

Rick Staly, Sheriff FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

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Don't Count on the Luck of the Irish this St. Patrick's Day

FCSO Reminds Drivers to Drive Safely and Free from Distractions

Beware of the leprechaun! The Flagler County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit is conducting a proactive speed enforcement detail this week due to St. Patrick's Day and the final weekend of Bike Week 2019. A deputy dressed as a leprechaun may be seen around town running radar and watching for speeders with deputies nearby to conduct traffic stops on violators.



Deputy Leprechaun with the FCSO Motor Unit nearby.

"We conduct these traffic enforcement details on a routine basis, but when the schedule falls around a holiday the team has some fun by wearing a costume to enhance the education of drivers," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "I think it shows that although we take traffic safety extremely seriously, we also have a sense of humor. When you spot the leprechaun, it's too late. Don't let him take your pot of gold!"

While taking a light-hearted approach by dressing in costume to make our point, the Sheriff's Office takes speeding very seriously and encourages everyone to drive free from distractions and obey the law. The Motor and Traffic Units will have traffic enforcement operations at high crash locations to

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deter speeding and aggressive driving. These traffic safety efforts include enforcement, education and awareness.

Traffic fatalities were down 42% in 2018 and crashes with injuries were down 8%. Let's work together to make our roads safer for you, your family, friends and all drivers.

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