



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**  
**FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
*"An honor to serve, a duty to protect."*

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Sheriff Staly Speaks at 2023 Volusia/Flagler Law Enforcement Memorial**

BUNNELL, FL – Sheriff Rick Staly was the guest speaker at this year's Volusia/Flagler Law Enforcement Memorial on Friday morning at the Daytona Memorial Park in Daytona Beach. The Sheriff was joined by Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Chief David Williams, who gave "A Hero's Welcome" speech, prayer, and benediction to honor the fallen members of law enforcement that died while serving both counties. The event is hosted annually by the Volusia-Flagler Police Chiefs Association.



*Sheriff Rick Staly gave a speech at the 2023 Volusia/Flagler Law Enforcement Memorial.*

The event featured several key speakers and salutes, including a musical ensemble by the Coastal Florida Police & Fire Pipes & Drums, a three-volley rifle salute by the Volusia County Honor Guard, and a helicopter flyover by the Volusia Sheriff's Office.

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*The event featured a three-volley rifle salute by the Volusia County Honor Guard*

“The men and women who protect our communities each and every day have not just devoted their lives to public service, they’ve taken an oath to give up their lives to ensure our safety,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “This past year 246 extraordinary law enforcement officers answered such a call and sadly lost their life while serving their communities across the United States. When faced with danger, these men and women ran toward danger instead of away from it. 10 of those fallen heroes in 2022 were from Florida.”



*Law enforcement officers and their families paid tribute and remembered Volusia and Flagler County’s fallen heroes.*

At the memorial service local law enforcement officers and their families paid tribute and remembered the 36 Volusia and Flagler County’s fallen heroes and the two fallen K-9s that also died serving their community. Please join us in remembering the following fallen heroes in Volusia and Flagler counties:

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Sheriff Jefferson D. Kurtz	04/25/1895	Volusia County Sheriff's Office
Deputy Sheriff William K. Kremer	12/10/1898	Volusia County Sheriff's Office
Deputy Sheriff Charles M. Kurtz	09/03/1907	Volusia County Sheriff's Office
Chief Deputy William P. Edwards	11/05/1907	Volusia County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Perry Hall	08/21/1927	Flagler County Sheriff's Office
Deputy Sheriff George Durrance	08/25/1927	Flagler County Sheriff's Office
Deputy Frank Smith	1927	Volusia County Sheriff's Office
Officer Lewis Tanner	10/26/1930	Daytona Beach Police Department
Officer Benny P. Strickland	01/23/1931	Daytona Beach Police Department
Officer L.B. Hall	08/28/1932	Daytona Beach Police Department
Officer Willie R. Denson	04/30/1937	Daytona Beach Police Department
Officer Elmer L. Michael	02/17/1942	DeLand Police Department
Detective Harry F. Raines	01/13/1945	Daytona Beach Police Department
Trooper Edwin Gasque	10/26/1961	Florida Highway Patrol
Deputy Alva Hayman	1974	Volusia County Sheriff's Office
Deputy Donald Shackelford	1979	Volusia County Sheriff's Office
Sergeant George Tinsley	05/07/1979	DeLand Police Department
Officer Sam Etheredge	12/25/1980	Daytona Beach Police Department
Deputy Sheriff Frank Genovese	06/03/1982	Daytona Beach Police Department
Officer Greg J. Sorenson	07/26/1982	Daytona Beach Police Department
Deputy Sheriff Stephen Saboda	11/06/1982	Volusia County Sheriff's Office
Officer Timothy T. Pollard	09/22/1987	Ponce Inlet Police Department
Officer Kevin J. Fisher	09/04/1998	Daytona Beach Police Department
Deputy Sheriff Charles T. Sease	07/05/2003	Flagler County Sheriff's Office
Trooper Darryl L. Haywood, Sr.	10/02/2004	Florida Highway Patrol
Officer Robert F. Grim, Sr.	11/13/2004	Ormond Beach Police Department
Officer Roy L. Nelson, Jr.	08/13/2005	New Smyrna Beach Police Department
K-9 Caesar	08/13/2005	New Smyrna Beach Police Department
Officer Donna Fitzgerald	06/25/2008	Florida Department of Corrections
Captain John I. McDonough	02/16/2011	Volusia County Beach Patrol
Sergeant Francesco Luigi Celico	09/09/2011	Flagler County Sheriff's Office
K-9 Forest	11/22/2016	Volusia County Sheriff's Office:
Officer Thomas Coulter	05/21/2018	Daytona Beach Police Department
Sergeant Justin White	08/05/2021	Port Orange Police Department
Officer Jason Robert Raynor	08/17/2021	Daytona Beach Police Department
Deputy 1st Class Paul Luciano	08/26/2021	Flagler County Sheriff's Office
Officer Adam J. Webb	09/01/2021	Daytona Beach Police Department
Sergeant Dominic Eugene Guida	11/09/2021	Bunnell Police Department

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*FCSO's Motor Unit joined the Volusia/Flagler Law Enforcement Memorial on Friday morning.*

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15<sup>th</sup> as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

You can view more pictures of the event by visiting [this link](#).

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