



Rick Staly, Sheriff

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

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FCSO Deputies Rescue Two Women and Service Dog After Vehicle Crashes into Lake

Shortly after 4:30 PM, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office received a call for a crash at Waterfront Park. The caller, Lisa Burns, told dispatch that she had just accidentally driven herself and her blind mother into the lake, she was unable to open the vehicle doors, and that water was beginning to fill the car.



FCSO immediately responded and located the vehicle. Once on the scene, Deputy Collins and Deputy Meyers entered the water and began efforts to rescue the occupants. The deputies were able to open the driver-side door and assist Lisa Burns, Nancy Burns, and their service dog to safety.

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Once safely on dry land, Lisa Burns explained to deputies that in the heavy rain she had attempted to turn onto Colbert Lane but misjudged the turn and instead drove straight into the water.

“This story could have had a very different ending,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “I am extremely proud of Deputy Meyers and Deputy Collins for their quick response to the scene and how they went into the water without hesitation. Driving in the rain can be very dangerous, if at any time you are driving and you feel like the conditions are too hazardous we encourage drivers to pull over at a safe location and wait for the weather to pass.”

All of the occupants of the vehicle were medically cleared and left the scene without injury. The vehicle will be towed and released back to the owner.

Go to <https://www.dropbox.com/s/k5x1r24x3qjxe1j/WATERFRONT.mp4?dl=0> for body cam footage of the rescue.

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