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FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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FCSO Focuses on Safety during 78th Annual Bike Week

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office pushed for safety on the roadways during the 78th Annual Bike Week that ran March 8th through the 17th. There was increased law enforcement presence countywide, especially in high-traffic locations such as the White Eagle Bar at the intersection of Old Dixie Highway at US1 and the beaches along A1A.

The Motor and Traffic Units conducted traffic enforcement operations at high crash locations to deter speeding and aggressive driving. They were joined by Deputy Leprechaun who ran radar and reminded drivers to slow down and drive safely. Deputies conducted 940 traffic stops during the ten-day period.



Deputy Leprechaun working with the Traffic Unit on traffic enforcement.

There were 98 traffic crashes handled by deputies and Citizens on Patrol (volunteer COPs that assist the Sheriff's Office with minor traffic accidents).

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DUI patrols worked multiple evenings to maintain the safety of the community by taking impaired drivers off the streets. Six arrests were made for driving under the influence.



The Motor Unit worked traffic enforcement all week long at high crash locations.

The City of Palm Coast and the Flagler County Emergency Operations Center put out message boards that read “Look Twice, Save a Life. Watch for Motorcycles.” Again this year Bike Week coincided with Flagler School’s spring break and St. Patrick’s Day.

“All precautions were taken to ensure as safe of a Bike Week as possible,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “I’m thankful to our team and our partners in law enforcement for doing a great job last week but unfortunately there was one fatality in Flagler County on Saturday. Thanks to everyone for helping our residents and visitors stay as safe as possible.”

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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