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Flagler County Sheriff's Office Increasing Patrols, Reminding Residents to Celebrate the New Year Responsibly

BUNNELL, Fla. — To ensure Flagler County residents and visitors have a safe New Year's Eve, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office is increasing patrols and reminding everyone not to drink and drive.

As New Year's Eve is one of the busiest drinking holidays of the year, Sheriff Rick Staly encourages everyone to ring in the new year responsibly and think twice before driving impaired.

"If you've had a bit too much champagne, choosing to get behind the wheel can have life-altering consequences. Compared to the possibility of getting in a wreck and killing someone, a DUI is the least of your concerns," said Sheriff Staly. "Anyone who plans on drinking at a party or out at a bar should have a plan to get home — whether that's a rideshare, taxi, or designated driver — or they'll be seeing some new bars at the Green Roof Inn."

To deter drunk driving and prevent crashes, FCSO is increasing patrols on roadways throughout the county, with dedicated DUI patrols and deputies focusing on reducing impaired driving, aggressive driving, and serious crashes.

FCSO is also participating in the international [Crash Awareness Reduction Effort](#), which aims to increase law enforcement presence on interstates and highways across the United States and Canada during high crash periods, such as major holidays. During this campaign, the FCSO Traffic Enforcement Unit will patrol along busy roadways including Interstate 95 and U.S. Highway 1 to reduce crashes and traffic-related violations.

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In addition to increased visibility by deputies, FCSO will also have displays across the county to educate residents on the consequences of driving impaired. This includes the FCSO “Taxi-Patrol” car, which will be parked along State Road 100 in Palm Coast as a reminder that driving drunk can lead to an expensive one-way ticket to the county jail, as well as message boards on multiple roadways with the reminder to “Drive Sober, Don’t Get Pulled Over.”

The Flagler County Sheriff’s Operations Center in Bunnell and District 2 Office in Palm Coast will be closed on Thursday, Jan. 1. The Flagler County Emergency Communications Center remains open 365 days a year, and residents should call 911 for emergencies or 386-313-4911 for non-emergencies.

Sheriff Staly and the men and women of FCSO wish everyone a safe and happy new year.



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