

## Rick Staly, Sheriff FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Increased Patrols on Roads and Waterways Over Labor Day Weekend Shows Results

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) conducted a Labor Day traffic initiative for awareness, enforcement and education. Statistics show the initiative was a success. From September 4th through September 7th, FCSO deputies conducted 334 traffic stops and 3 boat stops and made two arrests for Driving Under the Influence (DUI). There were no traffic fatalities within Flagler County during the Labor Day weekend.



Left: Sheriff Staly on Marine Patrol. Right: Traffic Unit running speed enforcement in Palm Coast.

Sheriff Staly joined the FCSO Marine Unit on Saturday to patrol the intra-coastal waterway and enforce the manatee speed zones. Unfortunately on Sunday night there was a boating accident where a boat



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accidently hit a dock. The captain of the boat had minor injuries that required medical attention. The crash was investigated by Florida Fish and Wildlife officers.

"Thanks to our traffic, marine, motors, and patrol deputies and our Communications Center teams, we had a relatively safe Labor Day weekend in Flagler County," Sheriff Staly said. "Despite our enforcement and education initiatives, a couple of drivers decided to drive under the influence and ended up in the Green Roof Inn instead of enjoying their long weekend of freedom. These holiday operations are a great educational tool to remind everyone to drive and boat safely."

Patrol units had increased countywide presence and DUI enforcement with motorcycle, beach and patrol units. Marine units also patrolled the intra-coastal and canal waterways. Message boards were present countywide to remind drivers to "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over." The FCSO's Sheriff-Taxi car was also on display.

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