



Rick Staly, Sheriff

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## **Sheriff Announces Domestic Violence (DV) is Down -7% in 2019**

Sheriff Rick Staly identified Domestic Violence as a community problem after becoming Sheriff in 2017 and launched a Domestic Violence Task Force to find a community driven solution. The task force has been meeting regularly since with the most recent meeting taking place on Thursday, October 17 at the Kim C. Hammond Justice Center.



Over 30 people gathered for the DV Task Force update on Thursday.

The task force participants formed five sub-committees: Criminal Justice, Social Services, Mental Health, Education, and Faith-Based. Each sub-committee was represented to provide an update on their progress and to continue the flow of information. Much success has come from the committees, most notably ankle monitoring for DV offenders, a local Batterers Intervention Program (BIP), and a

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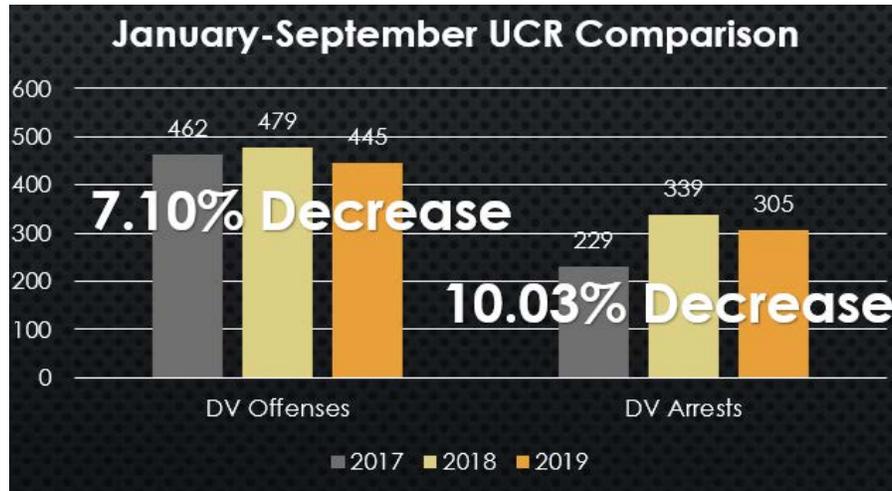
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dedicated DV detective and a DV crime analyst.

As of September 2019:

- Domestic Violence cases are down -7.1%\*
- Domestic Violence arrests are down -10.03%\*
- Domestic Violence Injunctions are down -55%\*



“Preventing Domestic Violence requires a special understanding of the warning signs, the risk potential, the dynamics of the domestic relationships, and the tools and processes needed to decrease the likelihood of the offender reoffending,” Sheriff Staly said. “I believe continuing work by all of the subcommittees, leveraging technology, as well as having a dedicated detective and crime analyst focused solely on domestic violence cases has helped drive down the occurrence of these crimes in Flagler County.”

In January 2017, the FCSO was awarded over \$161,000 by the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV) to fund a dedicated detective and a crime analyst along with training and community education designed to prevent violence and improve investigations in Flagler County. In March 2019, the FCSO received a grant totaling \$204,158.00 from FCADV to continue funding the detective and crime analyst positions as well as additional resources geared towards fighting domestic violence. The FCADV serves as the primary voice for victims of domestic violence and their children by working with the state legislature and law enforcement agencies.

The PowerPoint Presentation from the Thursday DV Task Force Meeting can be found here:

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1QKv2G\\_s5cwf9IdIZRRKYDFnzhfahxU6G](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1QKv2G_s5cwf9IdIZRRKYDFnzhfahxU6G)

\*Statistics compared to 2018 and are for FCSO primary response jurisdictions only.

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