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FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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FCSO Partners with Agencies from Neighboring States for Operation Southern Shield to Reduce Traffic Fatalities

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is participating in Operation Southern Shield from July 15 through July 21.



During Operation Southern Shield, law enforcement agencies across Florida, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and Tennessee will join forces for a week of high-visibility traffic enforcement. The hopes of this operation are to reduce overall traffic fatalities and serious injuries on roadways caused by speeding.

Data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows speeding is a factor in nearly one-third of all traffic deaths in the United States over the last two decades. Additionally, speeding has been proven to show a significant decrease in the life saving abilities of seatbelts during a crash.

Flagler County residents can expect a heightened law enforcement presence during Operation Southern Shield. In addition to speeding, deputies will be on the lookout for seatbelt usage, impaired driving, and distracted driving violations.

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“We are proud to partner with our neighboring states for ‘Operation Southern Shield’,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “The safety of our residents is our number one priority. Operations like Southern Shield are proven to save lives. Remember to always drive safely and free from distractions, and follow all traffic laws or you may be pulled over.”

Operation Southern Shield will run from July 15 through July 21. For more information on safe driving, please visit <https://www.flhsmv.gov/safety-center/driving-safety/>.

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