



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

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

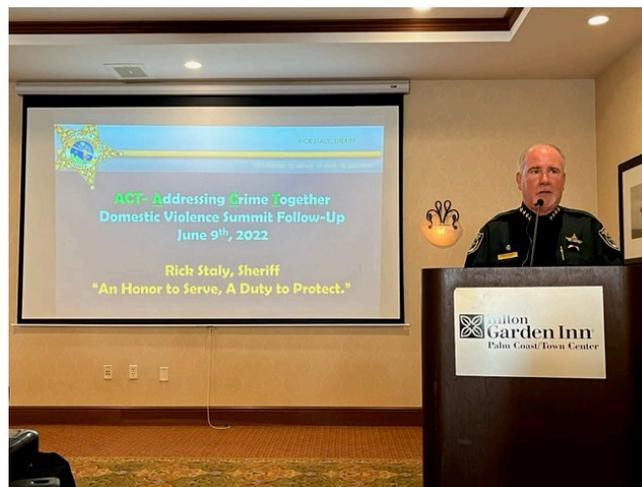
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## **FCSO Hosts Domestic Violence Summit**

Sheriff Rick Staly and Commander Jen Nawrocki of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) hosted a Domestic Violence Summit on Thursday at the Hilton Garden Inn Town Center to provide an update on domestic violence in Flagler County and the reports from the five subcommittees.



*Sheriff Staly at Domestic Violence Summit*

"Domestic Violence effects every county and city in our country. The only way to tackle a problem this size is to work together as a community and attack it from every angle," Sheriff Staly said. "I'm not ready to declare victory on this problem and there is a lot of work still to be done but there has been a 50% reduction in spousal aggravated assaults in Flagler County since 2017 when I became Sheriff. I think we may have turned the corner."

In attendance, each committee had a representative speak about the resources available through their organization's services. From our first subcommittee, Pastor Ed Reissetter, spoke about Faith-Based Services and how local religious communities can aid victims of domestic violence. Chief Executive

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Officer of the Family Life Center, Trish Giaccone, discussed the improvements and enhancements of the shelter and its facilities. In attendance from the State Attorney's Office was Jason Lewis, who discussed the importance of the office's relationship with the FCSO to build cases, prosecute and lead to convictions of domestic violence offenses. Flagler Humane Society's Executive Director, Amy Wade-Carotenuto, was also in attendance and discussed the signs of animal abuse that can potentially turn to domestic violence situations. Detective Conrad spoke about the use of therapy dogs with "Dottie" in attendance.

The Child Protective Team discussed promoting the safety and well-being of Florida's children by providing medically led disciplinary assessment services for children suspected of being abused or neglected.

Sheriff Staly closed the summit by thanking all members of the subcommittees for their diligence and devotion to this cause. A follow up domestic violence summit will be scheduled to continue the Sheriff's initiative against domestic violence in Flagler County.

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