



Rick Staly, Sheriff  
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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **FCSO Deputy Awarded 'Officer of the Year' by the American Legion**

On Tuesday December 9, 2019, Deputy Austin Chewning of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) received the American Legion Post 115's Officer of the Year award. The award was presented to Deputy Chewning by Commander David Hammond of the American Legion. Sheriff Rick Staly was also in attendance.



*Pictured Above: Commander David Hammond, Deputy Austin Chewning, and Sheriff Rick Staly.*

Also during the ceremony, the American Legion presented Sheriff Rick Staly with a donation to the Flagler Sheriff's Employee Assistance Trust (FSEAT). The purpose of the trust is to provide assistance to FCSO employees during a personal crisis, give support to the families of slain Flagler County Sheriff's Office Deputies, and to recognize officers killed in the line of duty.

"Deputy Chewning's hard work and dedication to the community is exceptional," Sheriff Staly said. "He

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is very deserving of this award. I want to also thank the American Legion for their very generous donation to FSEAT. We appreciate the support.”

Congress chartered the American Legion in 1919 as a patriotic veteran’s organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in local communities. The Flagler post meets the second Monday of each month at VFW post 8696.

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