



Rick Staly, Sheriff

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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2018 Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony

The weather on Monday evening was anything but ideal, but despite the rain The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) hosted a beautiful Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony at the Sheriff's Operations Center in Bunnell, FL. While the rain came down outside, inside people from all over the county lifted their blue candles high in the air and remembered our fallen brothers and sisters of law enforcement.



The FCSO Honor Guard and Knights of Columbus opened the ceremony with the presentation of colors. Then, the Coastal Florida Police & Fire Pipes & Drums played while the crowd took their seats inside the Deputy Chuck Sease Training room at the Operations Center.

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“From the moment they put on their uniforms, they know that at any moment, they may answer a call that puts their life directly in harm’s way,” Sheriff Staly said during the ceremony. “This past year 135 extraordinary officers answered such a call and made the ultimate sacrifice. These brave men and women went towards danger instead of away from it.”



The ceremony honored all law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Sheriff Staly read the names of the five fallen law enforcement officers from the Flagler County Sheriff's Office. They were Sheriff Perry Hall, End of Watch August 21, 1927; Deputy George “Son” Durrance,

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End of Watch August 24, 1927; Sheriff Homer Brooks, End of Watch March 23, 1965; Deputy Charles “Chuck” Sease, End of Watch July 5, 2003; and Sergeant Francesco “Frankie” Celico, End of Watch September 9, 2011. Family members in attendance came forward to lay a rose at the altar.



Afterwards, Sheriff Rick Staly announced that he was naming the Tactical Training and Fitness Center after Fallen Flagler County Sheriff Homer W. Brooks and invited everyone in attendance to view the unveiling of the new signage on the building.



Joining Sheriff Staly for the dedication are: (L-R) Flagler County Commissioners Charlie Ericksen, Jr., David Sullivan, Nate McLaughlin, Sheriff Staly, Diane Yelvington, niece of Sheriff Brooks, Commission Chairman Greg Hansen and Commissioner Donald O'Brien.

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Sheriff Brooks was elected to three terms as Flagler County Sheriff and served from 1957 to 1965 when he was felled by a massive heart-attack while leaving the county courthouse in his patrol car shortly after starting his 3rd term as Sheriff. Learn more about “Bootleg Busting” Sheriff Brooks at: <http://www.flaglersheriff.com/sheriff-homer-william-brooks#>

At the close of the ceremony, everyone was welcomed to view the Agency museum and the Wall of Honor, dedicated to FCSO’s fallen heroes and enjoy refreshments provided by Wal-Mart.



The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office would like to say a special thanks to the Coastal Florida Police & Fire Pipes & Drums band, the Knights of Columbus – Flagler Beach, and Wal-Mart for all of their help in organizing this event.

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