

## Rick Staly, Sheriff

## FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Sheriff Staly to be a Dispatcher for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week**

To show his support of Flagler County Sheriff's Communications Specialists, Sheriff Rick Staly will spend some time on Monday, April 9, 2018 as a 9-1-1 Dispatcher as part of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Telecommunications Week is celebrated each year during the second week in April to show gratitude to the 9-1-1 call takers and communications specialists and other public safety communications staff who help others during emergencies.

Sheriff Staly affectionately refers to the dispatchers as "the invisible heroes." He will be working as a dispatcher in the Communications Section on Monday April 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Communications Specialist Josie Gammon and Sheriff Staly during Telecommunications Week 2017.

"These dedicated individuals are the first ones on the line during someone's worst hour," Sheriff Staly said. "They remain calm and reassure the caller that help is on the way. I would like to express our

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greatest thanks to these men and women, and also to our community and our public safety partners for joining us to thank them for all that they do."

Several special events have been planned throughout the week to show appreciation to the FCSO Communications Center employees. Special thanks to Carrabba's Italian Grill in Palm Coast, Samuel Royer with Heroes First Home Loans, Terranovas Pizzeria, and the local police and fire departments for hosting the Communication's Center employees during this commemorative week.

<u>MEDIA:</u> Any media representatives wishing to join Sheriff Staly as a dispatcher on April 9<sup>th</sup> should contact PAO Brittany Kershaw at <u>bkershaw@flaglersheriff.com</u> or by calling (386) 586-2637. Space is limited. The Sheriff will be at the back-up 9-1-1 Center in the Detention Administration building as the main communications center is undergoing a complete renovation.

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