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FCSO Partners with Flagler County Schools to Present Active Assailant Training to Entire Flagler School District

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is presenting Active Assailant presentations in partnership with the Flagler County Schools to all Flagler County teachers and employees.



Flagler Schools Dr. Earl Johnson and FCSO Chief Paul Bovino present the ALERT Training.

School is back in session on August 12 in Flagler County and the training is being given to ensure that all Flagler School employees will have the tools to be able to respond should they be faced with a critical incident during school hours.

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"We appreciate the partnership we have with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office," Dr. Earl Johnson, Flagler Schools Safety Officer said. "The tone of this training is both serious, yet informative. We value the role our School Resource Deputies, as well as those members of the FCSO offering this training, play in keeping our campuses safe."

The training serves to fulfill criteria for Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act which requires Active Shooter Training to be held in all school at least once per semester. FCSO Chief of Investigative Services Paul Bovino and Flagler Schools Dr. Earl Johnson, Executive Director of Leadership, presented the material to a large group of Flagler Palm Coast High School employees on Monday morning. Additional trainings are being presented by FCSO's Domestic Homeland Security Unit and Flagler Schools Administrators.

"Just like fire drills and other emergencies, we want to give teachers and students the ability to immediately assess the threat and take action to protect themselves and each other," Sheriff Staly said. "Unfortunately, the new environment that we live in call for this type of training. You never know when an active assailant may strike and the best offense is a good defense. This is a hard subject to cover but our team in partnership with Flagler Schools will ensure that this training is understood by all and work together to keep our schools safe."

Before school starts FCSO encourages parents to talk to their children about what is and is not appropriate behavior in school and on social media. Inappropriate comments that imply threats to the safety of schools or other businesses, whether posted on social media or written or verbally stated, will be thoroughly investigated and arrests made. The FCSO has a zero tolerance policy.

FCSO will be presenting a similar age-appropriate presentation to high school, middle school, and elementary school students once the school year has started. This is an ongoing training curriculum presented by FCSO's Domestic Homeland Security Division, School Resource Deputies and Flagler Schools.

This type of training is available throughout the year in a variety of settings. Follow the <u>Flagler County Sheriff's Office on Facebook</u> or email <u>CommunityOutreach@flaglersheriff.com</u> for more information or to schedule an Active Assailant presentation for your group.

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