



Rick Staly, Sheriff

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### **FCSO SWAT Competes in Florida SWAT Round-Up International - Finishes 22 out of 55 Teams; FCSO's Sgt. Ryan Emery Wins "Super SWAT Cop" Competition**

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) participated in the Florida SWAT Association SWAT Round-Up International competition in Orlando, Florida, from Monday, November 11 through Friday, November 15. The week-long competition consisted of five mandatory team challenge events.

The SWAT Round-Up brings together teams from around the globe to learn from one another. In addition to participating for the purpose of competition, the SWAT Round-Up is also a valuable training and educational experience for SWAT responders.



Sgt. Breckwoldt, Deputy Fiveash, Deputy Taylor, Deputy Lewis, Deputy Ocampo, Sgt. Emery, Cpl. Santoianni, Deputy Oldham, and Sheriff Staly.

[Watch the FCSO SWAT team in action during the SWAT Round Up here.](#)

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“There is extensive training that goes into being a member of our Special Weapons and Tactics team,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “The SWAT Round-Up is training that builds confidence, team building, and the ability to learn tactics and exchange ideas with some of the best SWAT teams from around the world while competing in real-life scenarios. I am very proud of our team and the community should know our SWAT team is trained, equipped, and prepared for any emergency or critical incident.”

For the 2019 SWAT Round-Up International, fifty-five teams from around the world competed in five tactical events. Each of the five tactical events are geared for simulation of real life scenarios and are intended to challenge the team as a unit. The FCSO placed 22 overall.

The FCSO’s results are below for each tactical event.

- TACTICAL EVENT ONE: HOSTAGE RESCUE: 19<sup>TH</sup> PLACE
- TACTICAL EVENT TWO: PRICHER SCRAMBLE: 23<sup>RD</sup> PLACE
- TACTICAL EVENT THREE: OFFICER RESCUE: 20<sup>TH</sup> PLACE
- TACTICAL EVENT FOUR: TOWER SCRAMBLE: 24<sup>TH</sup> PLACE
- TACTICAL EVENT FIVE: OBSTACLE COURSE: 37<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

In addition to the team events that were mandatory, there were also optional events for individual competitors. One elite individual event is the “Super SWAT Cop” which consists of a variety of shooting accuracy tests using multiple weapons as well as physical agility exercises. FCSO’s Sergeant Ryan Emery won First Place in the event out of 55 solo competitors.



Left: Sgt. Emery during the Super SWAT Cop challenge. Right: The FCSO SWAT team during the Officer Rescue event.

“Not only is Sgt. Emery in charge of our training unit at FCSO, but he was the team leader for the SWAT Round-Up,” Sheriff Staly added. “It is obvious that he is the right man for the job and he proved it in the Super SWAT Cop event. Congratulations!”

More information on the Florida SWAT Association can be found here:

<https://www.floridaswat.org/swat-round-up>

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