



Rick Staly, Sheriff
FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

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Sheriff's Office Employees Recognized During Awards Ceremony

Sheriff Rick Staly hosted an awards ceremony on Wednesday at the Sheriff's Operations Center. Seventy agency members were recognized for exceptional service.

October 2017 Employee of the Month



Communications Supervisor Amy Sisti recognized as October 2017 Employee of the Month

Communications Supervisor Amy Sisti received a 9-1-1 call on October 12th from a man stating that he thought he had killed someone. The caller was determined to be in St Johns County but Amy stayed on the line with the caller to gather pertinent information while another dispatcher relayed the information to St John's County. Minutes later the male stated that he was going to shoot himself. Amy used her negotiating skills to calm the man and keep him talking. The call was transferred to St John's County and soon reported that the man had shot himself. This was a very difficult call but Amy did an outstanding job keeping a calm demeanor and gathering all needed information to ensure officer safety. Communications Supervisor Amy Sisti is our October Employee of the Month.

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November 2017 Employee of the Month



Detective Nicole Thomas recognized as November 2017 Employee of the Month and receives a Certificate of Commendation.

On November 27th Detective Nicole Thomas and detectives from Volusia County Sheriff's Office began an investigation into a sexual assault against a woman who had been found naked and bleeding on the Flagler/Volusia County line. A thorough investigation found that Obtravies Watkins had brutally and sexually battered and attempted to kill the woman. Detective Thomas used outstanding investigative techniques to identify the suspect's vehicle, which led to the identity of the attacker. Detective Thomas also showed great compassion for the victim and quickly brought the attacker to justice. Detective Thomas is our November Employee of the Month who is also receiving a certificate of commendation for her terrific work on this case.

December 2017 Employee of the Month



Crime Analyst Shannon Sandberg recognized as December 2017 Employee of the Month and receives the Distinguished Service Certificate.

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For the Period of January 1st through December 31st, 2017, Crime Analyst Shannon Sandberg has directly implemented the FCSO Intelligence Led Policing vision through her commitment to excellence and professionalism. Her attention to detail and expertise in analyzing crime trends and identifying likely persons of interest, coupled with her superlative organizational skills, has been key to the success of CRIMEMAPS and instrumental in the success of dozens of criminal investigations. Shannon is a great asset to the FCSO and we are pleased to name her our December Employee of the Month. She is also receiving the Distinguished Service Certificate.

Lifesaving Award



Corporal Joe Barile, Iris Sciandra (the woman rescued in the crash), Deputy Phil Conway, and Sheriff Staly

On October 8th Deputy Philip Conway and Corporal Joe Barile responded to a call where a vehicle hydroplaned, rolled several times, and landed in mud and water. The female in the vehicle, Iris Sciandra, was pinned with her face submerged in the water. Corporal Barile removed the windshield and relayed information to dispatch while Deputy Conway pulled the woman from the vehicle. Deputy Conway's and Cpl. Barile's instincts and training resulted in the life saving of the woman and they are commended for their professionalism. Deputy Conway receives the Lifesaving award and Cpl. Barile received the Certificate of Commendation. Iris was present to give thanks to both deputies.

Certificate of Commendation



Deputy Daniel Parthemore receives the Certificate of Commendation

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On October 2nd, deputies were dispatched to an armed robbery at the Circle K Gas Station in Palm Coast. Deputy Daniel Parthemore was on special detail in the Seminole Woods area due to recent car burglaries in the area. Deputy Parthemore stopped out with a vehicle in a cul-de-sac and recognized the passenger in the car as matching the description of the suspect from the armed robbery. The firearm used in the robbery was also located with the suspect. Through the diligent efforts of Deputy Parthemore and his keen investigative efforts, a violent armed offender was taken off the streets. For his close attention to detail and great police work, Deputy Parthemore is receiving a Certificate of Commendation.



Deputies Philip Conway and Jesse Kocorowski (not pictured) receive the Certificate of Commendation

On Christmas Day, Deputy Philip Conway contacted Grand Oaks Health and Rehab Center in order to arrange a visit to those staying at the facility. Deputy Conway and Deputy Kocorowski visited the facility Christmas night and handed out Christmas cards to the residents. This act of kindness shows the big heart that Law Enforcement Officers have and it was wonderful for these two deputies to spend a part of their shift spreading joy to members of our community. Both receive the Certificate of Commendation.

Unit Citations



Members of the Alpha Squad, Investigative Services Division and Communications Center

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On November 6th, deputies tracked a stolen vehicle to Capri Trailer Park in Bunnell where they found Matthew Nesbitt asleep behind the wheel. Nesbitt awoke and sped away, nearly striking Deputy Jacob West in the process. The vehicle was soon located in the “Z” section of Palm Coast abandoned. A perimeter was set up and Nesbitt was seen threatening to kill deputies with a large knife in his hands. Nesbitt was ultimately taken into custody for multiple felony charges. A Unit Citation is given to the Alpha Squad, ISD, and Communications Specialists for their great work in identifying, tracking, and detaining a dangerous felon.



Members of the Charlie Squad receive a Unit Citation.

Charlie Squad is receiving a Unit Citation for their proactive police work and great teamwork in apprehending criminals, recovering stolen vehicles and seizing narcotics and firearms in multiple incidents. On December 8th, Deputies Barkoskie and Chewning noticed a suspicious vehicle on SR100 that eventually crashed into the woods. One male fled and another was located in a tree. Multiple narcotics, including a trafficking amount of cocaine, and a firearm were located in the vehicle. Both men were convicted felons. Due to the keen observations by this unit, two dangerous subjects, a firearm, and multiple narcotics were taken out of our community.



Members of the Delta Squad and Communications Center receive a Unit Citation.

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On December 26th, the drive-thru workers at the Taco Bell in Palm Coast were robbed at gunpoint. The suspect fled the area and was seen on SR100. Sgt. Goncalves and Deputy Rossi attempted a traffic stop but the vehicle fled south on I-95 at a high rate of speed. The suspect vehicle then crashed into Deputy Rossi's patrol vehicle but continued to flee. A short time later, the suspect and passenger were detained and arrested. Due to the actions of Delta Squad and Communications Specialists, both suspects were arrested and positively identified as suspects in two other robberies in Volusia County. Delta Squad and the Communications Specialists are recognized with a Unit Citation for their great effort in this case.



Taco Bell Executives Lonnie Brinson, Katherine Conway-Jenkins, Dan Lieberman and Ray Williams presented Sheriff Staly with a donation to FSEAT.

Taco Bell Loss Prevention Director Dan Lieberman, Area Coaches Katherine Conway-Jenkins and Ray Williams, and Manager Lonnie Brinson presented plaques to the Deputies and Communications Specialists that handled the case and presented a check for \$2,500.00 to Sheriff Staly for the Flagler Sheriff's Employee Assistance Trust (FSEAT) fund.



Members of the Delta Squad and Investigative Services Division

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On December 26th, units responded to 110 White Hall Drive in reference to a burglary and found something barricading the front door. Deputy Weston kicked in the front door to gain entry and found the front door rigged with an electrical device. The investigation revealed that the booby-trap was rigged by Michael Scott Wilson in an attempt to electrocute his estranged wife. Detectives tracked Wilson to Tennessee where he was taken into custody. The great police work by this unit led to taking a dangerous man off the streets before he could cause the harm he intended. A Unit Citation is awarded for this great work.

Retirement



C.O.P. Louis Plank is retiring.

COP Captain Louis Plank is retiring from our Citizen Observer Patrol after 10 years of volunteer service to the agency. Since 2008, Captain Plank has put in 12,700 hours of service to the community.

Years of Service Awards

Sheriff Staly presents 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: Agustin Rodriguez, Benjamin Jurec, Franklin Gamarra, Ryan Emery, Jonathon Duenas

Fifteen years of service: Heather Robinson

Twenty years of service: Gerry Ditolla

Sheriff Staly holds the awards ceremonies quarterly. The next awards ceremony will be held in April.

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