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Flagler Sheriff's PAL Partners with Lion's Pride Boxing to Bring New Program to Youth and 'Knock Out Crime'

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Police Athletic League (PAL) has partnered with Lion's Pride Boxing, located at 4601 East Moody Blvd J12 in Bunnell, to bring a boxing program to the growing list of programs available to youth in Flagler County.



Athlete Timothy, Coach Shelley Burton, Eve Fontan, Rick Fontan, Sheriff Staly, PAL Coordinator Kerri Henderson, PAL Director Deputy Nicole Quintieri, and Athlete Anthony.

"We are very excited about this partnership and the opportunity to present even more programs to keep kids busy after school and on the right track," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "The more activities available to kids, the less likely they are to get into trouble."

The boxing program will run year-round and is open to any children ages 8-17 in Flagler County. Coach Rick Fontan is also a coach of the Flagler Sheriff's PAL Warriors Football program. Boxing will also be an

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option for Flagler Sheriff's PAL Warriors Football athletes in the off-season. Shelley Burton, another coach at Lion's Pride Boxing, is a former Super Middle Weight Women's International Boxing Association champion of the world. Lion's Pride Boxing opened in Bunnell on December 1, 2018.



Fontan and Sheriff Staly in the boxing ring.

"The most vulnerable time for a child are the hours after school and until their parents return home in the evening," Gym Owner Rick Fontan said. "That is why these athletic programs are so important. Boxing helps children develop self-control and actually lowers their chances of getting into fights. I believe our partnership with the Sheriff's PAL will help knock out crime and keep kids safe."

The PAL Boxing program will begin July 1, 2019. For more information, visit www.flaglersheriffspal.org.

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