



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

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

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Law Enforcement Partners Take Action, Monthly Operation D.R.I.V.E Kicks Off Today to Reduce Reckless and Distracted Driving**

For the second year in a row, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) has teamed up with law enforcement agencies across the county to continue to find new ways to keep you safe behind the wheel in Flagler County.



Today, FCSO, Florida Highway Patrol, Flagler Beach Police Department and the Bunnell Police Department will be working together as Operation D.R.I.V.E. (Distracted and Reckless Intersection Violation Enforcement) to enforce traffic laws on our roadways. The agencies will be coordinating enforcement efforts focusing on reducing distracted and reckless driving and crashes occurring at high violation and crash intersections.

The goal is to continue the proactive policing approach for the public's safety on our roadways while bringing awareness to ***Distracted and Reckless Intersection Violation Enforcement*** within Flagler County. The goal is to enhance safety for motorists on all roadways with all of our local law enforcement jurisdictions.

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In 2021, there were 857 crashes involving intersections in Flagler County. More than 36-percent of the 2,370 accidents in Flagler County in 2021 occurred as a motorist was entering an intersection, inside of an intersection or as they exited an intersection.

“The success of Operation T.I.D.E.S. played a large role in making a life-saving difference on Flagler County roads last year,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “This new year-long operation with our partners is focusing on the known trouble spots. I ask our drivers to join us in helping to make our roads safer by slowing down, looking twice before entering an intersection and don’t drive aggressively. Don’t add a ticket to your inflationary cost of living. Operation D.R.I.V.E. is just another measure we are taking to ensure safer roadways for every motorist in our county and will be conducted on a monthly basis.”

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