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## Sheriff Staly and FCSO Received Regional Government Award for Excellence in Public Safety

BUNNELL, FL: The Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) has named Sheriff Staly and the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) winner of the Leadership Award for Excellence in Public Safety.

The FCSO was nominated for the award by Flagler County Administrator Jerry Cameron for making Flagler County's Streets and Community Safer using cutting-edge technology. The nomination highlighted the use of Rapid-ID, a secure digital fingerprint capture device that, along with software, runs the unknown individual's fingerprints against the state and federal database of prior arrests and those with outstanding warrants, that has been implemented since Sheriff Staly was elected. In this case, if a warrant exists, the name and pertinent information is displayed to the deputy in the field or the individual's real name is provided.

The award also highlighted the use of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology in Flagler County. The Sheriff's Office is able to add license plate information to the system to assist with the location of persons of interest, as well as silver alerts. By using ALPR's deputies have located criminals who have been on the fugitives for years and arrested the. This technology has directly led to a 212% increase in the recovery of stolen vehicles in 2019 and the apprehension of the suspects and missing individuals.

Finally, under Sheriff Staly's technology vision FCSO is implemented vehicle-based camera systems in patrol vehicles. This system integrates the existing body cameras deputies are currently issued, and provides better information leading to stronger arrests and citations, as well as enhanced investigations. Sheriff Staly is also implementing a Real Time Crime Center.

"It is always an honor when government colleagues recognize your vision and success to make our community safer," said Sheriff Staly. "Our team does a great job and the technology we have implemented since I've been Sheriff simply aids in their efforts to protect our citizens and the Flagler County community. It was my honor to accept this award on behalf of the hard working and dedicated men and women of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office that I have the honor to lead. This new technology has aided in us in reducing crime in Flagler County by over 25% since 2017 and traffic fatalities by over 42%."