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FCSO Employees, Partners Honored During Fourth Quarter Awards Ceremony

BUNNELL, FL – Deputies who rescued a woman and child from a partially submerged vehicle after a crash, a deputy who provided a life-saving dose of Nacan and provided CPR after a drug overdose, and a dispatcher who provided CPR instructions that successfully saved the life of a two-year-old drowning victim, are among those honored during FCSO's Fourth Quarter 2023 Awards Ceremony held on February 20, 2024, at the Flagler County Sheriff's Operations Center.

Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly awarded several Lifesaving Awards to employees for their roles in saving the lives of others from October through December of last year. Sheriff Staly also awarded several individuals with Distinguished Service Certificates, Certificates of Commendation and Certificates of Appreciation, as part of the ceremony.

"The heroic actions of our employees and partners are in keeping with the highest traditions of law enforcement and public service," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "I am truly honored to lead and partner with such a strong and compassionate team of individuals who on a daily basis give their all to protect and serve the residents and visitors of Flagler County."

Three employees received Employee of the Month recognition, while 13 others were recognized for reaching years of service milestones from five to 25 years of service. Two others received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Florida Sheriff's Association for providing more than 40 years of dedicated service.

Below is a summary of each award winner and why they received an award.

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LIFE SAVING AWARD – COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST FIRST CLASS ASHLIE HICKS:

On October 22, 2023, CSFC Ashlie Hicks took a call in reference to a two-year-old female found unresponsive in a pool. Ashlie stayed calm and in control of the call, reassured the caller that help was on the way, and began Pre-Arrival instructions for CPR. After three rounds of compressions, the child began crying and spitting out water prior to any other emergency personnel arriving on-scene.

LIFE SAVING AWARD – DEPUTY FIRST CLASS ROBERT FINN:

On November 11th, 2023, Deputy Schmidt was investigating a narcotics complaint. Deputy Schmidt located narcotics in a storm drain and as he inventoried the contents, was exposed to Fentanyl. Deputy Schmidt began to have a rapid heartbeat and complained of dizziness. Deputy First Class Finn was on scene and administered one dose of Narcan. Deputy Schmidt was then transported by Rescue to the hospital where he made a full recovery.

LIFE SAVING AWARD – CORPORAL TROY CAVAS, DEPUTY FIRST CLASS NICHOLAS CHAMPION, MASTER DETECTIVE DANIEL MALTA, DETECTIVE AUSTIN DALRYMPLE, FHP TROOPER DARIN HARPER:

On October 25, 2023, units from FCSO and FHP responded to a single vehicle crash. Witnesses observed a female exit the vehicle and run into the woods. It was later discovered the female was believed to be suicidal, after her mother advised she made suicidal threats to her shortly before the crash. FCSO units and FHP began tracking the female through the woods. After a lengthy search, the female was found in thick brush, actively cutting herself. She had extensive self-inflicted injuries and was losing a significant amount of blood. She was able to be detained and safely escorted through the woods to awaiting EMS. The female's dog was also located in the woods and carried back out to safety.

LIFE SAVING AWARD – CORPORAL ANDREW CANGIALOSI, DEPUTY FIRST CLASS JENNIFER PREVATT, DEPUTY SHERIFF DAVID LICHTY:

On January 5, 2024, units responded to a crash with injury on SR 100 W. The vehicle left the roadway and crashed into a water filled ditch. Upon their arrival, they observed a male lying on his side outside of the car on the embankment. The male was alert and conscious but unable to move. He advised them there were still two occupants in the vehicle. They immediately went to the vehicle which was lying on its passenger side partially submerged. They noticed an adult female covered in a substantial amount of blood trapped inside of the vehicle along with an unresponsive juvenile female in a car seat partially submerged with her nose just above the water. Due to the doors being locked, forced entry was made to the rear driver's side door window. Once entry was made Deputy Lichty, with the help of med units, was able to remove the child safely from the vehicle. Deputy Lichty, DFC Prevatt and Corporal Cangialosi then assisted in the removal of the adult female passenger in the front seat. Once

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all occupants were out of the vehicle, they were turned over to medical units for triage. All three subjects were transported to the hospital.

LIFE SAVING AWARD – SERGEANT JON RECKENWALD:

On July 29, 2023, Sergeant Reckenwald responded to a residence in Flagler Beach in reference to an unresponsive male who was not breathing and believed to be suffering from an overdose. Sergeant Reckenwald administered Narcan and began CPR on the male until the male was turned over to EMS and the Flagler Beach Police Department. The male was ultimately resuscitated and transported by EMS to the hospital for medical treatment.



Sheriff Staly (right) presents the Life Saving Award to Sergeant Jon Reckenwald (left)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CERTIFICATE – CORPORAL ADAM BARKOSKIE, DEPUTY SHERIFF JONATHAN ZALAK, DEPUTY SHERIFF MARK REXFORD, MASTER DEPUTY SHERIFF MARCUS DAWSON:

On July 29, 2023, while conducting proactive enforcement, Deputy Zalak conducted a traffic stop due to faulty equipment and encountered a mother who was driving with an unrestrained child in her lap. He noticed the unsanitary condition of the vehicle, which appeared it was being lived out of. At that time, he determined further investigation was needed during the stop. Other units were called to the scene to assist. During an interview with the mother, concerning information was revealed relating to the welfare of the child and the mental health of the mother. Deputies on scene were able to convince the mother to place her child into a car seat to prove to Law Enforcement she was able to leave the

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scene while in compliance with child restraint laws. Once the mother placed the child in the car seat, she was placed under arrest. A trusted caregiver was identified, and the child was transported to their residence. The caregiver was informed of what occurred and why she needed to watch the child. The responding Deputies continued to follow up on multiple occasions with the State Attorney's Office to ensure a successful resolution was made. A Pre-Trial Intervention contract was entered between the SAO and the mother stipulating mandatory mental health treatment and supervised visits with the child for a period of 48 months.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CERTIFICATE –CHIEF ROBERSON BROWN, JR.:

In addition to dedicating himself daily to managing the Sheriff's COP Program, Chief Brown has focused his efforts on recruiting new members. As a result of his hard work, the program has grown to nearly 100 members. Chief Brown has an unwavering commitment to this program and the service it provides to the Flagler community. He attends community events and consistently promotes the program to recruit new members. As a result, his efforts have helped build an amazing team that continues to improve and take on new challenges.



Sheriff Staly presents a Distinguished Service Certificate to Chief Roberson Brown, Jr.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION – MR. TODD RALEIGH, DCF CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR:

Approximately five years ago, several members of the Major Case Unit attended a training exercise with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Those detectives were introduced to Mr. Todd Raleigh, Criminal Justice Coordinator for the DCF Office of Child and Family Well-Being. Mr. Raleigh

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expressed a genuine interest in assisting law enforcement with performing their duties. Time and time again, Mr. Raleigh has been called upon by various detectives over the years, always going above and beyond to ensure that detectives quickly receive their requested information. FCSO's Major Case Unit reviews approximately 100 missing persons cases per year, and Mr. Raleigh is frequently called upon by detectives to assist in locating them.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION – SERGEANT SHANE MEEHAN:

Effective November 30th, 2023, Sgt Meehan has resigned his tenure with the Emergency Response Team after 10 years of dedicated service. He was instrumental in its establishment, having served as the team's executive officer for almost three of those years. In the decade that Sgt Meehan has served on this team, he has responded to and led multiple teams during local hurricane responses and has also responded to several disasters across the State of Florida, assisting other agencies during their time of need and leading FCSO deputies during difficult missions in uncomfortable and dangerous terrain.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION – DEPUTY SHERIFF MAXWELL DORSEY:

On October 20th, 2023, and October 29, 2023, respectively, Deputy Dorsey conducted two traffic stops, one of which included a convicted felon as the driver and another which included a passenger with an arrest warrant out of Broward County. Between both traffic stops, three individuals were arrested. A total of 20 charges were brought forth, ranging from Armed Trafficking Fentanyl to Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. One of the vehicles was seized under asset forfeiture along with currency.

EMPLOYEE OF MONTH 4th Quarter:

OCTOBER – Deputy Sheriff Maxwell Dorsey

NOVEMBER – Deputy First Class Robert Finn

DECEMBER – C.O.P. Chief Roberson Brown, Jr.

Years of Service –

5 – Deputy Sheriff Derek Logsdon, Deputy Sheriff Avis Moring, Deputy Sheriff Vincent Schrider, Purchasing & Inventory Manager Bill Cook, Evidence Technician Hazel Faircloth

10 – Master Deputy Daniel LaVerne, Civil Clerk Fiona Ebrill, Deputy Sheriff Frank Barbagallo, Deputy Sheriff Jason Williams, Deputy Sheriff Paula Priester, Classification Specialist Patricia Colson

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20 – Sergeant Michael Breckwoldt, Commander Jason Neat, Deputy Sheriff Howard Underwood

40 – Chief Mark Strobridge, Commander Mike Lutz both received the Florida Sheriff's Association Lifetime Achievement Award for providing more than 40 years of dedicated service.

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