



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

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

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### **Kiwanis Club Names 2022 Law Enforcement "Officer of the Year"**

On Wednesday, May 11, 2022, the Flagler Palm Coast Kiwanis Club held their 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Enforcement Officer Appreciation Luncheon and awards ceremony.

K-9 Deputy First Class (DFC) Marcus Dawson was named Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) after being nominated by Sheriff Rick Staly.

DFC Dawson began his career with the FCSO in 2016 and is part of the K-9 Division. He was selected for this award for his proactive approach to policing and his ability to stay calm in the midst of chaos. The training he's received was perfectly displayed during a house fire in Palm Coast last fall where he was able to save a 3-year-old. DFC Dawson arrived prior to the fire department and immediately entered the burning home to see if anyone was inside. Movement seen through the smoke and flames led him to the small child who was hiding under bed covers.

"DFC Dawson is a prime example of the dedicated law enforcement officers we have serving our community. His ability to remain cool, calm and collected in high stress situations, like this house fire, is a great example of his abilities," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "This was a dangerous situation and we are very proud of DFC Dawson's bravery and commitment to serving our community and saving a life. DFC Dawson is very deserving of this award. Thank you to the Flagler Palm Coast Kiwanis Club for recognizing him."



**FPC Kiwanis Club President, Chief Welker, DFC Dawson**

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