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FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

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Flagler Sheriff's Office Awarded Four Grants - Totaling \$293,602 in Grant Money so far in 2019

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) has been awarded \$293,602.00 in grants in recent weeks. The funds will enable the FCSO to continue the fight against domestic violence, aid and assist victims of crimes, purchase helmets for SWAT members, and provide saddle blankets to the FCSO Mounted Posse volunteers.

In 2017, FCSO applied for and received a grant through the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV) to fund a dedicated detective and a crime analyst along with training and community education designed to prevent and improve investigations of domestic violence. FCSO reapplied for the grant for 2019 and has been awarded \$204,158.00 from the FCADV to continue the fight against domestic violence in Flagler County. The ability to have a team dedicated to working on domestic violence cases has aided in stronger cases reaching the State Attorney's Office (SAO) and re-arrest of offenders when they violate the conditions of their pretrial release.



FCSO was also awarded a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant in the amount of \$83,444 from the Office of the Attorney General, Bureau of Advocacy and Grants Management. These funds, which were also awarded in 2017, will continue to cover the salaries of two full-time victim advocates and 75% of a third advocate's salary. The grant also covers all training related expenses for the three advocates and

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a portion of the funds will be used for supplies and community outreach expenses.



Two FCSO Victim's Advocates: Mary Dinardi and Kathy Vazquez.

Volusia 100 awarded the FCSO a \$4,000.00 grant to purchase new ballistic helmets for use within the FCSO SWAT team. This will provide necessary protection for SWAT team deputies when an incident occurs that requires a tactical response.

The Weyerhaeuser Corporation awarded FCSO a \$2,000.00 grant. The funds were used to purchase horse saddle blankets for the FCSO volunteer Mounted Posse members. The posse members are comprised of volunteers who use their personal horses for Sheriff's Office duties such as patrol of parking lots, search and rescue, parades, training sessions and various community events.



Left: A ballistic SWAT helmet similar to the ones that will be purchased using the Volusia 100 grant. Right: A horse saddle blanket for the Mounted Posse purchased with funds from the Weyerhaeuser Corporation grant.

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“Members of our agency are always looking at grant opportunities so that we can continue to serve the community in the best and least expensive ways possible,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “These grants will make a huge difference in our ability to respond to any situation with the best resources and equipment available to us. Thank you to all of the companies, citizen groups and other agencies that awarded the grants for their support of FCSO and our community.”

The FCSO routinely applies for corporate, state and federal grants to bring money back to Flagler County in an effort to reduce the tax burden on residents.

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