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FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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School is Back in Session - Stay Aware and Drive with Care

Flagler County Public Schools are back in session on Monday, August 12th. School zones will be in effect and there will be more pedestrians on residential roads near bus stops. The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) will have increased patrols in school zones and bus stops throughout the county from August 12th through August 23rd to help get the school year off to a safe start.

The increased law enforcement presence will serve as a reminder to the community that school is starting and drivers need to be aware of an increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic within school zones and residential areas and bus stops. Remember, under Florida law it is now a primary traffic violation to text or talk on a phone you are holding in a school or construction zone.

"We want to start this school year off on the right foot and that means everyone should be driving free from distractions and staying alert. Deputies from all units including traffic, K-9, C.O.P.s and school resource deputies (SRDs) will be working to ensure safety," said Sheriff Rick Staly.



K-9 Jax, assigned to SRD Williams at FPC, has been sharing back to school safety tip videos on the [FCSO Facebook page](#) leading up to the start of the new school year.

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Each Flagler County public school has an assigned school resource deputy (SRD) that will be on campus at all times while school is in session. Each high school will have two SRDs at all times. New this year, K-9 Jax, a single-purpose K-9 that is not aggressive, will report to Flagler Palm Coast High School with SRD Deputy Jason Williams daily. K-9 Jax will also be available for any calls for service that may involve explosives or bomb threats at other county schools and in the community. This marks the first-time in Agency history that an African-American Deputy is part of the FCSO K-9 team and a K-9 is assigned to a school.



From left: Deputy Williams, Cmdr. Reynolds, Sgt. Ragazzo, Deputy Cooper, Deputy Agata, Deputy Lilavois, Deputy Towns, Sheriff Staly, Deputy Landi, Deputy Lima, Deputy Petty, Deputy Alecrim, Deputy Champion and Cpl. Lowe.

In addition to SRD presence on each school campus, proactive patrols will continue throughout the school year. Traffic Units will monitor the school zones on a regular basis throughout the school year. For more back to school safety information, visit the FCSO on [Facebook](#).

Any suspicious persons, vehicles, or activity should always be reported to 9-1-1 or the non-emergency line 386-313-4911 immediately.

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