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FCSO and PCFD Team Up for Joint Active Threat and Shooter Training

BUNNELL, FL – The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) participated in a three-day series of Active Threat and Shooter Training along with the Palm Coast Fire Department between November 2-4. The training was coordinated by FCSO's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team and was hosted at PCFD Station 21, utilizing the skeletal walls of the recent Halloween Hall of Terror event put on by PCFD. The joint training was designed to emphasize the importance of having a pre-planned, integrated response between law enforcement and fire/rescue to maximize effectiveness and improve the survivability of those injured in such an attack.

Participants engaged in structured scenarios that mimic real-life incidents to allow them to improve their skills in order to assure a coordinated, timely and effective response. Teams of Deputy Sheriffs and firefighters proceeded through the makeshift hallways and rooms as SWAT Team members provided cover while medical aid was rendered. Patients were then brought to a secure location where they could receive further treatment.

"Significant incidents, such as Uvalde and Marjory Stoneman Douglas, have emphasized the need for more cohesive plans between law enforcement and fire rescue," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "The more training the men and women of FCSO and PCFD are able to do together increases our abilities to respond effectively if a similar incident were to occur in Flagler County or the City of Palm Coast."

FCSO provides <u>Active Killer Training Program</u> to train community members in what to do if you are involved in an Active Killer situation. Over 5,200 people have attended the training class, including city, county and school district employees. If you would like to attend or host a future class email: <u>CommunityEngagement@FlaglerSheriff.com</u>.

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