



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

## **FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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### **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **FCSO Partners with Kid Wish Network and Dunkin Donuts to Grant Wish of Palm Coast Boy Living with Cerebral Palsy**

This morning the Flagler County Sheriff's Office collaborated with the national charity Kids Wish Network and the Palm Coast Dunkin Donuts to grant the wish of an eight-year-old Palm Coast boy, Phillip Neal.



*Pictured Above: Cynthia White (Grandmother), Phillip Neal (policeman uniform), Phillip's siblings and Mother, Dunkin Donuts Manager Jhailyn Minerva Diffoot, and Sheriff Rick Staly.*

Phillip is challenged with a lifelong diagnosis of Cerebral palsy, a disorder of movement, muscle tone or posture that is caused by damage that occurs to the immature, developing brain. Phillip's dream is to become a law enforcement officer so he can "catch the bad guys and eat doughnuts."

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On Thursday, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, Dunkin' Donuts, and the Kids Wish Network came together for a special police-themed wish reveal inside the Dunkin Donuts on Old Kings Road. Once Phillip had arrived at Dunkin Donuts, it was announced to Phillip that his wish is being granted and that he is going to Disney World! Dunkin Donuts presented him with a year's supply of doughnuts.



**Left:** Sheriff Rick Staly greets Phillip Neal as he arrives at Dunkin Donuts. **Right:** Sheriff Rick Staly and Phillip Neal.

Additionally, Sheriff Rick Staly made the boy an 'Honorary Deputy' of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office and presented him with a backpack full of Sheriff's Police Athletic League goodies, an FCSO tumbler, an FCSO hat, an Honorary Deputy certificate and an FCSO Centennial Challenge Coin.

"When I heard Phillip's story, I knew that we wanted to be a part of making his wish come true," Sheriff Staly said. "I am honored to be a part of this very special reveal for Phillip and his family. I hope they have a wonderful time in Disney World."

The Kids Wish Network granted Phillip's wish to visit Disney World. The Kids Wish Network provides trip expenses, meals, accommodations and additional spending money to all wish families whenever traveling is applicable. Visit [www.kidswishnetwork.org](http://www.kidswishnetwork.org) to learn about their different programs and find out how you can help make dreams come true and sponsor a wish for a deserving child.

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