



Rick Staly, Sheriff

## FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*"An honor to serve, a duty to protect."*

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Sheriff Recognizes Employees during Quarterly Awards Ceremony**

Sheriff Rick Staly hosted the third quarterly awards ceremony of 2018 on Tuesday afternoon at the Kim C. Hammond Justice Center in Bunnell. The awards ceremonies take place every three months to recognize exceptional service by Sheriff's Office employees and members of the community.

"FCSO employees work hard every day for our community. This is my opportunity to recognize and thank the men and women of the Sheriff's Office for their outstanding service," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "I congratulate all of our recipients and thank them for their hard work."

### **July Employee of the Month – Public Affairs Officer Shannon Martin-Sabatini**

Shannon coordinated and directed the Lip Sync Challenge video for social media. She was able to motivate the participants and get them moving and dancing despite their strong desire to stand still. The video received over 5,000 LIKES on Facebook and over 80,000 VIEWS in just the first 3 days of airing. Shannon put an exceptional amount of effort into the project to show the community the "family spirit" behind the FCSO.

### **August Employee of the Month – PAL Coordinator Kerri Henderson**

As coordinator for the Sheriffs P.A.L. organization, Kerri has worked tirelessly for the youth of Flagler County. She helped organize and run the National Night Out event and was instrumental in making it a success. Kerri also runs the McGruff Club with our youth. She teaches 45 children about safety as well as going to elementary schools with the SRDs and talking about Stranger Danger to kindergarteners. Kerri is a reminder that with hard work and dedication, we can make a difference in our youths' lives.

### **September Employee of the Month – Accounting Specialist Linda Tannuzzi**

In recent months, Linda has gone well above and beyond what is required of her position. Linda has shown great initiative in making our new director's transition, and the year-end process, as seamless as possible. Not only has Linda done her own job flawlessly, but she has provided much needed assistance

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and has taken on many of the responsibilities of the vacant Purchasing Manager position as well. Linda is a true asset to the agency.



From left: Family Kia VP Carl Davis, Kerri Henderson, Shannon Martin-Sabatini, and Sheriff Staly.

All Employees of the Month were gifted plaques from Family Kia of St. Augustine as well as a \$250.00 donation in their name to FSEAT, the Flagler Sheriff’s Employee Assistance Trust fund.

**Life Saving Award – Sergeant Daniel Weaver and Deputy Austin Chewing**



Sheriff Staly and Deputy Austin Chewing

Sgt. Weaver and Dep. Chewing arrived on a scene and made entry through an unlocked door and located a male lying in the closet, unresponsive and blue in the face. They administered one dose of Narcan with no effect. A second dose was administered and the male slowly gained consciousness and was transported to the hospital.

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**Life Saving Award – Deputies Jacob West and Anthony Bifano and Communications Specialist Josie Gammon**



Sheriff Staly and Deputy Bifano

Communications Specialist Gammon received a 911 call from a female advising her husband was not breathing. Gammon immediately took control of the call and began giving CPR instructions to the female to provide lifesaving assistance until law enforcement arrived. Deputies Bifano and West arrived on scene and began chest compressions. They used their AED to give a shock to his heart and then started chest compressions again. Fire Rescue arrived and transported the victim to the hospital. Today he is doing well and his wife says it is because of the assistance of FCSO and that Josie is her “guardian angel.”

**Life Saving Award – Deputy Marcus Dawson**



Sheriff Staly and Deputy Dawson

Dep. Dawson responded to a possible overdosing of a male who was unresponsive after taking “a lot” of Xanax. Upon arrival, Dawson administered several sternum rubs that were ineffective. He then administered one dose of Narcan which had an immediate effect. Deputy Dawson’s quick response ensured this incident had a positive outcome.

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## **Life Saving Award – Deputies Dominic Quintieri and Omar Ocampo**



Sheriff Staly, Deputy Quintieri and Deputy Ocampo

Deputies Quintieri and Ocampo arrived on scene to a CPR call where an elderly female was not breathing but had a slight pulse. Upon arriving, chest compressions were started while an AED was prepared. The female began to breathe after compressions were continued. The victim was transported to the hospital, alert and conscious.

## **Life Saving Award – Sergeant Mike Breckwoldt and Deputies Ian Emrich and Sam Bell**



Sheriff Staly and Deputy Emrich

Deputies responded to an overdose for a male who was unconscious in his vehicle. The victim was found with a weak pulse, pale in color and shallow breathing. Sternum rubs and Narcan were administered with negative results. A second dose of Narcan and additional sternum rubs were administered with negative results. A third dose of Narcan was administered and the male finally gained consciousness and was transported to the hospital.

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### **Life Saving Award – Deputy David Agata**



Sheriff Staly and Deputy Agata

Deputy Agata responded to a call of an unresponsive male. He quickly determined that it was a possible Opioid overdose and administered Narcan. Within minutes the male was conscious and speaking to paramedics on scene. He was transported to the hospital where he survived this overdose.

### **Distinguished Service Certificate – Deputy Christopher Alecrim**



Sheriff Staly and Deputy Alecrim

Dep. Alecrim was an Explorer years ago and is now the lead Explorer Advisor. On many shifts, he completes his regular assigned duties and then plans, organizes, and instructs the FCSO Explorers during their classes and activities. Deputy Alecrim is a great example of how one can complete high school, participate in the Explorer program, graduate college and then return to the FCSO as a Deputy Sheriff.

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**Certificate of Commendation – Detention Deputy Shannon Cowen and Classifications Specialist Edward Justice**



Sheriff Staly, Deputy Cowen and Edward Justice

Classification Specialist Edward Justice was working as a rover in control when he noticed an inmate being shoved into a cell and multiple inmates entering that cell and holding up a sheet to try to block the view. Dep. Cowen was notified of what was happening and entered the block to break up the gathering. Their quick response prevented an inmate from being sexually assaulted.

**Certificate of Commendation – Sergeant Greg Tietje, Sergeant Ryan Emery, Corporal Fred Gimbel, and Deputies Taylor Oldham, Aaron Beausoleil, Crista Rainey and Bryan Carter**



Sheriff Staly, Deputy Rainey, Deputy Oldham, Deputy Carter, and Sgt. Emery

Bunnell Police Department had received several reports of a subject threatening the mother of his child with a firearm. Deputies made several attempts to locate the subject throughout Bunnell and Palm Coast but were unable to locate him. The following day, another report came in of the same subject pointing a handgun at another female. Deputy Carter located the suspect's vehicle and initiated a pursuit. The vehicle fled southbound on I-95 into Volusia County where he attempted to ram several patrol cars. The subject was taken into custody at I-95 and SR 40 after he crashed his car into two patrol cars.

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### **Certificate of Appreciation – Detention Deputy Dorothy Schmidt**



Sheriff Staly and Deputy Schmidt

Deputy Schmidt observed unethical behavior by one of the medical staff in the jail. She immediately informed her supervisor at which time the cameras were reviewed and the now former-nurse was seen walking unescorted and showing an inmate a cell phone screen. Thanks to the quick response from Deputy Schmidt, a serious security issue was prevented within the Detention Facility.

### **Certificate of Appreciation – Communications Specialists Josie Gammon and Tina Eddy**



Sheriff Staly and Communications Specialist Eddy

Communications Specialist Josie Gammon received a 9-1-1 call from a male who advised that he was armed with a gun and wanting to harm himself. Josie immediately started using her negotiation skills and started to gather information from the caller. A few minutes into the call, CS Tina Eddy took over. Tina was able to convince him to set the gun down. Tina provided his geo location to deputies so that they could find him. Josie and Tina displayed a great deal of professionalism and compassion, which contributed to the positive outcome of this call.

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**Certificate of Appreciation – Commander Jason Neat, Commander Glenn Davis, Sergeant Jon Dopp, Sergeant Chris Ragazzo, Corporal Shane Meehan, and Deputies Brad Stogdon, Arthur Erlandson, Robin Towns, Bryan Jackson and Steve Williams**



Deputy Jackson, Sheriff Staly, Cmdr. Davis, Sgt. Dopp, and Deputy Williams

After the panhandle of Florida was hit hard by Hurricane Michael, FCSO's 10 person ERT team deployed to Gulf County to assist and provide relief to the deputies and other agencies that had been assisting since the hurricane struck. These individuals volunteered for deployment which took them away from their families and placed them in unknown surroundings. Their training paid off and they were able to provide much needed assistance. We thank them for their service.

**Certificate of Appreciation – Deputy Jay Rodenborn**

A suspect known to have multiple felony warrants was observed getting into a vehicle. While the vehicle was stopped at a red light, the suspect fled from the passenger side and ran to another vehicle in the Target parking lot. Deputy Rodenborn placed the suspect under arrest while another deputy searched the vehicle. They located 92 grams of marijuana, 15 alprazolam pills, 12 oxycodone pills and a handgun with ammunition. Due to proactive efforts, a career felony offender was captured and a firearm, as well as narcotics, were taken off the street.

**Unit Citation – Commander Mike Fink, Sergeant Jon Reckenwald, Sergeant Jon Dopp, Sergeant Ryan Emery, Corporal Ron Mello, Corporal Fred Gimbel, and Deputies Troy Cavas, Sarah Scalia, Adam Gossett, Jacob West, and Christopher Crego**



Sheriff Staly, Sgt. Reckenwald, Sgt. Dopp, Cmdr. Fink, Deputy Gossett, Sgt. Emery, and Deputy Scalia

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A neighbor reported hearing glass breaking at a residence he knew to be vacant. Upon arrival, deputies determined 3 suspects were inside the residence. After making cellphone contact with one of the suspects inside, the surrender of all three was successfully negotiated. Several members of the SWAT team entered the residence and conducted a protective sweep on the inside. During this time, several electronics were located in a pile near a sliding glass door where the suspects had planned to exit. Thanks to the quick response, this incident was resolved without the loss of property.

**Unit Citation – Corporal Rob Tarczewski and Deputies Carl Parker, Joseph O’Barr, Brandon Fiveash, Paula Priester, Dominic Quintieri, Omar Ocampo and Robert Lewis**



Sheriff Staly, Deputy Lewis, Deputy Priester, Deputy Parker, Deputy Quintieri, Deputy O’Barr, Deputy Ocampo

The fleet manager for Exclusive Global Logistics advised his tractor and car hauler had been stolen from his business and that he tracking them both by GPS and they were traveling south bound on I-95 entering Flagler County. Both vehicles were spotted on I-95 at the 292 MM and were followed by units. While following one of the vehicles, it exited the Old Dixie exit and parked in a parking lot where the driver fled on foot south bound across Old Dixie Highway into the wood line. Units established a perimeter, VCSO units arrived on scene to assist, and K-9 began a track. While searching for the suspect, VCSO had conducted a felony stop on the other vehicle at the 245 south bound mile marker and had a suspect in custody. After an extensive search, VCSO K-9 and our deputies made contact with the male in the woods. Rescue responded to the scene for a dog bite. The suspect was transported to the hospital for medical clearance. The manager responded to the scene and retrieved the vehicle. The state and trucking industry has been plagued by tractor and trailer thefts. Through good police work and perseverance, 2 suspects were able to be arrested and over \$500,000 in property was returned to the victim.

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## Retirement – Deputies Donny Brock and Sandra Gay



Left: Deputy Donald "Donnie" Brock and Sheriff Staly; Right: Sheriff Staly and Deputy Gay

### Years of Service

Five Years of Service: Corporal George Hristakopoulos, Detective Dennis Lashbrook, Corporal Rob Myers, Corporal Scott Wetherhold, Deputy Scott Jackson, Deputy Amanda Priemer, Gerry Smith

Fifteen Years of Service: Crime Analyst Shannon Sandberg, Sergeant Mike Lutz, Deputy Jennifer Prevatt

Twenty Years of Service: Communications Specialist George Lilly

Twenty-Five Years of Service: Director Becky Quintieri

### COP Years of Service

Five Years of Service: Mark Olson, Steve Fields, Monica Araque

Fifteen Years of Service: James Bolling

The FCSO will host the next quarterly awards ceremony after the first of the year.

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