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FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Sheriff Recognizes Employees during Second Quarterly Awards Ceremony of 2019

Sheriff Rick Staly hosted the second quarterly awards ceremony of 2019 today at the Emergency Operations 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.

"We have some extraordinary people working at the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, and this is my opportunity to recognize and thank them for their outstanding service to the community," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "I congratulate all of our recipients and thank them for their hard work and dedication."

April Employee of the Month and Life Saving Award – Ashlie Hicks

On April 30th, Civil Clerk Ashlie Hicks observed smoke coming from a home. She called 9-1-1 and ran to the back of the house to alert the people inside and help bring them and their animals to safety. Ashlie receives the Life Saving Award as well as the April Employee of the Month award for rendering aid to another, who as a result of her actions, stopped a life-ending event.

May Employee of the Month – Deputy Troy Cavas and K9 Baro

In the month of May, Deputy Troy Cavas and K9 Baro responded to calls for service resulting in deadly narcotics being removed from the community and two suspects being arrested for an array of felony criminal charges. Deputy Troy Cavas and K9 Baro are the May Employees of the Month for their contribution to the agency's mission of eradicating illegal narcotics in Flagler County.

June Employee of the Month and Certificate of Commendation – Communications Specialist Danielle Brown

On June 2, 2019, Communications Specialist Danielle Brown answered a 911 call for a suicide and attempted murder. Danielle's professionalism and eagerness to help this victim, kept the victim calm and talking until help arrived. Danielle's pertinent questions provided deputies with information to keep them safe and the victim conscious and talking. Danielle receives a Certificate of Commendation as well as the June Employee of the Month award to recognize her effort and diligence above and

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beyond what is normally required, exceptional service to the community, and outstanding assistance to the agency.



From left: Communications Specialist Danielle Brown, Deputy Troy Cavas, Civil Clerk Ashlie Hicks, Sheriff Staly, Family Kia President Richard Stoff 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. President Stoff and VP Davis additionally took each recipient to lunch after the awards ceremony.

Letter of Recognition for FCSD K9 Unit from Governor DeSantis



From left: Dep. Cavas, Dep. Smith, Corporal Gimbel, Corporal Tarczewski, Emma Stanford, Mr. Stanford, Commander Welker, Sheriff Staly, and Mrs. Stanford.

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Governor DeSantis sent a personal thank you letter to the FCSO K9 Unit for their outstanding work with Gold Star Family of fallen officer Lukas T. Stafford. Governor DeSantis also sent a letter for the Stafford family thanking them for their sacrifice. Sheriff Rick Staly presented all of the K9s with treats as well.

Certificate of Commendation – Cmdr. Jon Welker, Sgt. James Miley, Cpl. Daniel Parthemore, Dep. Dedorius Varnes



From left: Commander Welker, Deputy Varnes and Sheriff Staly

On May 2, deputies responded to a home after a Veterans Crisis Line advised they were speaking to a male who wished to end his life. Deputies ultimately entered the residence and located the man unresponsive in his garage with his vehicle running. He was transported to the hospital where he was expected to make a full recovery. These deputies receive the Certificate of Commendation to recognize their effort and diligence above and beyond what is normally required, exceptional service to the community, and outstanding assistance to the agency.

Certificate of Commendation – Cpl. Ron Mello, Dep. Marcus Dawson, Dep. Robert Lentino, Dep. Michael Lane



From left: Dep. Michael Lane and Sheriff Staly

On April 23, a call was received about a juvenile armed with a handgun and in a dispute with a family member. Deputies set a perimeter and encouraged the juvenile to drop the firearm. These deputies receive the Certificate of Commendation to recognize their effort and diligence above and beyond

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Certificate of Commendation – Jo-Ann Ramos



From left: Jo-Ann Ramos and Sheriff Rick Staly

In June of 2018, Jo-Ann Ramos noticed two very small orange rectangular substances hidden within an envelope while scanning mail at the jail. That envelope and several additional envelopes were turned over and the substance was determined to be a controlled substance. Jo-Ann’s actions prevented an illegal substance from entering the jail. She receives the Certificate of Commendation to recognize her effort and diligence above and beyond what is normally required, exceptional service to the community, and outstanding assistance to the agency.

Certificate of Commendation – Dep. Seth Green



From left: Dep. Seth Green and Sheriff Staly

In June, Deputy S. Green demonstrated an extreme dedication to proactivity within our community. Deputy S. Green made three separate arrests for a variety of narcotics charges and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Deputy Green receives the Certificate of Commendation to recognize his effort and diligence above and beyond what is normally required, exceptional service to the community, and outstanding assistance to the agency.

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Unit Citation – Delta Squad Communications – McKenzie Davis, Megan Burton, Danielle Brown, Heather Robinson

On April 22, 2019, members of Communications - Delta Squad played a critical role in the quick response to a shooting in Bunnell. The four Communication Specialists answered numerous emergency calls obtaining pertinent information to the case, providing the citizens with timely assistance and ensured the safety of a surplus of law enforcement officers and fire department personnel. The members of Delta Squad Communications receive a Unit Citation for their extraordinary achievement in accomplishing the mission. All members involved utilized great teamwork and professionalism.

Unit Citation – Sgt. J Barile, Cpl. Tarczewski and K9 Tag, Dep. West, Dep. Yeoman



From left: Sergeant Barile, Sheriff Staly and Corporal Tarczewski

On June 17, 2019 units responded to a disturbance involving a female armed with a butcher knife. Deputies strategically controlled the scene and eventually deployed a Taser to take the female into custody and get her to drop the knife. The Deputies receive a Unit Citation for their extraordinary achievement in accomplishing the mission. All members involved utilized great teamwork and professionalism.

NARCAN Life Saving Award – Cpl. Ron Mello, Dep. Marcus Dawson

Certificate of Appreciation - Dep. Shannon Smith, Dep. Derek Logsdon, Dep. Robert Lentino



From left: Dep. Shannon Smith and Sheriff Rick Staly

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On May 11, deputies responded to an overdose call. Cpl. Mello and Deputy Dawson administered life-saving NARCAN while the remaining deputies assisted the EMS crew in providing rescue breaths and monitoring the patient's airway and breathing. Cpl. Mello and Deputy Dawson receive the Life Saving Award for rendering aid to another, who as a result of their actions, stopped a life-ending event. Deputies Smith, Logsdon, and Lentino receive the Certificate of Appreciation for their significant contribution to the agency

Life Saving Award – Dep. Shannon Smith



From left: Dep. Shannon Smith and Sheriff Rick Staly

On June 28th, Deputy Shannon Smith responded to a medical call involving an 89-year-old female who was unresponsive and had no pulse. Deputy Smith performed CPR on the female until rescue arrived and the patient was transported to the hospital, where she was expected to make a full recovery. Deputy Smith receives the Life Saving Award for rendering aid to another, who as a result of her actions, stopped a life-ending event.

**Life Saving Award – Dep. B. Sheridan,
Certificate of Appreciation - Dep. Haggerty, Dep. Twing, Dep. Capobianco, CCTV Operator Faircloth**



From left: Dep. Twing, CCTV Operator Faircloth, Dep. Sheridan and Sheriff Staly

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On June 26, 2019, an inmate attempted to harm himself within the jail. CCTV Operator H. Faircloth notified Detention Staff who responded to save the inmate. Dep. Sheridan untied the rope from around the inmate's neck and verified that he had a pulse. The remaining deputies offered assistance during the incident. Deputy Sheridan receives the Life Saving Award for rendering aid to another, who as a result of his actions, stopped a life-ending event. Deputies Haggerty, Twing, and Capobianco and CCTV Operator H. Faircloth receive the Certificate of Appreciation for their significant contribution to the agency.

LIFE SAVING AWARD (Delayed) – Communications Supervisor Jay Aldridge



From left: Communications Supervisor Jay Aldridge, Communications Director Christina Mortimer and Sheriff Staly.

In August 2011, Director Mortimer began to choke while on shift in dispatch. She was losing color due to lack of oxygen. Communications Supervisor Aldridge immediately ran to her and performed the Heimlich maneuver until the item was dislodged. Director Mortimer was four months pregnant and went on to make a full recovery and deliver a healthy baby. Communications Supervisor Aldridge receives the Life Saving Award for rendering aid to another, who as a result of his actions, stopped a life-ending event.

Citizen Certificate of Appreciation – Chris Parks and Chalyn Parks



From left: Chris Parks, Sheriff Staly and Chalyn Parks

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Chris Parks and his son Chalyn Parks have been a tremendous help in assisting with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office "S.W.E.A.T." program. The S.W.E.A.T. program is designed to steer juveniles in the right direction, and provide them an opportunity to get back on the right track. Chris Parks and his son are examples of physically fit, motivated members of our community that should be recognized for their significant volunteer contribution in mentoring our youth.

Citizen Certificate of Appreciation – Lindsey Gay



From left: Lindsey Gay and her children with Sheriff Staly

On June 30, a 9-1-1 call was received about a 7-year-old boy who went missing while at the beach with his family. Ms. Gay located the missing child and stayed with him until law enforcement arrived on scene. Ms. Gay receives the Certificate of Appreciation for her significant contribution to our community and the welfare of a young child.

Years of Service

- Five Years of Service: Jacob West, Mark Remish, Richard Petkovsek, Robin Towns, Stephen Usina, David Hopkins
- Ten Years of Service: Randy Vickers, Manny Confusione
- Fifteen Years of Service: William Vazquez, Eileen Wires
- 20 Years of Service: Kim Davis
- 25 Years of Service: Steve Cole, Steve Brandt



From left: Deputy Towns and Sheriff Staly, Sergeant Kim Davis and Sheriff Staly, Commander Steve Cole and Sheriff Staly

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