



Rick Staly, Sheriff

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

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Flagler Sheriff C.O.P. Volunteers Now Armed With Non-Lethal Defensive Weapon

Flagler County Sheriff's Office Citizen Observer Patrol volunteers are now armed with pepper spray, a non-lethal defensive weapon. Sheriff Rick Staly directed that all volunteer COP's be issued the defensive spray after an incident that occurred earlier this month when a man unsuccessfully attempted to carjack a C.O.P. patrol vehicle and threatened a C.O.P. volunteer with a 12-inch knife.



Flagler County Sheriff's Office Citizen Observer Patrol receiving pepper spray training in Bunnell, FL.

"Historically the Flagler County Sheriff's Office has never armed their C.O.P.s," Sheriff Staly said. "But after what occurred earlier this month we re-evaluated and decided it was time. Safety, above all, is our number one priority for our citizens and those who protect them. The hope is that our C.O.P.s never need to deploy the pepper spray- but should they find themselves in a situation that calls for it, they will be prepared."

The C.O.P.s were issued the pepper spray and received training on how to deploy the pepper spray by Training Commander Chris Sepe at the FCSO Operations Center in Bunnell, FL. Pepper spray will now be standard issue to volunteers in the C.O.P. Unit.

Original News Release below.

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Armed Man Tries to Carjack Marked Sheriff's C.O.P. Car and Threatens COP Volunteer

An armed man on Eric Drive in Palm Coast attempted to enter a Sheriff's C.O.P. (Citizen Observer Patrol) vehicle while Corporal Angela Camit was on patrol. C.O.P. Camit reported to deputies that the man, armed with a 20-inch knife held above his head, first tried to gain entry into her vehicle on Eric Drive. When that attempt failed, the man fled on foot. C.O.P. Camit followed the man to Egan Drive where he again ran towards her with the knife. Deputies responded and took the male into custody without incident.



The knife recovered at the scene.

“Had he approached a Sheriff's deputy in this manner, it is likely that we would have had a different outcome,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “Our C.O.P.s are invaluable volunteers who serve and help protect this community alongside our deputies. We will not tolerate anyone threatening harm to them or anyone else. He is a career repeat offender. I hope the courts keep him locked up and he is sent back to prison where he belongs before he hurts someone.”

C.O.P. Camit is a seasoned C.O.P. with several years of experience. In light of this experience, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office will reevaluate the equipment issued to C.O.P.s for their protection.

Stephen Goldberg, DOB 12/26/1985, of 186 Eric Drive, Palm Coast was arrested and charged with attempted armed carjacking, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and armed trespassing. He will be booked into the Flagler County Detention Facility under no bond.

Goldberg has a prior arrest history in Flagler County that includes robbery with a deadly weapon, attempted burglary, trespassing, DUI, and several violation of probation charges. He was released from state prison in November 2008 after serving a sentence on a burglary charge.

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