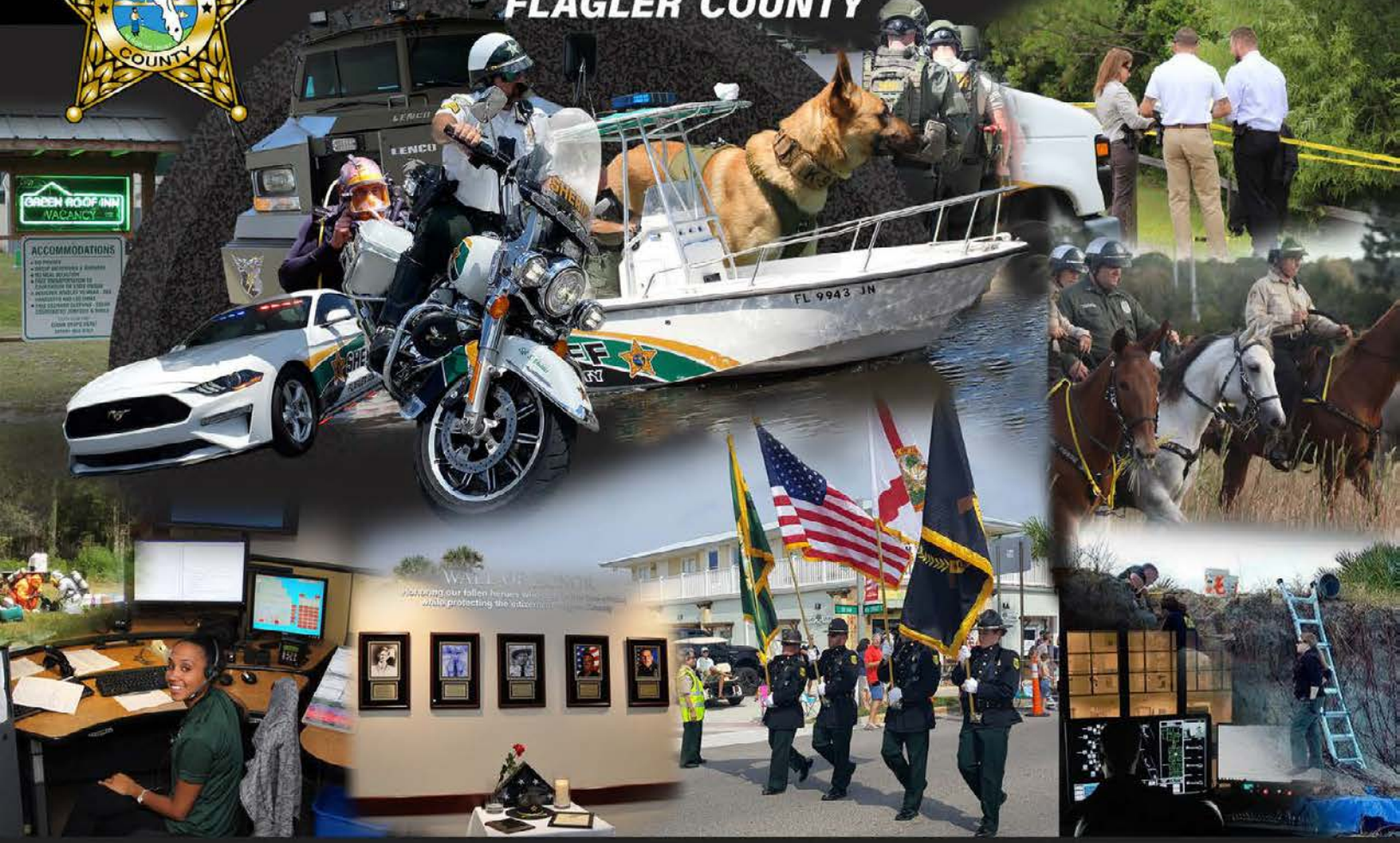




# SHERIFF

## FLAGLER COUNTY

**RICK STALY, SHERIFF**  
*"An Honor to Serve, A Duty to Protect"*



# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

## FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



# SHERIFF RICK STALY





# MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



To the Citizens of Flagler County,

It is my pleasure to present our 2021 Annual Report!

First and foremost, I'd like to commend the men and women of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office for the incredible job they did to make Flagler County a better place in 2021, especially as we worked through the unique and unprecedented challenges of a global pandemic.

From sworn deputies to detention deputies to professional support staff, each and every one of them played a vital role in keeping our community safe in 2021 and making sure that even in the midst of COVID-19, our connection with our community never diminished and our resolve stayed strong. From drive-by birthday celebrations, to virtual neighborhood watch meetings and participating at multiple food drives for Flagler families who were hit the hardest by this pandemic, these brave men and women went above and beyond to serve this community and met every challenge placed in front of them, and then some. I'm honored to work alongside more than 350 professionals; this report is dedicated to them.

Of course, the FCSO could not celebrate continued success in a year like 2021 without the positive relationships we foster with Flagler County residents as well as local businesses, community organizations, and government officials. This success is evident in the decreasing crime rate, in the homes of families who benefit from our many

outreach programs, on our streets and in our neighborhoods, and in our detention center where safety, security, and reduced recidivism are top priorities.

Beyond safety, our employees are truly connected to our community. From participating in outreach programs like Senior Safety and Active Assailant presentations, to mentoring our youth in the many programs offered through the Sheriff's Police Athletic League, to fundraising for the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches and the new Flagler Sheriff's Children's Charity, we are invested in the success of Flagler County and its citizens from all walks of life.

As I reflect on 2021, I take pride in the Flagler County Sheriff's Office and in the community we serve. This was a tough year and everyone felt the devastating effects of COVID-19. However, the residents of Flagler County never lost hope. Positive relationships, enthusiastic leaders, and engaged citizens make me feel confident that we will achieve continued success in 2022 and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Rick Staly".

Rick Staly  
Sheriff





# MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



To the Citizens of Flagler County,

On behalf of the men and women of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, I am proud to present to you the 2021 Annual Report!

As you continue to find your way in this new era beyond the pandemic, 2021 truly set the tone for all of our futures in Flagler County.

From the FCSO deputies in the streets and in the "Green Roof Inn," to the professionals supporting our law enforcement officers, this agency is committed to serving and protecting our businesses, our neighborhoods and our families twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

As our businesses boom and our shorelines shine brighter than ever, our eyes look upward and onward as our more than 350 professionals with the Sheriff's Office re-dedicate themselves daily to not only meeting the expectations of the future, but exceeding them by leaps and bounds. For their effort, their passion and their tireless devotion, I dedicate the 2021 Annual Report of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office.

We are vested in every store and every street, our churches and our classrooms, as the FCSO commits itself to the total safety and security of the county. Finding new ways to continue to reduce our crime rate and rehabilitate those who have chosen the wrong paths in life are not just words we speak, they are shown in the actions we take every day to help keep our county safe.

Law enforcement agencies around the world work hard to serve the people. In Flagler County, we are not just deputies patrolling the streets, we are your neighbors and have a vested interest in everything taking place here in the Palm Coast.

From protecting our seniors with Senior Safety and Active Assailant presentations, to mentoring our youth in our Sheriff's Police Athletic League, to supporting the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches and the Flagler Sheriff's Children's Charity, we are a living, breathing part of Flagler County. We've proudly served you for more than 100 years and plan to continue that tradition of service for hundreds more.

Looking back on 2021 gives me incredible hope for 2022 and beyond. I witnessed countless examples of our citizens across Flagler County going the extra mile when it came to helping one another in some of their most troublesome times.

Flagler County is built upon a foundation of strong relationships, strong leaders and even stronger communities! It's those bonds that make our home here in Northeast Florida one that makes me, as well as the men and women of the FCSO, to proudly serve you until the job is done each and every day.

Sincerely,

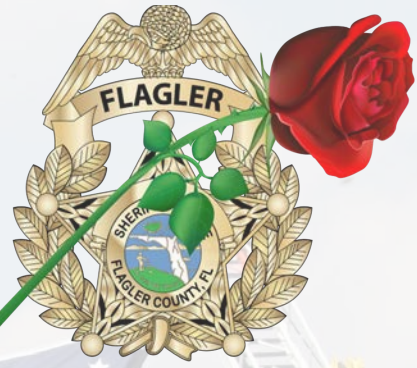
Rick Staly  
Sheriff





# END OF WATCH

*Since its inception in 1917, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office has lost several of its finest lawmen. We should never forget any of these men or the sacrifices each made to protect the safety and well-being of the citizens of Flagler County. Please take a moment to remember these men and the sacrifice they and their families have made.*



## **Sheriff Perry Hall - EOW 8/21/1927**

Sheriff Hall died from injuries sustained on August 21, 1927 when he was conducting a prohibition raid on a local drinking establishment and ordered the suspect to put his hands up. As Sheriff Hall approached him, the man struck him over the head with a bottle knocking him unconscious. He died at the St. Augustine Hospital the next day without regaining consciousness. Sheriff Hall had been with the agency for two years and was survived by his wife, daughter and two sons.



## **George Durrance - EOW 8/25/1927**

Deputy Durrance was shot and killed while searching for the murderer of Sheriff Perry Hall who was killed in the line of duty three days earlier. Deputy Durrance was conducting a stakeout and observed a man fitting the suspect's description. The man raised a shotgun and exchanged shots with Deputy Durrance. Deputy Durrance was fatally struck in the exchange of gunfire.



## **Sheriff Homer Brooks - EOW 3/23/1965**

Shortly after being elected and sworn in for his third term, the beloved Sheriff passed away suddenly on March 23, 1965 of a heart attack while leaving his office at the county courthouse. Two of his deputies worked quickly to transport him to Bunnell General Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.



## **Charles "Chuck" Sease - EOW 7/2/2003**

Deputy Sease was struck and killed by a vehicle being pursued by other officers following a disturbance at a bar. Deputy Sease was attempting to deploy stop sticks when he was struck by the suspect's vehicle. The exit ramp was re-named in his honor by the Florida legislature. Deputy Sease had been with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office for only two months and had previously served with the Waterbury, Connecticut Police Department for five years. He is survived by his wife and mother.



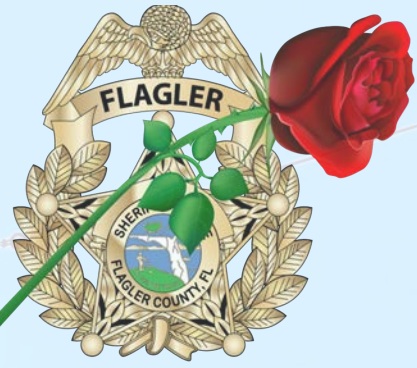
## **Frank Celico - EOW 9/8/2011**

On September 8th, 2011, Sergeant Francesco L. Celico was working a midnight shift and began to feel ill. Sgt. Celico went home sick in the early morning hours of September 9, 2011. Within hours of his shift ending, Sgt. Celico succumbed to a massive heart attack that ultimately ended his tour of duty with the Flagler County Sheriffs Office after over 11 years of honorable service. Sgt. Celico will be remembered and missed as a son, uncle, brother and friend to all.



# END OF WATCH

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## **Detention Deputy First Class Paul Luciano EOW 8/26/2021**

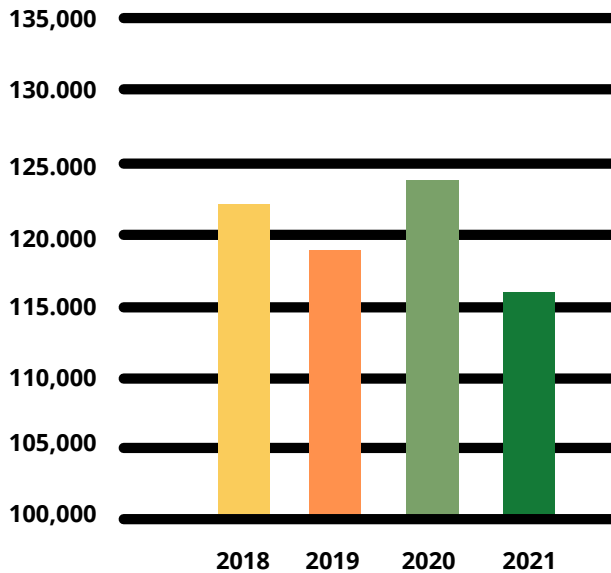
Detention Deputy First Class Paul Luciano, 60, of Palm Coast, died Thursday, August 26, 2021, after battling COVID-19. DFC Luciano started his career in law enforcement with the Bunnell Police Department in 1996, serving with the Volusia County Department of Corrections and the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, serving his community for 25 years.



# 2021 ANALYTICS

## TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

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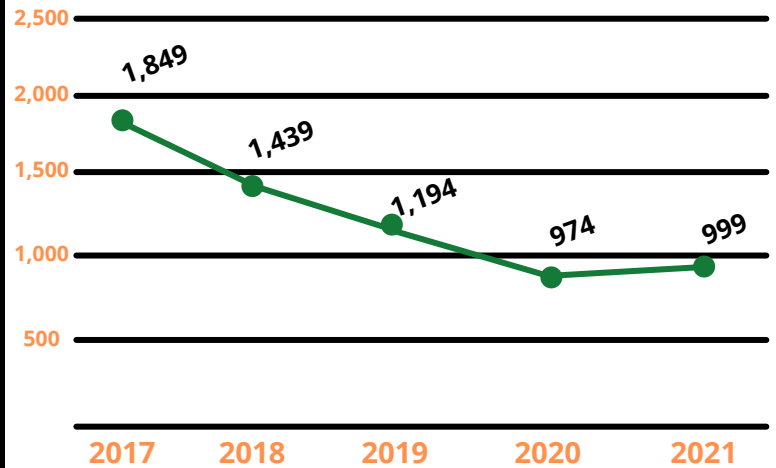
**CRIME IS DOWN**

**52.38%**

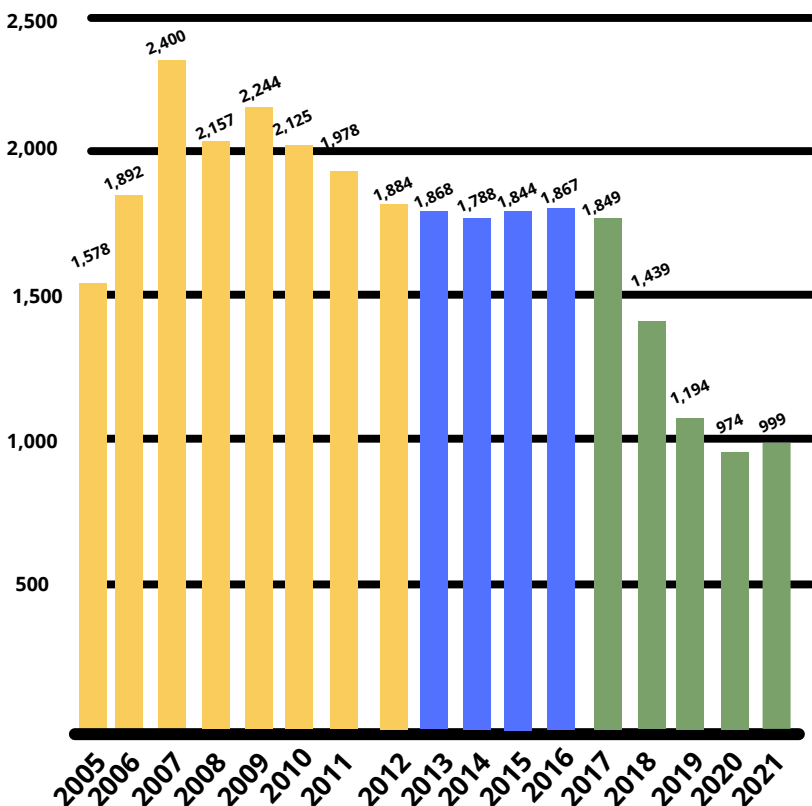
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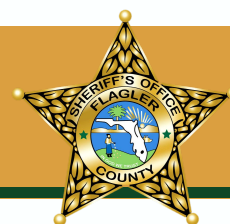
## TOTAL CRIME IN FLAGLER COUNTY



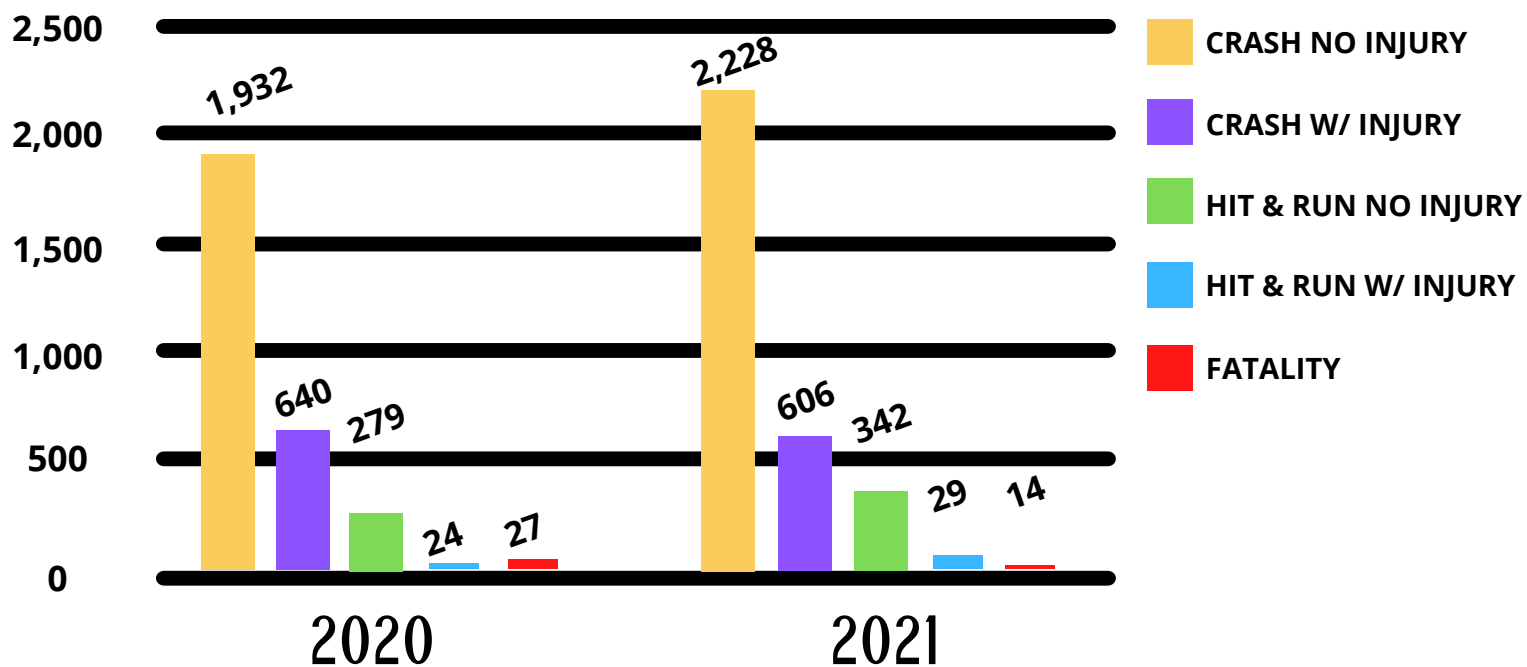
## FLAGLER COUNTY CRIME RATE



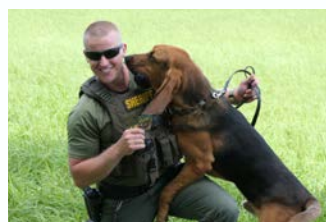
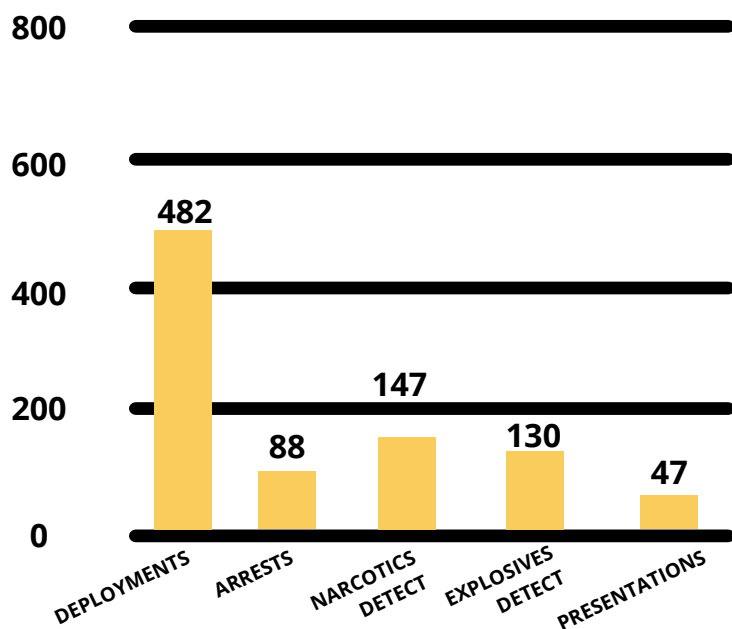




## TOTAL CRASHES 2020 VS 2021



## FCSO K-9 UNIT TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE 2021: 3,505





# COMMUNITY POLICING DIVISION



The Flagler County Sheriff's Office believes in a Community-oriented Guardianship Policing approach to law enforcement and strives to address the quality of life and crime concerns of our citizens. The Community Policing Division, or uniform patrol, is the most visible Division of the Sheriff's Office. These are the deputies patrolling the neighborhoods and businesses and are often the first deputies to respond to calls for service. These dedicated deputies put themselves in harm's way each day in order to be the first to give aid to a victim, engage a suspect, or stabilize a violent situation.

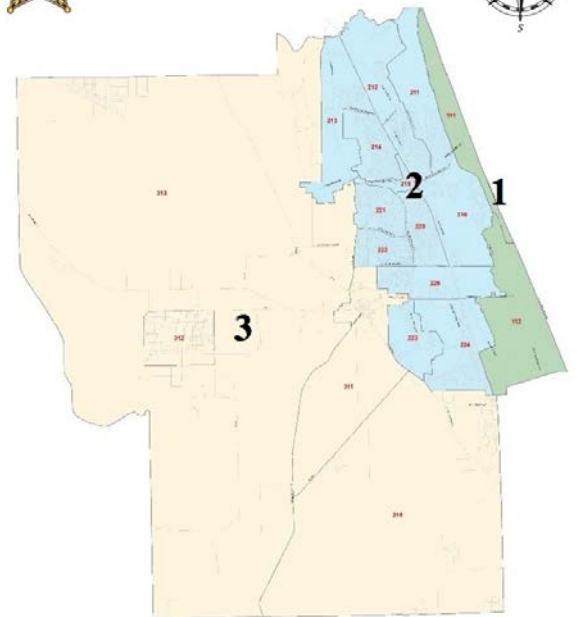
These deputies truly follow our Agency motto, "An honor to serve – A duty to protect." In 2017, the Community Policing Division was restructured to reflect the three distinct and unique communities of Flagler County.

- District 1: The Beaches: City of Marineland – Hammock – Painters Hill – Beverly Beach – City of Flagler Beach
- District 2: City of Palm Coast
- District 3: Flagler West: Espanola – Favoretta – Daytona North – Flagler Estates – St. Johns Park – Korona – City of Bunnell

The purpose of District Policing is to allow deputies the ability to familiarize themselves with particular areas of the county in order to build partnerships with the residents and businesses of each district. This gives deputies the ability to address the public safety and quality of life issues that are unique to each district while being held accountable for crime in their assigned district. The overall goal is to deliver crime reduction strategies using Guardianship Policing methods that take into account the diversity and unique needs of Flagler County.



## FCSO Districts and Sectors





# MOTOR UNIT



The FCSO Motor Unit is committed to protecting and serving the citizens of the community while maintaining the highest level of standards. The Motor Unit's primary mission and goals are to provide firm, fair, and consistent traffic enforcement throughout Flagler County.

The Motor Unit also assists the citizens of Flagler County with traffic-related issues such as speeding, aggressive driving, and other miscellaneous violations. The Motor Unit also investigates traffic crashes.

**In 2020, the FCSO Motor Unit replaced the previous motorcycles with a fleet of six 2020 Harley Davidson motorcycles, just in time to assist with traffic control during the annual Bike Week!**

The Motor Unit also has other duties to perform such as community outreach presentations, education presentations, recruiting duties, funeral escorts, military escorts, static displays, and parades.



# TRAFFIC UNIT

The FCSO Traffic Unit is dedicated to ensure the safety of the motoring public and allow for an orderly and expeditious flow of traffic within the City of Palm Coast and the unincorporated areas in Flagler County.

One of the primary goals of the Traffic Unit is to reduce the number of crashes through education, engineering, and selective traffic enforcement programs. The Sheriff's office accomplishes this mission through pro-active, fair, and consistent traffic enforcement.

**In 2020, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) chose the FCSO as the winner of the Excellence in Traffic Safety Award. The IACP Excellence in Traffic Safety Award recognizes organizations that excel in the field of traffic safety. FCSO has diligently worked to make the roads in Flagler County safer through education, prevention and enforcement. As a result, traffic fatalities in Flagler County were down 67% from 2017 thru 2019.**

The FCSO knows that our residents are the eyes and ears of this community. So, if you see something, say something. Report traffic/safety concerns or traffic violations at a particular intersection, street, or certain neighborhood by using our traffic complaint tracking form on the FCSO website at [flaglersheriff.com](http://flaglersheriff.com) or call our non-emergency phone number at 386-313-4911.



# CITIZEN ON PATROL

The "Mission" of the Citizen on Patrol (COP) volunteer program is to help make the neighborhoods of Flagler County as safe and secure as possible. They assist with traffic control at accidents, parades, funeral escorts, and other special details.

At the Palm Coast District Office, the COPs duties consist of manning the desk, fingerprinting, passing out information, filling requests for vacation house watches, dispatching the COP vehicles and handling phone calls. In most cases, citizens coming into the substation will be greeted by a COP, whose role it is to see that their concerns are routed to the proper department.

All new COPs go through 40 hours of training, consisting of both classroom and hands-on instruction. COPs can be trained as Traffic Crash Investigators and handle motor vehicle collisions that do not involve serious injuries or any sort of criminal aspect. The volunteers turn those cases over to sworn deputies.

In 2021, our COP's staffed the Palm Coast District Office and provided COP Division units. The COP's clocked a total of 24,846 volunteer hours, saving the taxpayers over \$944,148.00.







# K-9 UNIT



The FCSO has deputies assigned to K-9 duties. Our canines are donated or purchased from various vendors across the country and paired with a Deputy who has met the requirements of K-9 Handler.

From there, the Deputy and the canine attend an initial K-9 school and the K-9 team is formed. In addition to the initial school, the K-9 teams continue to train weekly.

Currently, the K-9 Unit is formed with four dual-purpose canines, one explosive detection canine, and one single-purpose Bloodhound. The dual-purpose canines are trained in narcotics detection, tracking, article search, and criminal apprehension of violent offenders.

Our K-9 Unit has been instrumental in locating illegal narcotics in homes, yards, and vehicles in Flagler County. They have also been instrumental in locating evidence related to crimes that have occurred.

In 2019, the FCSO added a Bloodhound to the K-9 Unit after Rickey Wheeler, a juvenile, was missing for 5 days in September of 2018. During the search for Wheeler, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office's bloodhound aided in tracking Wheeler and reuniting him with his family.

Currently, our Bloodhound, K-9 Holmes assigned to K-9 handler Commander Gimbel, is used for finding missing persons with medical conditions, suicidal persons, and others that may need to be found quickly.

In 2020, Commander Gimbel and K-9 Holmes were named K-9 Trailing Team of the Year by Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Missing and Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse (MEPIC) Advisory Board.

Commander Gimbel and K-9 Holmes have located several missing people in Flagler County and helped to bring them home safely. The K-9 Team has also utilized K-9 Holmes to sniff out criminals during foot pursuits over the past year. The great successes of this K-9 team over such a short period of time led to the nomination and subsequent winning of this well-deserved award.





# AGRICULTURE UNIT



The Agriculture Unit is responsible for the patrolling and investigation duties in the rural sections of Flagler County. They become acquainted with the property owners and work with them to find solutions to any problems.

The Agriculture Unit addresses the unique problems associated with ranch-style living, such as livestock, citrus, and other aspects associated with the farming industry.

Thefts of farm animals, crops, machinery, equipment, trespassing on cultivated lands, and animal abuse or neglect are just a few examples of the crimes investigated by the Agriculture Unit.

This unit conducts proactive patrols of extremely remote areas for illegal drug activity and trespassing. The deputies regularly visit local residents in Flagler County to strengthen their relationship with the community and gather information.



# MARINE AND BEACH PATROL UNITS



The FCSO Marine Unit is responsible for approximately 85 miles of water which includes canals, Intracoastal waterway, salt marshes, Lake Diston, parts of Crescent Lake, and 18.1 miles of ocean shoreline.

Aside from routine patrol duties for manatee zone and safety violations, the Marine Unit is also tasked with responding to boaters and vessels in distress and interdiction duties.

The FCSO Marine Unit was re-established as a full-time unit in 2019 by Sheriff Staly in honor of Captain Grady Prather, a 33-year veteran of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office who originally headed up the Sheriff's Office Marine Unit, which he also created.

The FCSO Marine Unit also works in partnership with many other local agencies to patrol and protect Flagler County residents. For example, in June 2020, the FCSO Marine Unit worked together with the Florida Fish and Wildlife, Flagler County FireFlight, and Volusia County Sheriff's Office AirOne helicopter to locate a Flagler kayaker who had become lost while kayaking in Flagler Beach.

After a 9-hour search, the man was recovered and brought back to safety via the FCSO Marine Unit Air Boat.

The FCSO Beach Patrol Unit uses a fully equipped Jeep Wrangler that is capable of driving on the beach and on most terrain that is impossible for regular patrol cars.

Flagler County is a diverse place to live, work and play. These Units make it possible to respond to any emergency and promote beach and boating safety.

The FCSO Marine and Beach Patrol Units are proud to assist the residents of Flagler County on and off of dry land!







# INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION



The Investigative Services Division (ISD) is comprised of the Major Case Unit, Property Crimes, General Assignment, Crime Analysis, Narcotics Investigations, Evidence, Homeland Security and Youth Services.

The primary function of the Investigative Services Division is to conduct follow-up investigations of crimes reported by the Community Policing Division and conduct proactive narcotic and gang enforcement investigations.

Members of ISD work in conjunction with the Crime Analytics Unit, the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC), the Problem Area Crime Enforcement (P.A.C.E.) Unit, and the community in order to solve crimes and create a safer community for the citizens of Flagler County.

In 2021, units within the Investigative Services Division contributed to the shut down of multiple drug houses throughout Flagler County. These drug houses were all on the Sheriff's High-Interest Target List after numerous complaints were received from residents reporting drug activity occurring at the residences. The Investigative Services Division conducts thorough investigations and serves search warrants on these High-Interest Targets that result in felony arrests and the confiscation of drugs and drug paraphernalia.

The FCSO also partnered with local residents and businesses through the Agency's "Silent Guardians" program to create a database of surveillance cameras owned and operated by businesses, homeowners and renters throughout Flagler County. When a crime occurs, the FCSO often seeks out any "Silent Guardian" partners in the area near the incident or along a path of escape to see if their footage contains any helpful clues.

Learn more at: [www.flaglersheriff.com/silent-guardians](http://www.flaglersheriff.com/silent-guardians).

## SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT



The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is a proactive unit targeting drug dealers and gang members. The team is responsible for investigating all drug related complaints including organized crime, drug trafficking organizations, money laundering, pharmaceutical drug diversion and prostitution. The SIU team conducts follow up investigations generated by citizen complaints as well as patrol officers and generates primary investigations by utilizing technology and confidential informants. The Unit is involved in every aspect of a drug investigation including street level drug purchases, marijuana growth operations, and clandestine lab investigations.

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office is a member of the North Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) and is a partner in the Tri-County Task Force. The Tri-County Task Force is made up of members from Law Enforcement Agencies within St. John's, Putnam, and Flagler Counties and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

In September of 2020, SIU obtained warrants for 24 different subjects for various narcotics-related charges. The arrest warrants are the result of numerous undercover investigations and search warrants into narcotics distributors within Flagler County.

2020 saw a 198% increase in recorded overdoses compared to 2019. Narcan, a medication used to block the effects of opioids, was utilized 80 times by deputies in 2020 compared to 40 times in 2019; and, 2020 saw 17 fatal overdoses compared to 14 in 2019. Every overdose death is investigated by FCSO as a homicide.

In 2018, the FCSO Special Investigations Unit led the charge in getting the first drug dealer in the 7th Judicial Circuit indicted for First Degree Murder in the overdose death of a 23-year-old woman. The FCSO SIU was able to prove that 34-year-old Joseph Colon sold the lethal dose of heroin to the victim. In late 2019, Colon pleaded guilty and is currently serving 30 years in prison.

If anyone has information on suspected narcotics activity or dealers in Flagler County, contact the FCSO by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-888-277-TIPS (8477). You may be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000.00. You may also send tips to [TIPS@flaglersheriff.com](mailto:TIPS@flaglersheriff.com) or by calling the FCSO's non-emergency line at 386-313-4911.



# CYBER CRIMES UNIT



In late 2019, under the direction of Sheriff Staly, a full-time Cyber Crimes Unit was formed. The Cyber Crimes Unit has a strong partnership with the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program which consists of state and local law enforcement who are dedicated to developing effective responses to the online enticement of children by sexual predators, child exploitation, and child obscenity and pornography cases.

One of the first arrests by the newly formed unit occurred in January of 2020. The Cyber Crimes Unit identified a residence in Daytona North that was actively engaging in the manufacturing and distribution of child pornography. A search warrant was served on the residence and evidence was seized.

After a full review of the forensic evidence from the search warrant, the Cyber Crimes Unit was able to make an arrest on a 15-year-old boy. The boy was charged with Five Counts of Possession of Child Pornography and One Count of Manufacturing Child Pornography.



# SEX OFFENDER UNIT

The Sexual Offender Unit is tasked with ensuring that designated offenders and predators are in compliance with their obligations as required by Florida law. The unit is also responsible for notifying each licensed day care center, elementary school, middle school and high school within a 1-mile radius of the residence of the sexual predator. The unit conducts random on-site residential visits at the offender's home to verify they reside at the reported address.

In 2021, the FCSO Sexual Offender Unit collaborated with Probation and Parole Services to make visits to the homes of all registered sex offenders in Flagler County during the month of October to ensure compliance ahead of the Halloween holiday. The Sexual Offender Unit also makes a list of all registered sex offenders living in Flagler County easily available to residents who wish to view it.

Additionally, the unit ensures that designated career offenders are in compliance with their obligations as required by Florida law.



# DIGITAL FORENSICS UNIT

In an effort to further reduce crime, the Digital Forensics Unit is responsible for examining all computer and computer-related items used in the commission of a crime that occurred in Flagler County. In addition to investigating computer-related evidence, the Digital Forensics Unit assists the other units assigned to Investigation Services Division with technology components of their investigative cases.

FCSO was able to purchase the initial forensic software and training through a grant from the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV). Implementation of these new resources showed immediate results. Additional forensic tools have been implemented since in order to strengthen the new unit and expand their capabilities with cutting edge technology.







# HOMELAND SECURITY

The Domestic Homeland Security Section is responsible for investigating, collecting, analyzing and disseminating intelligence information concerning criminal activity, international and domestic terrorism, pawn, street gangs, outlaw motorcycle gangs and sexual offenders/predators. The Section gathers criminal intelligence information for the purpose of tracking and identifying emerging crime patterns and assists in developing enforcement and prevention strategies.

Homeland Security is responsible for assessing local threats to determine their credibility and take action if necessary. They communicate with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure all potential threats, incidents, and intelligence is shared.

The FCSO Community Engagement Unit reviews crime trends in Flagler County and ways that residents could protect themselves from becoming a victim. The Domestic Homeland Security Section continues to work hard to deliver important safety information to the community and keep our community secure.



# REAL TIME CRIME CENTER

In September of 2020, Sheriff Staly unveiled the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) that has helped Flagler County achieve a 52% crime reduction. Even during a pandemic and while temporarily working out of county-owned property, FCSO has implemented cutting-edge technology that allows for crime-fighting in real-time.

RTCC is helping to keep residents, visitors, and first responders safe. It deploys a host of advanced technologies to provide critical information to first responders in the field, including camera systems, crime databases, and license plate reader technology. The RTCC also has access to all public school cameras in the district that can be live monitored if a threat to a school is detected. All of these tools can assist with investigations of criminal activity or quality of life concerns.

Detectives utilize the RTCC on a daily basis to follow up on cases and use the camera feeds available to strengthen their investigation. The RTCC provides real-time and investigatory information for deputies responding to a crime, traffic information for emergency vehicles during special events, situational awareness and investigatory information during life-threatening emergencies, real-time information on hazards during storms, and much more.

When a call for service comes into the 9-1-1 center, crime analysts will immediately pull up any camera feeds in the area to aid deputies and detectives in their investigation. This technology allows FCSO to make better decisions, catch criminals faster, and possibly save people's lives quicker just by using technology to our advantage and improving our efficiency. The ultimate goal is to be able to stop the criminal before they are even able to prey on our community.





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The FCSO Community Engagement Unit strives to create and preserve a feeling of safety and security within our communities. The unit establishes and maintains a true partnership with all our citizens in order to provide the most responsive, highest quality law enforcement service possible.

In 2021, the FCSO Community Engagement Unit launched a new Business Watch "Hotel Edition" program designed to empower hotel managers focusing on the need to reduce and prevent criminal activity, successfully reducing crime and aiding better communication amongst all local hotels.

The unit makes every effort to initiate and maintain lasting partnerships with the community; treat citizens with dignity, respect, fairness, and compassion; utilize and maintain high standards of professionalism, integrity, and ethics as well as foster a productive working relationship with other law enforcement agencies.

Some of the programs offered by the FCSO Community Engagement Unit are:

- Active Assailant Training
- Bank Safety
- Women's Self Defense
- Church Security
- Neighborhood Watch
- Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy
- Realtor Safety
- Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy Alumni
- Business Watch
- Senior Safety



## GET INVOLVED!

FOR INFORMATION ON THESE PROGRAMS VISIT  
[FLAGLERSHERIFF.COM](http://FLAGLERSHERIFF.COM) OR EMAIL  
[COMMUNITYENGAGEMENT@FLAGLERSHERIFF.COM](mailto:COMMUNITYENGAGEMENT@FLAGLERSHERIFF.COM)

# SHERIFF'S POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE



The Flagler Sheriff's Police Athletic League (PAL) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) youth-serving organization with the cooperative support of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office. Flagler Sheriff's PAL is committed to providing safe and structured programs to the youth of Flagler County. The mission of Flagler Sheriff's PAL is to reduce juvenile crime by providing and coordinating quality programs and activities which contribute to the character, integrity, physical and mental fitness, citizenship, sportsmanship and personal well-being of Flagler County's youth.

Flagler Sheriff's PAL strives to have Law Enforcement actively involved in youth programs. Flagler Sheriff's PAL hosts youth sport programs and events from Boxing, Swimming, Softball, Youth Run Series, Coed Volleyball, and Painting PALs and along with a variety of mentoring programs like Junior Police Academy, Explorers, and Summer Camps. The Flagler Sheriff's PAL is awarded funds to continue their McGruff Mentoring Group, a weekly after-school mentoring group designed to teach students important safety lessons and develop young leaders. The awarded funds provide this program for 28 students year-round.

FSPAL was awarded the National PAL Mentoring Grant for the past 5 years (2017-2021). Flagler Sheriff's PAL is an independent non-profit corporation committed to Deputies helping kids!

PAL is a mixture of law enforcement, civilian staff and a board of directors, which is made up of Flagler Counties business and community leaders. As of now FSPAL has 2,291 members that have participated in PAL Programs.

The mission of Flagler Sheriff's PAL is *Supporting Youth in our Community.*

## GET INVOLVED!

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386- 586- 2655







# SCHOOL RESOURCE UNIT



The FCSO is pledged to making our communities and school campuses safe. Research has proven that a safe school environment makes for a better learning environment. Therefore, the FCSO School Resource Unit is dedicated to creating a safe school atmosphere as well as building positive relationships between students, parents, and school staff members.

The School Resource Deputy (SRD) builds relationships with students through mentoring, counseling, and instruction.

SRD duties also include assisting with school crossings, school safe plan consultations, and participating in parent/teacher/community meetings. Deputies selected for this program must possess two years of law enforcement experience before they may be considered for acceptance into the FCSO Youth Services Section.

In 2020, the FCSO School Resource Unit unveiled a video series geared towards youth in Flagler called 'Read with FCSO' as a way to stay connected to students while schools were temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In each episode, a member of the FCSO School Resource Unit would read a book aloud to viewers while enlarged pictures of each page would appear on the screen, allowing children to read along.



GET TO KNOW THE FCSO  
SCHOOL RESOURCE  
DEPUTIES AT  
[FLAGLERSHERIFF.COM/SRD](http://FLAGLERSHERIFF.COM/SRD)

# VICTIM SERVICES



The FCSO has long recognized the special needs and concerns of family members who have been victims or secondary victims of crime. Victim Advocates provide comprehensive victim services to those who have been victims or secondary victims of crime and ensure that all are treated with fairness, compassion and dignity by all in accordance with applicable law.

Victim Advocates have a responsibility to provide necessary information to all victims, next of kin and witnesses to make sure they are informed of their legal rights.

Victim Advocates are trained to support families and provide them with assistance during a crisis and assist them in understanding the complexities of the investigative and judicial process.

In 2020, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) chose the FCSO for the IACP Leadership in Victim Services Award. The IACP Leadership in Victim Services Award recognizes law enforcement agencies that demonstrate excellence in providing innovative services to crime victims by successfully integrating current best practices of enhanced victim response into all facets of the organization.

FCSO Victim Advocates are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to respond to crime scenes to assist victims and/or their families. Victim Advocates provide brief crisis counseling, emotional support, referrals, and ensure that the victim or next of kin has a support system in place after the Victim Advocate leaves the crime scene. Victim Advocates also assist loved ones with contacting funeral homes, family and friends, employers, and schools.





# COURT AND DETENTION SERVICES



Florida Law established that the Sheriff is the Executive Officer of the Court and the means by which the judgments of the Court are generally enforced. The Flagler County Sheriff's Office assigns certain Deputies to act as the Court's Executive Officers. These Deputies are traditionally called Bailiffs. The objective of the Court Security Section is to specialize in performing the duties of the Sheriff as the Executive Officer attending the Court.

The Bailiffs primary objective is to provide security for the Court, the Judges and the Jury so that justice can be fairly determined and administered.

The Judicial Process and Fugitive Unit ensures that all criminal and civil process is served in a timely and efficient manner. This unit carries out orders of the courts in reference to execution of arrest warrants, levying on property, execution of writs, receives and processes capias and all other arrest orders.

The Flagler County Detention Facility is comprised of 15 housing units with a capacity of 400 inmates. The inmate population is made up of sentenced and non-sentenced inmates who are incarcerated for any number of crimes ranging from theft and trespassing to drug trafficking and murder.

The Admissions and Release Unit is responsible for the booking and the release of all inmates in the facility.

The Classification Unit places inmates in proper housing based on the degree of custody.

The Transportation Unit is responsible for the movement and transfer of the inmates to and from the courts, state and county facilities, as well as medical and dental appointments.

The Medical Unit screens, evaluates, and treats all inmates detained in the county facility.

The Commissary Unit provides inmates optional products such as personal hygiene products, indigent care items, communications, authorized snacks and other recreational materials.

The Program Unit is responsible for all inmate program activities including visitation, substance abuse, religious, psychological and educational programs.

In 2017 under the direction of Sheriff Staly, the STRIDE program was implemented in the Detention Facility. STRIDE stands for Skills, Transitional Support, Respect, Integrity, Direction, and Employment and the purpose is to rehabilitate offenders and turn them into productive members of society by giving them the tools to be successful once released from jail. STRIDE helps inmates apply for Social Security cards and obtain copies of their birth certificates while they are in jail so that they will have an easier time applying for jobs when they are released. STRIDE also offers inmates courses to obtain their General Education Development (G.E.D.) diploma and more.

In 2020, the programs inside the jail were expanded to include InsideOut Dad and Homeward Bound.

InsideOut Dad is a program aimed to help inmates become better parents. This 12-week program is facilitated by trained volunteers and teaches incarcerated fathers the parenting skills they need—that some dads have never received. InsideOut Dad® is the nation's only evidence-based fatherhood program designed specifically for incarcerated fathers. InsideOut Dad seeks to reduce recidivism by connecting fathers to their families, giving them a greater incentive to stay out of prison.

Homeward Bound targets practical job skills, training courses to better prepare inmates for re-entry, and job readiness. The first course offered trains inmates to design, develop and apply custom designed vinyl graphics onto vehicles. The course focuses first on applying the vinyl graphics to officially mark all FCSO patrol fleet vehicles.





# COMMUNICATIONS

The Flagler County Sheriff's Emergency Communications Center is an accredited 9-1-1 center and serves as the county-wide Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for all Emergency 9-1-1 calls. The Sheriff's Communications Center answers all emergency and non-emergency phone calls and provides dispatch services for the Sheriff's Office, the cities of Bunnell and Flagler Beach Police Departments, Flagler County Fire/Rescue, City of Palm Coast Fire Department and the Flagler Beach Fire Department.

Calls for medical assistance are immediately dispatched to Fire and Rescue and Law Enforcement personnel. In cases of a life threatening emergency, a dispatcher will remain on the line with the caller and provide pre-arrival instructions to the caller until the arrival of emergency personnel.

Along with their role as Emergency 9-1-1 dispatchers, communication center personnel complete a variety of activities in support of law enforcement or fire/rescue operations including monitoring of state and national computer databases. The Center uses a sophisticated Computer-Aided Dispatch and Records Management System to assist in documenting and dispatching calls for service. The agency also uses a modern 800mhz radio system for direct communication with first responders.

In 2020, the Communications Center received certification as a Public Safety Telecommunication Training Center. Certified Public Safety Telecommunicators must complete extensive training provided by a certified training center prior to qualifying for the Department of Health State exam, which is required to be a 9-1-1 Operator. At Sheriff Staly's direction, a Training and Relief Supervisor position was created for the Communications Center at the end of 2017. This position was tasked with creating an approved training program that would certify the FCSO Communications Center as an approved training center and offer employees professional and standardized training in-house.

By becoming an approved training program, it allows the Training and Relief Supervisor to facilitate the required Public Safety Training to all new-hires in the FCSO Communications Center and offer other agencies the ability to have their 9-1-1 Operators trained at FCSO.

Previously, all new Communications employees had to take the Public Safety Telecommunicator class offered through an outside program which costs the agency \$550 per employee to attend. With the training now in-house, those funds can be reallocated. The Agency will charge outside agencies if their employees attend FCSO classes as reimbursement to taxpayers.

In addition to the cost-savings, being able to train in-house allows the ability to offer professional and standardized training and ensures that all new-hires are receiving the same training. It also gives employees an opportunity to have a more interactive training experience and gives them the opportunity to ask questions along the way. Previous outside courses were only offered online.

Additionally in 2020, the FCSO established the first Telecommunicator Emergency Response Team (T.E.R.T.) in agency history. The T.E.R.T program allows for public safety telecommunicators to offer mutual-aid to other communications centers after a natural or man-made disaster.

Public safety telecommunicators face many challenges before, during and after disasters, including staffing shortages. T.E.R.T allows for agencies to request mutual-aid from other public safety communication centers to assist with staffing and other challenges they may be facing.





# SERVING THE COMMUNITY, TOGETHER.







# RESIDENTIAL SAFETY TIPS

- *Keep doors, windows and garages secured and locked at all times.*
- *Don't give cleaners, babysitters or anyone working in your home spare keys or access to security codes.*
- *Leave outside lights turned on after dark or install a motion controlled sensor.*
- *Never give out confidential information over the phone.*
- *Call 911 if you see a crime in progress.*
- *Call our Non-Emergency number, 386-313-4911, if you see something suspicious.*



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Volunteers	(386) 313-4814
Community Outreach	(386) 586-2623
Police Athletic League	(386) 586-2655

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### JOIN A WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

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