



Rick Staly, Sheriff

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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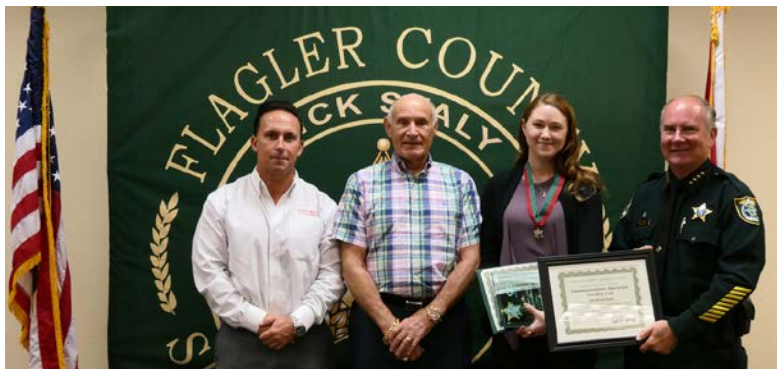
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Sheriff Staly Presents First Quarter 2019 Awards

Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly presented Employee of the Month Awards, Unit Citations, Certificates of Commendation, Life Saving Medals and Years of Service Awards for the first quarter of 2019 on Thursday morning.

"Our team does a great job year-round but I think it is important to highlight the members that go above and beyond the call of duty to serve and protect this community," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "I appreciate our partnership with Family Kia of St. Augustine and for their recognition of our outstanding employees of the month."

Family Kia of St. Augustine's President and owner Richard Stoff lives locally and knows first-hand the dedication and hard work that each and every FCSO employee demonstrates while serving their community. Each quarter he rewards the FCSO Employee of the Month recipients with a \$250 donation to FSEAT (Flagler Sheriff's Employee Assistance Trust) as well as treating them to lunch.



Family Kia VP Carl Davis and President Richard Stoff with Communications Specialist Candice Cole and Sheriff Staly.

January Employee of the Month AND Life Saving Award – Communications Specialist Candice Cole

In January, Communications Specialist Candice Cole walked a caller through each step of CPR until responding units took over. In addition, Candice was also working Primary Dispatch during the time of the call and dispatched the responding units while simultaneously providing CPR instructions to

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the caller. Due to Candice's ability to think quickly and effectively multi-task, she was able to keep the caller calm, dispatch responding units, and administer CPR instructions that ended up saving the patient's life. For this, Candice is receiving the January Employee of the Month award as well as a lifesaving award.



Family Kia President Richard Stoff and VP Carl Davis and with Deputy Gossett and Sheriff Staly.

February Employee of the Month – Deputy Adam Gossett

From November 2018 through February 2019, Deputy Gossett has made 31 arrests, 12 of them being felony arrests. Of those 33 arrests, many of them were due to proactive enforcement and nine were DUI arrests. In that same period, he conducted 307 traffic stops and conducted 109 security checks. Deputy Gossett continues to go above and beyond his normal duties in all aspects to make the community safer for its citizens. Deputy Gossett is our February employee of the month.

March Employee of the Month – Detective Adam Barkoskie

Detective Barkoskie was nominated for an award by Sergeant Daryl Cunningham of the Osceola County Sheriff's Office. Osceola County received a call from a victim who was claiming she was sexually battered in Kissimmee but she was calling from Flagler County. Deputy Barkoskie met with the victim and provided Sgt. Cunningham a full update of what occurred. In lieu of making the victim drive two hours to report this incident in Kissimmee, Deputy Barkoskie agreed to handle the entire case from start to finish. He completed an excellent report, handled the sexual battery exam arrangements, and collected all evidence. Deputy Barkoskie went above and beyond to assist another Florida agency and showed that the FCSO is a great teammate in law enforcement. For this, Deputy Barkoskie is our March employee of the year.

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Sgt. Goncalves, Deputy Gaddie and Sheriff Staly

Life Saving – Deputy Kyle Gaddie & Sgt. Kenny Goncalves

Dep. Gaddie and Sgt. Goncalves responded to the Mobil Gas Station for an unresponsive male that overdosed on heroin. Dep. Gaddie administered one dose of Narcan but the subject did not react. Sgt. Goncalves instructed Gaddie to start CPR with chest compressions and administered another dose of Narcan. The male began to recover, gain consciousness, and was turned over to Fire/Rescue and transported to the hospital. The male was expected to make a full recovery due to the quick response and action of these two deputies. Deputy Kyle Gaddie & Sgt. Kenny Goncalves receive lifesaving awards for their actions.

Life Saving Award – Deputy Daniel Malta & Deputy Art Horler

Deputies Malta and Horler responded to a residence for an overdose. A female was found unresponsive. Deputies Malta and Horler administered Narcan to her which caused her to regain consciousness. Deputies Malta and Horler receive lifesaving awards for their actions.



Deputy McCarthy and Sheriff Staly

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Life Saving Award – Dep. Evan McCarthy

Deputy McCarthy responded to a residence for a female who had possibly overdosed. Deputy McCarthy administered a dose of Narcan and stayed with the patient until paramedics arrived. She was transported to the hospital after regaining consciousness. Deputy McCarthy receives a lifesaving award for his actions.

Life Saving Award – Dep. Austin Chewing

Bunnell Police Chief Tom Foster wrote to Sheriff Staly wanting to commend Deputy Chewing for the assistance he provided when he found an unresponsive male lying outside of the Circle K in Bunnell. Deputy Chewing administering numerous cycles of CPR until Flagler County paramedics arrived. The individual is a local known transient and substance abuser who survived and is now recovering in a Daytona rehabilitation facility. For this, Deputy Chewing receives a lifesaving award.

Life Saving Award – Dep. Chris Crego

Deputy Crego responded to a medical call for a 77-year-old male. Once on scene, Deputy Crego took over CPR until the arrival of paramedics. He then assisted paramedics with CPR until the male was loaded into the ambulance. The male had a pulse and arrived alive to the hospital, thanks to the lifesaving efforts performed by Deputy Crego. For this, Deputy Crego receives a lifesaving award.



Deputy Jurec and Sheriff Staly

Life Saving Award – Dep. Ben Jurec

In February, Deputy Jurec used his fire extinguisher on her burning vehicle and pulled the driver from the vehicle. Sheriff Staly recently received a message from the driver thanking Deputy Jurec for saving her life. She referred to him as a hero and a true blessing. For this, Deputy Jurec receives a lifesaving award.

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Deputies Wallis and Oldham with Sheriff Staly.

Life Saving Award – Dep. Taylor Oldham and Dep. Richard Wallis

Deputies Oldham & Wallis responded to an overdose call. Both deputies administered Narcan to an unresponsive woman who was not breathing. Lt. Craig with the Palm Coast Fire Department emailed Sheriff Staly to say that he had "No doubt the patient would have been in respiratory arrest" had it not been for the rapid actions of Deputy Oldham and Deputy Wallis. For this, Deputies Oldham and Wallis receive lifesaving awards.



Deputy Sam Cooper with Sheriff Staly.

Sheriff's Citation Award – Dep. Sam Cooper

Deputy Sam Cooper is a 21-year veteran of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office. In addition, he has served 7 years with the U.S. Army. Deputy Cooper has been an outstanding patrol deputy, investigator, SWAT operator, school resource deputy, and most of all a family man. He has served Flagler County as a School Resource Deputy for 12 years, starting at Belle Terre Elementary and now proudly serving Indian Trails Middle School. He is an active instructor for the Flagler County Sheriffs Police Athletic League, managing the Junior Police Academy and Middle School sports. Deputy Cooper is deserving of this recognition for his passion, dedication, and unrelenting service to the children of our community. He receives the Sheriff's Citation Award.

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Dep. Capela with Sheriff Staly.

Certificate of Commendation - Dep. Jayd Capela

Deputy Capela spoke with a young man in a park after noticing that he appeared to be upset. The student explained that he was having issues in school. The student said that normally he would not interact with Law Enforcement or confide in an officer but he felt comfortable with Deputy Capela. Deputy Capela recommended that the student go talk to the SRDs at his school so that they could find him the tutoring/mentoring that he needs – and that is what the student did. Deputy Capela took time out of his day to sit and speak to this student personifying the purpose of public service. For this, Deputy Capela receives a Certificate of Commendation.



Deputies Danowski and Kemp with Sheriff Staly.

Certificate of Commendation – Dep. Kemp, Dep. Danowski & Dep. Long

In January, an inmate was observed by Deputy Long crawling onto the upper tier stairwell railing in an attempt to jump off causing great bodily harm. Deputy Long contacted staff to assist in the matter and Deputies Kemp and Danowski responded and were able to get the inmate down from the railing. The attention to detail by Deputy Long and the quick response by Deputies Kemp and Danowski resulted in the inmate safely getting the help she so greatly needed. All three deputies receive the Certificate of Commendation.

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Deputy Keiser with Sheriff Staly.

Certificate of Commendation – Dep. Radford & Dep. Keiser

In January, an inmate was booked in the jail on charges of DUI. While in a holding cell, Detention Deputy Radford observed through the CCTV Camera that the inmate removed her shirt and was wrapping it around her neck to harm herself. Detention Deputy Radford and Detention Deputy Keiser both responded immediately and removed the shirt from around her neck. The quick response led to the safety of the inmate. For this, Deputies Radford and Keiser receive a Certificate of Commendation.



Deputy Cowen and Sheriff Staly.

Certificate of Commendation – Dep. Shannon Cowen

Since August of 2018, Deputy Cowen has been in charge of the inmate work crew. During this time, he has established a strong working relationship with the county and has saved the taxpayer's money on contracts that the county was able to cancel and have the inmate work crew take over. He has been a great mentor to the inmates in the program. He comes to work every day ready for the next task. For this, Deputy Cowen receives a Certificate of Commendation.

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Sgt. Vickers and Deputy Martin with Sheriff Staly.

Certificate of Commendation – Sgt. Vickers, Dep. Martin, Dep. Buendo & CCTV Operator Gregory Ray

In February, an inmate wrapped his bed sheet around his neck. Sgt. Vickers approached the inmate and stopped his attempt by removing the bed sheet from around his neck. The team effort by Sgt. Vickers, Deputies Martin and Buendo, and CCTV operator Ray resulted in potentially saving a life. For this, they receive Certificates of Commendation.



Sgt. Barile, Laura Kruger, and Det. Fuentes

Certificate of Appreciation – Sgt. Joe Barile, Det. Gabe Fuentes & Laura Kruger

Sgt. Barile, Detective Fuentes & Laura Kruger recently spearheaded the push for a safe working environment for Sheriff's Office employees. After concerns arose regarding the safety of the Sheriff's Operations Center, these three employees, as part of their role as union representatives, took initiative and proceeded to take on the long and arduous task of documenting employee illness, coordinating testing, providing legal services and acting as liaisons between the employees and Sheriff's Administration. For their dedication to the agency, its employees, and the safety of all involved they receive Certificates of Appreciation.

Certificate of Appreciation – Sierra Held

On April 1, Deputies responded to a call for an 85-year-old missing adult. Deputy Held made contact with firefighters from Station #24 and they allowed her to utilize their hand held FLIR system, which she previously trained with in preparation for something like this. Within a short time, Dep. Held notified Sgt. Breckwoldt that she was detecting a hot spot at the rear of a property where a house was under construction. Sgt. Breckwoldt then located the subject who was laying in mud near the wood

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line. Because of Deputy Held's preparation and quick thinking, the missing man was located in a timely manner and in a healthy condition. For this, Deputy Held receives a Certificate of Appreciation.



Dep. Woods, Sgt. Vickers and Sheriff Staly.

Certificate of Appreciation – Dep. Sheria Woods, Dep. Tammy Stakes & Sgt. Randy Vickers

On March 20, Deputy Stakes was off-duty and noticed a 2-car accident that was blocking the roadway. She exited her vehicle and rendered first aid to an elderly gentleman then averted her attention to the oncoming vehicles that were not slowing down approaching the accident scene. She controlled traffic to avoid another collision. Deputy Woods and Sgt Vickers then arrived on scene and gave assistance to Deputy Stakes. Many accidents were potentially avoided due to the quick response of Deputies Stakes and Woods and Sgt. Vickers. For this, they receive Certificates of Appreciation.



Unit Citation recipients with Sheriff Staly. Recipients: Dep. Dominic Quintieri, Cpl. Joe Dailey, Cpl. Rob Myers, Dep. Joseph O'Barr, Dep. Scott Jackson, Dep. Braxton Wall, Dep. Sam Bell, Cpl. Rob Tarczewski, Dep. Gib Smith, Dep. Jason Williams, Cpl. Scott Vedder, Sgt. Mike Lutz, Dep. Joe Bourke, Dep. Sierra Held, Dep. Carl Parker, Dep. Robert Lewis, Dep. Nicholas Champion, Dep. Jordan Taylor, Dep. Brandon Beane, Dep. Diego Gonzalez, Dep. Greg Nunziato, Dep. Austin Chewing, Dep. Chris Alecrim, Sgt. Mike Breckwoldt, Dep. Brandon Fiveash, Cpl. George Bender, Cpl. Chris Santoianni, Cpl. Ron Mello, Dep. Daniel Laverne, Dep. Jacob West, Dep. Daniel Malta, Dep. Chris Crego, Cpl. George Hristakopoulos, Sgt. Ryan Emery, Det. Andrew Cangialosi, Cpl. Mark Moy, Sgt. Bernie Woodward, Dep. Chris Taylor, Det. Diego Morales, Cmdr. Chris Sepe, and Communications Specialists Stephen Watkins, Megan Burton, Danielle Brown, and Heather Robinson.

Unit Citation

In January, FCSO received a stolen vehicle alert from a License Plate Reader (LPR). The vehicle was stolen out of Virginia and was taken during a robbery/attempted abduction. The vehicle stopped in the

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B section of Palm Coast where the driver refused to exit the vehicle or communicate with deputies. Due to the nature of the offenses, additional resources (SWAT, CNT, & ISD) were activated to resolve this incident. Due to the quick response, initiative, and sound patrol tactics, the stolen vehicle was recovered and the driver was apprehended. All members involved in this case utilized teamwork, professionalism, and were instrumental in the apprehension of the subject. This type of police work shows dedication and commitment to the agency and the citizens of the community. For this great action, they receive the Unit Citation.



Brittany Kershaw and Sheriff Staly.

Unit Citation – Public Affairs Office

Public Affairs Manager Brittany Kershaw and Public Affairs Officer Shannon Martin-Sabatini received a Unit Citation for their outstanding efforts to promote awareness and understanding to the community through the development of creative public service announcements, increased use of social media, and video production designed to promote long-lasting positive relationships with all who live and work in Flagler County.

Years of Service Awards

15 years – Mera Kozlenko, Bernard Woodward, Chris Ragazzo, Scott Vedder, and Glenn Davis

30 years – Sandy Terrell

COP's Years of Service

5 Years – Eston Bird, Raymund Regalia, and Barry White

The next quarterly awards ceremony will take place in July 2019.

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