



Rick Staly, Sheriff

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Flagler Sheriff Commends Good Samaritans and Employees at Quarterly Awards Ceremony

Sheriff Rick Staly hosted the third quarter awards ceremony on Monday at the Sheriff's Operations Center. "The award ceremonies are an opportunity to personally thank employees for a job well done and to showcase the great work our men and women perform every day for the community," said Sheriff Staly.

As a special tribute, Sheriff Staly recognized two Flagler County residents who stopped to assist a Sheriff's deputy during a traffic stop on October 2nd when the driver resisted and was arrested for battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest with violence, along with a possession of marijuana charge. During the incident, Mr. Anthony Petellat and Mr. Leo Chumaceiro assisted Deputy Gaddie in restraining the driver until backup units arrived. Sheriff Staly presented Certificates of Appreciation to Mr. Petellat and Mr. Chumaceiro. "You didn't have to stop to help, but we appreciate that you did," Sheriff Staly said while making the presentation.



Palm Coast Fire Chief Mike Beadle, Anthony Petellat, Sheriff Staly, Leo Chumaceiro, and Deputy Fire Chief Gerard Forte.

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July Employee of the Month



Communications Specialist Candice Cole recognized as July's Employee of the Month by Sheriff Staly.

Candice Cole is awarded the July Employee of the Month award for her professional and supportive demeanor while handling a difficult 9-1-1 call. Cole received a 9-1-1 call on July 18th from a woman stating that her husband was going to shoot himself. The caller was extremely upset but Candice remained calm and professional and was able to obtain all of the necessary information for the responding units. Less than a minute into the call, the woman shouted that her husband had shot himself. Cole quickly asked where the gun was and if the female was in any danger. Cole stayed on the line with the caller for 11 minutes and 3 seconds remaining both informative and supportive until help arrived. After rescue units arrived, the woman made a point to mention to the detectives on scene how comforting Cole was and how much she appreciated her.

August Employee of the Month



Deputy Braxton Wall recognized as August's Employee of the Month by Sheriff Staly.

Deputy Braxton Wall is awarded the August Employee of the Month award for using his instincts and training to identify a suspicious person and take him into custody before any additional crimes could be committed.

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On August 31, Deputy Braxton Wall was patrolling the "R" section of Palm Coast when a male with a backpack was walking down Regina Lane. Deputy Wall stopped the male who quickly became evasive and began to display signs of nervousness. Deputy Wall instructed the male to sit on the ground, at which time Deputy Wall observed the butt of a handgun protruding from the male's pocket. The male was secured and found to be in possession of two stolen semi-automatic handguns. Both guns were loaded with rounds in the chambers. The subject was also in possession of cocaine, marijuana and two cell phones. It is likely that several crimes were prevented that evening with this male's arrest.

September Employee of the Month



Deputy Diego Gonzalez recognized as September's Employee of the Month by Sheriff Staly.

Deputy Diego Gonzalez is awarded the September Employee of the Month award for his heroic response to a tragic scene. Deputy Gonzalez's actions prevented the situation from becoming worse.

On September 10th, Deputy Gonzalez responded to a rollover crash on West State Road 100. The pickup truck crashed into a roadside ditch, which was full of water from the incoming Hurricane Irma. Deputy Gonzalez assisted the family of four, including an infant child, in getting out of their vehicle as it filled with water. Deputy Gonzalez is commended for his professionalism and a job well done.

Lifesaving Awards



Deputy Richard Petkovsek with his daughter, Deputy Blake Colson, and Sheriff Staly.

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Deputies Blake Colson and Richard Petkovsek received the Life Saving Award for their quick actions that resulted in saving the life of a citizen. On September 30th, deputies responded to a motor vehicle crash where a driver lost control of his vehicle while traveling southbound on Interstate 95 causing him to drive into the retention pond located at the off ramp. Upon arriving on scene, Deputy Colson entered the pond and assisted a citizen with extracting the victim from his completely submerged vehicle. Deputy Petkovsek also entered the water to assist Deputy Colson with removing the victim from the pond. The quick actions of Deputy Colson and Deputy Petkovsek, as well as the citizen on scene, resolved the situation before it turned critical.



Deputy Jonathan Kuleski receiving a lifesaving award.

Deputy Jonathan Kuleski received a lifesaving award for a medical call on September 3rd. Upon his arrival, he observed a person without a pulse and immediately began to administer CPR on the subject. A pulse was regained and Flagler County Fire Rescue transported the victim to Florida Hospital Flagler. It was later determined that the subject had used heroin or fentanyl. Deputy Kuleski's instincts and training resulted in saving the man's life and he is commended for his professionalism.

Certificate of Commendation

Deputy Paul Kandour receives the Certificate of Commendation for his diligence in rendering aid to a citizen in need.

On the morning of September 11, Deputy Kandour located a disabled motor vehicle with an 85-year-old male inside. The male appeared to be suffering from a medical condition. He did not know where he was, how long he had been there, or that he was stuck in approximately one to two feet of water. Based on the confused and inconsistent information obtained, Deputy Kandour surmised that the male was in his vehicle during the most violent portion of Hurricane Irma. Had Deputy Kandour not been so diligent and observant in his patrol, he may have easily missed this civilian in dire need of assistance. The actions of Deputy Kandour allowed this man to be reunited with his family.

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Disaster Response Citation



Chief Paul Bovino accepts the award on behalf of the agency.

Sheriff Staly presented the entire agency with a Disaster Response Citation for the performance and extraordinary achievements during Hurricane Irma.

“The men and women of the Flagler County Sheriff’s Office responded quickly and professionally in order to provide a safe environment for our residents,” Sheriff Staly said. “The long hours and the professional team response minimized injury and provided a safe and secure environment during a terrifying event that had a significant impact on Flagler County.”

Years of Service Awards

Sheriff Staly presented Years of Service awards to employees that have been working for the FCSO for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 years. Years of Service awards were given to the following employees:

Five years of service: Alfred Franzini, Julio Jurjo, Nancy Malheiros.

Ten Years of Service: Sam Bell, Robert Blanton, Alicia Cowan, Paul DeSousa, Jonathan Freshcorn, Karen Perry.

Fifteen years of service: Genice Caccavale, Anthony Marino, Diego Morales, Jon Reckenwald, Beatrice Rivas.

Twenty-five years of service: John Bray.

Thirty years of service: Mark Carman.

Sheriff Staly holds the awards ceremonies quarterly. The next awards ceremony will be held after the first of the year.

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