



Rick Staly, Sheriff

# FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

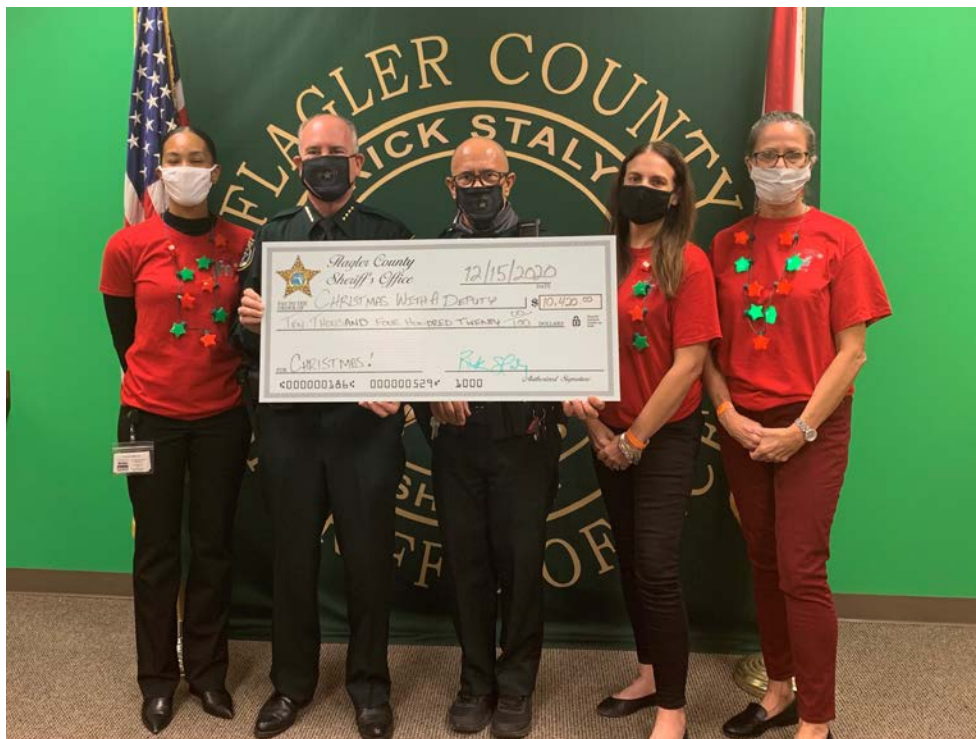
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## NEWS RELEASE

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### FCSO Employees Donate over \$10,000 to Support Christmas with a Deputy Event

The holiday season looks a little different this year, but the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is continuing the tradition of participating in the Christmas with a Deputy event. The event focuses on providing gifts for Flagler County children who otherwise might not receive any.



Victim's Advocate (VA) Nicole Farmer, Sheriff Staly, Commander Miceli, VA Mary Dinardi, and VA Kathy Vazquez

This year, 165 Flagler children were selected to participate in the event. Due to COVID-19, the participants will not be able to shop with deputies and instead were given instructions on how to set up an online "wish list" via Walmart's website. After setting up this "wish list," all of the items will be

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shipped directly to Walmart for pick up and delivered to the child personally by a deputy or other law enforcement officer.

In addition to FCSO deputies, officers from the Florida Highway Patrol, the Bunnell Police Department, the Flagler Beach Police Department, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will participate and ensure that all gifts arrive before Christmas.

“It is true that the holidays looks a little different this year, but we are a strong community and holiday programs like this showcase just how much we can accomplish when we all work together,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “I am proud of our employees who donate their time and money to make this event possible for the children of Flagler County.”

Children are selected to participate in the event by nominations from FCSO employees and Flagler Schools’ staff.

Christmas with a Deputy is a private organization that is not run by FCSO. The program is made possible by donations received from the community and the members of the Flagler County Sheriff’s Office. From July through December, FSCO employees donate to the Christmas with a Deputy fund through payroll deductions. This year the agency raised \$10,420.00, which Sheriff Staly presented to the Christmas with a Deputy volunteer President, FCSO Commander Lou Miceli.

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