

## **Rick Staly, Sheriff**

## **FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

"An honor to serve, a duty to protect."

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## FCSO Wins "Agency of the Year" for InVest and Domestic Violence Summit

This morning the Flagler County Sheriff' Office (FCSO) was awarded the "Agency of the Year" Award at the National Crime Victim's Rights Week Breakfast for FCSO's Domestic Violence Summit and InVest Program.

Sheriff Staly held a community Domestic Violence Summit in June of 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn open to the public to focus on developing a multi-disciplined, community response to reduce domestic violence in Flagler County.



From left to right: Kathy Vazquez, Chief Steve Brandt, Undersheriff Jack Bisland representing Sheriff Rick Staly, Corporal George Hristakopoulos, and Commander Detective Jen Taylor

"I am extremely proud of the work our employees have done to combat Flagler County's domestic violence issue. The goal of programs like InVest and the Domestic Violence Summit is to make sure victims and their friends know resources in our community are available and domestic violence will not

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be tolerated," Sheriff Staly said. "I accept this award on behalf of the hard working men and women of the Sheriff's Office. I also congratulate all nominees, especially Detective Corporal George Hristakopoulos and Victim Advocate Kathy Vazquez for their nominations."

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office and its employees were nominated for three awards although only the Agency of the Year was awarded to FCSO:

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year – Detective Corporal George Hristakopoulos, honorable mention

Victim Advocate of the Year - Kathy Vazquez, honorable mention

Agency of Year/ Program of the Year – Flagler County Sheriff's Office for Domestic Violence Summit and InVest

For more information on National Crime Victim's Right's Week please visit <a href="https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw/">https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw/</a>.

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