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FCSO SWAT Team Invited to Participate in 2019 UAE SWAT Challenge in Dubai

Eight members of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) SWAT Team have been officially invited to participate in the 2019 UAE SWAT Challenge in Dubai from February 10th through the 14th. Four agencies were invited by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Ministry of Interior and Dubai Police to participate in the training with all expenses paid by the UAE. The FCSO SWAT members join the Osceola County, FL Sheriff's Office, the Alachua County, FL Sheriff's Office and the New York Police Department in sharing the honor of representing the United States.

During the UAE SWAT Challenge, more than 30 SWAT teams from across the world will go head to head in five Challenge Categories. Each challenge designed to build cooperation between all SWAT Teams on a global level and for members to participate in fact-based scenarios in an effort to create best practices and skill improvement.

"This is an outstanding honor for our SWAT team to be asked to participate in this event," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "This event offers a very unique opportunity for our SWAT team to collaborate, train and exchange ideas with SWAT Teams from all over the world. The benefits of training opportunities like this for our community are immeasurable."

The FCSO SWAT Team's expenses will be paid by the United Dubai Police and Minister of Interior for the United Arab Emirates.

While part of the FCSO SWAT team is out of town the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office SWAT team will support FCSO through the Sheriff's Mutual Aid Agreement in the event SWAT operations are needed in Flagler County.

For more information visit www.uaeswatchallenge.com.

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