

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

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## FCSO Partners with Flagler Humane Society for 'Santa Paws Food Drive and Adoption Event'

Last night, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) partnered with the Flagler Humane Society to hold the 'Santa Paws Food Drive and Adoption Event'.



Pictured Above: Sheriff Rick Staly, members of the FCSO, and Flagler Human Society Director Amy Carotenuto pose with the Grinch and McGruff.

Promotion for the event began at the beginning of December when FCSO released a video on social media. In the video, FCSO finally captures the Grinch who was again trying to steal Christmas. However, instead of being sent to the Green Roof Inn, he is "court ordered" to attend the Santa Paws Food Drive and Adoption Event as an act of community service with the hope of growing his heart 3 times its size.

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During the event, the Grinch was available for pictures in exchange for a donation to the Flagler Humane Society. Additionally, attendees were able to meet McGruff and the FCSO K-9 Unit. During the event all adoption fees for animals inside the Flagler Humane Society were waived By the end of the evening, there were enough food donations to fill three and half over-sized carts and a few cats and dogs went home for the HOWL-O-Days with new loving owners.



"Events like this are really what the holidays are all about," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "I am thrilled that so many people came out to support the Flagler Humane Society with their donations. As for the Grinch, I don't know if he has totally changed his ways but I can say he photographs well!"

Just because the event is over does not mean that the Flagler Humane Society still cannot use your help. Find out howyou can make an impact by visiting <u>https://flaglerhumanesociety.org/get-involved/</u>.

Pictures from the event can be viewed here: https://www.facebook.com/pg/flaglercounty.sheriffsoffice/photos/?tab=album&album\_id=1430175007157360

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