



Rick Staly, Sheriff

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FCSO Chief of Court & Detention Services Speaks at Health & Wellness Summit - "At the end of the day, we need to provide services"

"The first thing you should do each day is make your bed." That's one of the points Chief Daniel Engert made while speaking at the 2022 Health & Wellness Seminar in Daytona Wednesday. It's something each of the inmates in the **Successful Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Treatment (S.M.A.R.T.)** program at the Perry Hall Inmate Facility are required to do each day.

Inmate programs have expanded during the last two years, since Chief Engert arrived at the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO). For Sheriff Staly, it has always been about more than just arresting the criminal. It's also about giving them the tools to be successful citizens, if they truly want to turn their life around. And, thanks to the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program, FCSO received a \$530,000 grant to fund an in-custody treatment program for inmates at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, located in Bunnell. FCSO is one of only three Sheriff's Offices across the country to receive this funding.

Chief Engert was invited to speak at the Health & Wellness Summit at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach. He told attendees, which included providers from Flagler & Volusia County, it's all about care, custody and control. Instead of peer-led programs, Chief Engert likes to call the program "peer-inspired." Chief Engert believes it starts with education. Not only educating the inmates, but the community as well.

"This is about strengthening our communities and reducing recidivism," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "We can provide the help they need in the Green Roof Inn. Peer-inspired training is crucial for inmates to be successful. Inmates see people that are just like themselves and others that were like them and are now productive citizens and say 'I can do this, he's like me.' At the end of the day, we don't want the Green Roof Inn to be a revolving destination location. We want them to be successful members of the Flagler County Community."

Since Sheriff Staly was elected, he has implemented numerous programs in the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility to help inmates become productive citizens. They include Homeward Bound, Inside-Out Dad, S.T.R.I.D.E., GED, AA, NA, faith-based programs and technical programs in partnership with Flagler Technical College and more.



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