

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

"An honor to serve, a duty to protect."

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **FCSO Presents Virtual Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony**

The 2020 Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony conducted by the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is presented in a virtual format on the FCSO's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>YouTube</u> channels.



Sheriff Staly at the FCSO Memorial monument.

Sheriff Rick Staly and FCSO Chaplain Michael Desroches lead the virtual ceremony which is meant to honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

Traditionally the FCSO holds a ceremony at the Flagler County courthouse at dusk that commences with a walk to the memorial monument at the old Sheriff's Operations center. The concerns and restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have caused the in-person event to be cancelled and turned into a virtual option.

"Although we cannot hold our normal ceremony, I did not want this day to pass without recognizing the men and women in law enforcement that have made the ultimate sacrifice as public servants,"



Sheriff Rick Staly said. "To the friends and family of the fallen, please know that we stand with you, we mourn with you and we remember your fallen heroes with you."

In 2019, 135 officers were killed in the line of duty. Of those, 5 were from the State of Florida. As we remember the fallen, let us also remember everything they stood for such freedom, integrity, protection and service and how they lived their lives to serve others.

Since 1791, more than 21,000 law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty. The 15th of May each year is recognized as Peace Officers Memorial Day and pays tribute to local, state, and federal law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. The observance takes place during Police Week.

Watch the FCSO virtual Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony here: Facebook and YouTube

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