

Rick Staly, Sheriff

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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FCSO's Commander Goncalves Graduates Florida Sheriffs Association Commanders Academy

On May 20, 2022, the Florida Sheriffs Association honored 33 graduates from the prestigious Florida Sheriffs Association's (FSA) Commanders Academy. Among the graduates was Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Community Policing Division District 2 Commander Kenny Goncalves.



The Commanders Academy is an exceptionally informative and educational experience that is vital for public safety leaders of the next generation. The academy has become recognized as the premier course of executive study for mid to upper-level Florida Sheriff's Office leaders.

Leaders throughout Florida sheriffs' offices participated in a variety of curriculums focusing on leadership, ethics, discipline, and additional subject matter areas related to upper-level leadership in law enforcement. The remaining curriculum is adjusted

according to emerging trends and issues that have an impact on Florida Sheriffs Office's and recent high-profile events.

"Being given the opportunity to participate in this outstanding academy is an honor," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "I have the opportunity to teach in this class and I'm proud of Commander Goncalves for his dedication to our community and successful completion to the Commanders Academy. The Commanders Academy maintains a standard of excellence the FCSO is proud to be part of."

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Commander Goncalves joined the FCSO in 2006 as a patrol deputy. He was transferred to our Motors Unit in 2010 and was promoted to Corporal of the Motors Unit in 2016. Shortly after, he was promoted to Sergeant in the Community Policing Division in 2017, and in January 2021, he was promoted to Commander of District 2, which encompasses the City of Palm Coast. Throughout his time with the FCSO, Commander Goncalves has received 51 Commendations, along with numerous Life-Saving Awards and Certificates of Merit.

In addition to completing this two-week training course, Commanders Academy Class 11 also raised \$26,000 for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. This generous donation will help support the mission of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches in preventing delinquency and to develop lawful, resilient, and productive citizens.

For more information on the Florida Sheriffs Commanders Academy, visit: http://www.flsheriffs.org/training/commanders-academy/

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