus threats. Our SRD's provide outstanding service to their assigned school, but also provide mentoring, leadership, and promote positive interaction with youth in summer camps as well.

Unit Citation



From left: Dep. Capela, Sheriff Staly, and Dep. Chewning (Not pictured: Cpl. Bender, Sgt. Goncalves, Dep. Beane, Dep. Barnett, Dep. St. John, Dep. Held, Dep. Horler, Dep. Barkoskie, and Sgt. Weaver)

On October 15, St Johns County notified FCSO of a suicidal male in his vehicle traveling southbound on I-95. Deputy Bender and Deputy Capela located the vehicle on I-95 and attempted to stop the vehicle, which failed to pull over. OnStar was able to slow the vehicle down, but was unable to stop it completely so Sergeant Goncalves deployed stop sticks on the vehicle. The vehicle eventually stopped and the male had severely injured himself and was bleeding profusely. It was later determined that the male was suspected of killing his fiancé in Jacksonville, Florida.

Unit Citation



From left: Sgt. Tim Abruzzo, Cmdr. Althea Civil, Marilenn Punsalan, Sheriff Staly, and Michele Bagnoli

For the 1st time in the FCSO's hundred-year history, the Detention Facility has become an accredited facility. This was an extraordinary team effort and all members of the Court and Detention Services Division should be congratulated and proud of this accomplishment. The accreditation team went

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above and beyond during the accreditation process in order to accomplish this great achievement.

Years of Service



From left: Deputy Daniel Laverne – 5 years of service, Corporal Peter Descartes and Cmdr. Lou Miceli – 15 years of service, and Chaplain Edward Reistetter – 5 years of service

- Five Years of Service: Bailiff Frank Barbagallo, Detective Fiona Ebrill, Deputy Daniel Laverne, Deputy Paula Priester, SRD Jason Williams
- Fifteen Years of Service: Corporal Peter Descartes and Cmdr. Lou Miceli

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- Five Years of Service: Chaplain Mike Desroches, Chaplain Edward Reistetter
- Fifteen Years of Service: Nancy Morea

The FCSO will host the next quarterly awards ceremony after the first of the year.

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