

## Rick Staly, Sheriff FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## FCSO School Resources Deputies Now Equipped with Ankle Medical Kits and Rifle Plates

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) School Resource Deputy (SRD) Unit is now equipped with rescue tactical ankle medical kits and rifle plates for all deputies serving in schools in Flagler County. The ankle medical kits were provided through a grant from Walmart, Inc.

Each kit consists of a tourniquet, Israeli bandages, and tactical nitrile gloves all stored inside an ankle worn medical holster. The kits are worn every day the SRD deputy on duty so they can provide immediate care in case of a traumatic injury.



Pictured left: ankle medical kit. Right: Rifle plate.

"These trauma kits are essential not only in the event of an active assailant incident at a school, but in

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the event of an emergency when a tourniquet may be a lifesaving measure," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Of course our hope is that we've over prepared and we'll never need them. But we will have them if we do. We appreciate Walmart's partnership in helping us serve our community in an emergency."

In addition to the ankle medical kits, each SRD also received a rifle plate. These plates are designed to protect deputies against high energy bullets and add extra protection to the existing protective vest our deputy's wear each day.

There are 13 deputies assigned to the SRD unit at the FCSO, including a manager and a sergeant. The SRD's works to improve the relationship between students and Deputy Sheriffs by serving full-time in Flagler County high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools. The SRD's also help ensure a safe environment for student learning.

For more information on the FCSO SRD Unit, visit: <u>http://www.flaglersheriff.com/divisions/school-resource-unit</u>

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