

Rick Staly, Sheriff FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

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<u>Thirteen Deputies Honored For Life-Saving Measures</u> <u>Headline FCSO's First Quarter Awards</u>

Life-saving Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Deputies, a deputy who saved a three-monthold child from danger and Citizens Observer Patrol (C.O.P.) volunteers helping protect our beaches and wildlife were among those honored at the FCSO First Quarter Awards Ceremony Wednesday, May 4, in the Kim C. Hammond Justice Center in Bunnell.

During the ceremony, Sheriff Staly recognized exceptional service by FCSO employees and C.O.P. volunteers from the First Quarter of 2022.

"Our deputies throughout the agency have continued to make a difference in our community and are all part of our success," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Today we honor the deputies, volunteers and professional support staff who go above and beyond the call of duty. I am honored to lead such an amazing team serving our community."

The following FCSO employees received awards for the First Quarter of 2022:

Life-Saving Medal:

Deputy First Class Kyle Gaddie Deputy Sheriff Branden Hartley Deputy Sheriff Keaton Ray Deputy Sheriff Brandon Beane (Twice) Deputy Sheriff Alicia Cowan Communication Specialist First Class Joanna De Guzman Deputy Sheriff Jake Fowler Deputy Sheriff John Landi Deputy Sheriff Kevin Gomez Deputy Sheriff David Lichty Deputy Sheriff Michael Anderson

Certificate of Appreciation:

C.O.P. Sergeant Peter Barbarino C.O.P. Officer Thomas Buckel C.O.P. Officer Philip Hunt Master Deputy Detective Brandon Crosbee Master Deputy Detective Daniel LaVerne Deputy Sheriff John Landi

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Deputy Sheriff Angelica Quiroga-Joya Deputy Sheriff Michael Lane Sergeant Nolie St. Fleur

Unit Citation Award:

Community Policing Division members Corporal Joseph Barnett, Deputy Kyle Somers, Deputy Lauren Broomfield, and Deputy Jonathon Jeckovich along with Investigative Services Division members Sergeant Michael Breckwoldt, Detective Omar Ocampo and Detective Jayd Capela, are awarded the Unit Citation for their excellent use of investigative techniques and resources. Their teamwork resulted in the capture of a State Prison escapee who had been on the run for 62 days and their collective actions and dedication is in keeping with the highest traditions of law enforcement services.

FCSO members from CPD, ISD, PACE, and SRD units; Sergeant Chris Ragazzo, Corporal Barnett, Master Deputy Crosbee, Master Deputy Malta, Deputy Broomfield, Deputy Nick Champion, Deputy Chewning, Deputy Harrison, Deputy Jeckovich, Deputy Kotowski, and Deputy Punsky are awarded the Unit Citation for their collaborative efforts in completing a successful stop stick deployment and high-risk traffic stop. Their teamwork resulted in the location and apprehension of a dangerous subject wanted for multiple violent felonies and their collective actions and dedication are in keeping with the highest traditions of law enforcement services.



Left to Right: Sheriff Staly, Deputy Fowler, DFC Horler, Deputy Quiroga- Joya, Commander Davis, MD Crosbee and Deputy Broomfield.

FCSO members- Commander Jonathan Dopp, Sergeant James Miley, Corporal Paul DeSousa, Commander Glenn Davis Jr., Deputy Sheriff Jake Fowler, Deputy Sheriff Jonathan Zalak, Deputy First Class Arthur Horler, Deputy Sheriff Angelica Quiroga- Joya, Deputy Sheriff Michael Anderson, Deputy Sheriff Keaton Ray, Deputy Sheriff Alicia Cowan, Sergeant Frank Gamarra, Corporal Troy Cavas, Deputy Sheriff Michael Lane, Communications Supervisor Amy Sisti, Communications Specialist First Class Ashlie Hicks, Communication Specialist Joseph Esposito, and Communication Specialist Lucas Santos are awarded the Unit Citation for their collaborative

efforts to stop a great tragedy when a young female having a mental health crisis threatened to end her life by jumping off an overpass into oncoming traffic. The quick and efficient response of all members to render aid, manage resources, block traffic, and assist with calls for service undoubtedly contributed to the saving of the young woman's life and their collective actions and dedication is in keeping with the highest traditions of law enforcement services.

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Sheriff Citation:

FCSO Chaplain Ed Reistetter was awarded the Sheriff's Citation for his exceptional service to the Flagler County Sheriff's Office. Throughout his tenure, Chaplain Reistetter has responded to various incidents, as well as led and participated in numerous events including Officer Funerals and the National Day of Prayer. In addition, he provides a strong foundation for the Critical Stress Management Team maintaining a positive, motivational and professional image



for the agency. Chaplain Reistetter's actions and dedication keep with the highest traditions of law enforcement services.



Merit Award:

On January 31, 2022, Deputy First Class Jackson responded to the residence of a suicidal person who was armed with a knife while holding a three-month-old baby. Deputy First Class Jackson was able to establish communication with the adult and convince him to safely hand over the infant. After the child was safe, Deputy First Class Jackson then returned to the adult and continued to talk to him, ultimately de-escalating the situation. The adult surrendered without incident.

Employees of the Month:

October 2021 – Communication Specialist Lainie Rittenour November 2021 – Deputy First Class K9 Marcus Dawson December 2021 – PALS Coordinator Kerri Henderson January 2022 - Sergeant Nolie St Fleur February 2022 - Deputy First Class Bryan Jackson March 2022 - Deputy Anjelica Quiroga-Joya



Years of Service with the FCSO:

15 years: Commander Joseph Barile, Corporal Joseph Barnett, Corporal Joseph Dailey, Deputy First Class Arthur Horler, Detective Mark Moy, Sergeant Daniel Parthemore, Sergeant Daniel Weaver, Deputy Craig Rossi and Communications Supervisor Jay Aldridge

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10 years: Deputy First Class Robert Craun and Communications Specialist First Class Tina Eddy

Five years: Communications Specialist Astasia Grum

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