

2022

NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT





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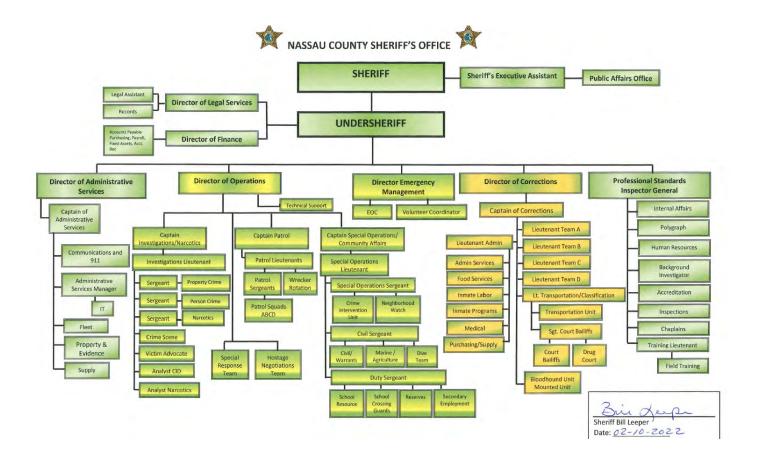
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MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF BILL LEEPER:

ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, I AM PLEASED TO SUBMIT OUR 2022 ANNUAL REPORT. THIS REPORT CONTAINS A SUMMARY OF THE OFFICE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS THE EMPLOYEES' ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2022.

THE NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE STRIVES TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT PUBLIC SERVICE EACH DAY AND IS CONSTANTLY EVOLVING TO MEET THESE EFFORTS. THOUGH 2022 CONTINUED TO CHALLENGE OUR DELIVERY METHODS OF PUBLIC SERVICE, WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO PROVIDING OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SUPPORT, BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY. THE EMPLOYEES OF THE NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARE DEDICATED TO THE VALUES THAT PROMOTE HONESTY, FAIRNESS, ETHICAL BEHAVIOR, AND TREATING OTHERS AS WE WOULD WANT TO BE TREATED. EACH CITIZEN CONTACT REFLECTS OUR COMMITMENT TO QUALITY SERVICE.

THE NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WORKS HARD TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CUSTOMER SERVICE TO ITS CITIZENS. WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS WE SERVE BY PROVIDING THE MOST PROFESSIONAL, WELL-TRAINED EMPLOYEES POSSIBLE AND SUPPLYING THEM WITH THE TOOLS NEEDED TO CARRY OUT ALMOST ANY TASK. WE ARE FORTUNATE IN NASSAU COUNTY TO SERVE AN INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY, AND WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE A UNIQUE BOND WITH THE CITIZENS WE SERVE.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CITIZENS OF NASSAU COUNTY, AND ESPECIALLY THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FOR MAKING NASSAU COUNTY ONE OF THE GREATEST PLACES TO LIVE, WORK, PLAY, AND VISIT.

Accreditation

NCSO IS A TRIPLE ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. THAT MEANS OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT, CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS DIVISIONS MEET STANDARDS SET BY THE COMMISSION FOR FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION. AN ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT EXAMINES ALL ASPECTS OF THE NCSO, INCLUDING LOOKING AT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT SERVICES. THE AGENCY HAS TO COMPLY WITH APPROXIMATELY 580 STANDARDS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE RE-ACCREDITATION STATUS. MANY OF THE STANDARDS ARE CRITICAL TO LIFE, HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES.

WHEN IT STARTED:

FLORIDA CORRECTIONS ACCREDITATION COMMISSION, INC. (FCAC) ORIGINAL ACCREDITATION JUNE 2008; MOST RECENT OCT 2020

COMMISSION FOR FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION, INC. (CFA) ORIGINAL ACCREDITATION JULY 2010; MOST RECENT OCTOBER 2020

FLORIDA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMISSION (FLA-TAC)
ORIGINAL ACCREDITATION JUNE 2017; MOST RECENT OCTOBER 2020



PICTURED: LAWANNA WARE,
ACCREDITATION MANAGER



Crime Statistics

ALL PERCENTAGES ARE COMPARING 2021 TO 2022

CRIME RATE: GENERAL CRIME RATE WENT DOWN 9.2%

VIOLENT CRIME: VIOLENT CRIME WENT UP 19.6%

PROPERTY CRIME: PROPERTY CRIME WENT DOWN 6.2%

STOLEN/RECOVERED PROPERTY: \$699,227

MURDER: DOWN 75.0%

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT: UP 27.6%

BURGLARY: DOWN 44.9%

LARCENY: UP 9.5%

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Up 3.8%

ARRESTS: UP 6.3%

BAKER ACTS: 335

Year in Review

AGENCY CALLS

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 140,170

NCSO: 97,860

FBPD: 22,105

NCFR: 11,178

ANIMAL CONTROL: 5,386

FBFD: 3,641

AVERAGE DAILY JAIL POPULATION: 244

VEHICLE CRASHES: 1,798

TRAFFIC FATALITIES: 12

DUI ARRESTS: 203

CIVIL TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED: 12,620

DRUGS SEIZED

METH: 13.5 POUNDS

HEROIN/FENTANYL: 3.8 POUNDS

COCAINE POWDER/CRACK: 10.8 POUNDS

Marijuana: 632 Pounds

DRUG RELATED ARRESTS: 314

Drug Money Seized: \$142,012.71

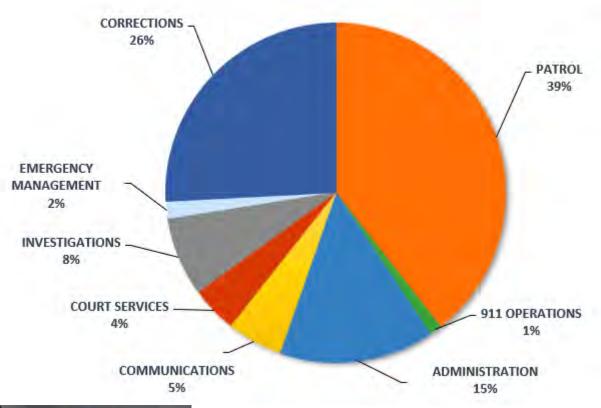
ILLEGAL GUNS SEIZED: 84

DRUG OVERDOSE CALLS: 151

Drug Overdose Deaths: 19

Budget

Nassau County Sheriff's Office Budget FY 21-22







DIRECTOR OF FINANCE ALLAN REYNOLDS



NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2021/2022 BUDGET REQUEST

SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

LAW ENFORCEMENT		
Personal Services	\$	17,793,129
Operating Expenses	\$	2,965,928
Operating Expenses - Amendment for	or	
School Board Lease	\$	100,000
Vehicle Replacement Program	\$	814,074
Capital Outlay	\$	40,000
Debt Service	\$	259,498
Other Uses - Transfer to BOCC	\$	125,000
Contingency Amount	\$	30,000
SUBTO	TAL: \$	22,127,629

COURT SERVICES		- 12 - 1
Personal Services	\$	1,399,160
Operating Expenses	\$	43,811
Capital Outlay	\$	-
	SUBTOTAL: \$	1,442,971

TOTAL CONSTITUTIONAL	and the territory
RESPONSIBILITIES	\$ 23,570,600

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES MANAGED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CORRECTIONS		2	
Personal Services	7.1	\$	6,209,951
Operating Expenses		\$	2,274,685
Vehicle Replacement Prog	ram	\$	44,715
Capital Outlay		\$	6,620
	SUBTOTAL:	\$	8,535,971
911 FEE OPERATIONS		-	
Personal Services		\$	221,195
Operating Expenses		\$	171,851
Capital Outlay		\$	
	SUBTOTAL:	\$	393,046
EMERGENCY MANAGI	EMENT OPER	ATIO	NS
Personal Services		\$	518,883
Operating Expenses		\$	183,398
Capital Outlay		\$	-
Transfer In from BOCC		\$	(156,551)
	SUBTOTAL:	\$	545,730

TOTAL BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES \$ 9,474,747

DESCRIPTION	INCLUDES EXPENSES ONLY FOR:	ORIGINAL BUDGET	
PATROL	FUND 001, FUNCTION 521 (LESS DEPTS 25, 40, 70-74)	13,036,208.00	39%
911 OPERATIONS	FUND 100 & 101	393,046.00	1%
	FUND 001, ALL OF FUNCTION 513, 514, 516 &		
ADMINISTRATION	00152125, 00152140)	4,863,209.00	15%
COMMUNICATIONS	FUND 001, FUNCTION 529 (LESS 911)	1,751,020.00	5%
COURT SERVICES	FUND 001, FUNCTION 711	1,442,971.00	4%
INVESTIGATIONS	FUND 001, ORG 00152170-00152174	2,477,192.00	7%
EMERGENCY			
MANAGEMENT	FUND 001, DEPT 20	545,730.00	2%
CORRECTIONS	FUND 001, FUNCTION 523	8,535,971.00	26%
		33,045,347.00	
DESCRIPTION	INCLUDES EXPENSES ONLY FOR:	ORIGINAL BUDGET	
PATROL	FUND 001, FUNCTION 521 (LESS DEPTS 25, 40, 70-74)	13,036,208.00	40%
911 OPERATIONS	FUND 100 & 101	393,046.00	1%
	FUND 001, FUNCTION 513, 514, 516, 521(00152125,		
ADMINISTRATION	00152140 ONLY)	4,863,209.00	15%
COMMUNICATIONS	FUND 001, FUNCTION 529 (LESS 911)	1,751,020.00	5%
COURT SERVICES	FUND 001, FUNCTION 711	1,442,971.00	4%
INVESTIGATIONS	FUND 001, ORG 00152170-00152174	2,477,192.00	8%
CORRECTIONS	FUND 001, FUNCTION 523	8,535,971.00	26%
		32,499,617.00	

Employees of the Year

SHERIFF BILL LEEPER RECOGNIZED MEMBERS OF THE NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WHO THROUGH THEIR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY, HAVE PLACED THEMSELVES IN HARM'S WAY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS. WHO THROUGH THEIR EXPERIENCE, HAVE SAVED A LIFE OF A CITIZEN, OR THROUGH THEIR EXCEPTIONAL AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE, ENSURE THE QUALITY OF LIFE ALL OF US HAVE COME TO EXPECT LIVING IN NASSAU COUNTY. SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS WERE RECOGNIZED AS EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR AND SOME WERE PRESENTED 2022 LIFE-SAVING AWARDS.



SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR: SGT. BRIAN HIGGINBOTHAM, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER OF THE YEAR: MORGAN WALLER, DEPUTY OF THE YEAR: HENRY HOLMBERG, VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: JAMES DIONNE, SR., DETENTION DEPUTY: AISLINN GOLDSMITH, CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR: TINA BARNETT.

LIVE SAVING AWARDS: DEPUTY JACOB HALL, DEPUTY PHILIP HAGAN AND DEPUTY ROBERT JACKSON

NGSO Charities



NCSO CHARITIES GOLF TOURNAMENT HAPPENS IN THE FALL EVERY YEAR.

LEEPERZ JEEPERZ OCCURS EVERY APRIL.

SHERIFF'S SHOOTOUT IS HELD EVERY NOVEMBER.

NCSO'S JAILBREAK 5K IS OUR FEBRUARY EVENT.

ALL THESE EVENTS BENE-FIT NCSO CHARITIES, WHICH IN TURN GOES TO OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOP WITH A COP.



Great Kids Award





THE "GREAT KIDS" PROGRAM WAS STARTED BY SHERIFF LEEPER TO RECOG-NIZE OUTSTANDING KIDS IN OUR COMMU-NITY WHO CONSTANT-LY SHOW RESPECT FOR THEIR PEERS, HELP OTHERS IN A TIME OF NEED, MAIN-TAIN A STRONG ACA-DEMIC STANDARD, AND REPRESENT THEMSELVES, THEIR FAMILY AND THEIR SCHOOL WITH GREAT CHARACTER AND PRIDE. THE PROGRAM FACILITATED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NCSO'S SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES AND NASSAU COUN-TY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Teen Academy



IN JULY 2022, OUR AGENCY HOSTED 35 TEENAGERS AS PART OF OUR SHERIFF'S TEEN CITIZEN ACADEMY. DURING THIS THREE DAY EVENT, TEENAGERS WERE ABLE TO HELP SOLVE A MOCK MURDER CASE BY UTILIZING NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AGENCY-WIDE RESOURCES. DAY ONE STARTED WITH A LIVE SCENARIO FEATURING AN "ACTIVE MURDER CASE" ACTED OUT BY NCSO EMPLOYEES. THEY VISITED THE COURTHOUSE TO MEET WITH THE HONORABLE JUDGE ROBERT FOSTER AND THE ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SUSAN HAAG. DAY TWO BEGAN WITH PROCESSING EVIDENCE WITH OUR AG/MARINE UNIT AND DIVE TEAM, A SCENT TRACK FROM OUR K9 HANDLERS AND K9'S WHICH LED THEM TO THE SUSPECT'S VEHICLE. DAY THREE THE KIDS MET OUR HOSTAGE NEGOTIATION TEAM, SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM AND OUR MOBILE COMMAND UNIT. THEN THE CADETS WERE AWARDED THEIR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FROM SHERIFF BILL LEEPER.

Teen Driver Challenge



TEEN DRIVER CHALLENGE IS A FREE COURSE DESIGNED TO HELP TEENS BOOST THEIR DRIVING SKILLS AND LESSEN THE CHANCES OF BEING INVOLVED IN A CRASH. THE PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE A MIXTURE OF CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION AND HANDS-ON DRIVER TRAINING. TEENS 15-19 ARE ELIGIBLE AND MUST HAVE A VALID FLORIDA OPERATORS LICENSE AND PARTICIPANTS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN CAR. A CURRENT COPY OF A DRIVER LICENSE, VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND INSURANCE IS REQUIRED. THE CLASS IS LIMITED TO 12 STUDENTS.



NASSAU COUNTY 5TH GRADE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN OUR D.A.R.E PROGRAM, WHICH IS TAUGHT BY DEPUTY LISA MCCUMBER. SHERIFF BILL LEEPER AND DEPUTY MCCUMBER REINFORCE GOOD DECISION MAKING SO THESE STUDENTS CAN LIVE A DRUG-FREE AND VIOLENCE-FREE LIFE. THESE IMPORTANT LIFE SKILLS WILL HELP CARRY THESE YOUNG STUDENTS THROUGH THEIR ADULTHOOD TO HELP THEM MAKE POSITIVE CHOICES. THE MISSION OF THE FLORIDA DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION (D.A.R.E.) PROGRAM IS TO EQUIP THESE KIDS WITH TOOLS THAT WILL HELP THEM AVOID NEGATIVE INFLUENCES AND INSTEAD ALLOW THEM TO FOCUS ON THEIR STRENGTHS AND POTENTIAL.

Community Affairs



WE VISIT DAYCARES AND SCHOOLS



NORTHEAST FLORIDA FAIR





WE SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES AND KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY



LOCAL PARADES



SAFE KIDS ACADEMY

Giving Back



SHERIFF BILL LEEPER DROPPED OFF EXTRA TOYS LEFT OVER FROM OUR SANTA WITH A BADGE EVENT TO THE BARNABAS CENTER. WE COLLECTED OVER 51LBS OF CANNED GOODS THAT WENT TO THOSE IN NEED!



MORE THAN 300 KIDS IN NEED WILL BE STARTING THE SCHOOL YEAR OFF WITH NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES THANKS TO NCSO'S PACK THE PATROL CAR INITIATIVE



SHERIFF LEEPER PASSED OUT TURKEYS AND THANKSGIVING MEALS TO LOCAL FAMILIES AT BARNABAS

Coffee With a Cop

NCSO AND THE YULEE DUNKIN DONUTS TEAMED UP FOR "COFFEE WITH A COP". THIS PROGRAM ALLOWS CITIZENS TO CHAT WITH DEPUTIES AND DISCUSS PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES OVER A HOT BEVERAGE (AND A DONUT!) AND IS A WAY TO CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY, ANSWER QUESTIONS FIRST-HAND AND MEET FACE TO FACE WITH THOSE WHO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY.











Nassau Night Out



NASSAU NIGHT OUT IS AN ANNUAL COMMUNITY-BUILDING CAMPAIGN THAT PROMOTES POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND NEIGHBORHOOD CAMARADERIE TO MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS SAFER. NASSAU NIGHT OUT ENHANCES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NEIGHBORS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WHILE BRINGING BACK A TRUE SENSE OF COMMUNITY. FURTHERMORE, IT PROVIDES A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BRING POLICE AND NEIGHBORS TOGETHER UNDER POSITIVE CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS WAS HELD IN THE YULEE TARGET PARKING LOT. 2023'S WILL BE IN HILLIARD, AS WE TRY TO SWITCH UP THE LOCATION EACH YEAR.

OF Reg

OUR NEWEST K9, OL' RED IS NAMED AFTER THE LATE DEPUTY JOSH MOYERS, KNOWN FOR HIS RED HAIR.





Tank





CAPTAIN RENEE GRAHAM & TANK VISITED YULEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THEY SAID HELLO TO MRS. JONES' & MISS MCDONALD'S

CLASS. TANK CERTAINLY BROUGHT

SMILES TO ALL THE KIDS.



CARE CENTERS OF NASSAU INVIT-ED NCSO DEPUTIES TO THEIR FALL FESTIVAL. OUR DEPUTIES AND TANK ENJOYED THE FUN! NCSO WAS INVITED TO DO A PRESENTATION WITH BREAK-THROUGHS OF NASSAU COUNTY DURING THEIR PILOT PROGRAM P.R.O.V.E. TANK ENJOYED ALL THE BELLY RUBS!

csu Demo



NCSO'S CRIME SCENE UNIT WAS INVITED TO DO A DEMONSTRATION AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR A GROUP OF TEENS. IN THIS DEMONSTRATION, OUR CSU DETECTIVES SHOWED THE TEENS A FAKE CRIME SCENE AND DISCUSSED HOW OUR AGENCY WORKS TOGETHER TO PROCESS A CRIME SCENE.

Agency Improvement Committee

THE NCSO AGENCY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETS TO OFFER SUGGESTIONS AND SOLUTIONS ON HOW TO IMPROVE THE AGENCY. SHERIFF LEEPER DEVELOPED THE COMMITTEE AFTER HE WAS SWORN INTO OFFICE IN 2013 TO GET INFORMATION FROM THOSE WHO ACTUALLY DO THE WORK AND KNOW FIRST-HAND WHAT PROBLEMS OR ISSUES SHOULD BE LOOKED AT IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE AGENCY. THIS WAY IT CAN MAKE THEIR JOB MORE EFFICIENT OR PROVIDE BETTER WAYS OF SERVING THE PUBLIC. THEREFORE, SHERIFF LEEPER WANTED TO MEET DIRECTLY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL AREAS OF THE ORGANIZATION, WITHOUT SUPERVISORS PRESENT, TO LISTEN TO THEIR THOUGHTS. SEVERAL OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBER'S SUGGESTIONS OVER THE PAST YEAR HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND MANY OTHERS ARE BEING EXPLORED. THERE HAVE BEEN LONG STRIDES IMPROVING THE AGENCY AND MUCH IS APPRECIATED.



New Airboat



THE NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS ADDED AN AIRBOAT TO ITS AGRICULTURE AND MARINE UNIT. THESE BOATS CAN BE USED IN SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS, ESPECIALLY IN MARSHY AREAS AROUND NASSAU COUNTY OR PLACES WHERE THE WATER IS SHALLOW. FOR EXAMPLE WE HAVE HAD INCIDENTS HERE IN NASSAU COUNTY WHERE A PLANE HAS CRASHED INTO THE MARSH OR A BOAT HAS RUN AGROUND AND WAS DAMAGED OR GOTTEN STUCK DURING LOW TIDE MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO RESCUE PASSENGERS. WITH OUR AIRBOAT WE CAN IMMEDIATELY ASSIST THOSE WHO BECOME STRANDED. IN ADDITION, AIRBOATS GLIDE ABOVE THE WATERLINE AND THAT ALLOWS THEM TO DO LITTLE TO NO DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT. THE PROPELLER IS ALSO ABOVE THE WATERLINE MAKING THEM MORE ECOFRIENDLY. THEY CAN EASILY MANEUVER THROUGH SHALLOW SWAMPS, MARSHES, CANALS, RIVERS, AND, LAKES. RECENTLY WE SAW AIRBOATS BEING USED TO HELP WITH RESCUE OPERATIONS IN SOUTH FLORIDA AFTER HURRICANE IAN.

New Bike Unit



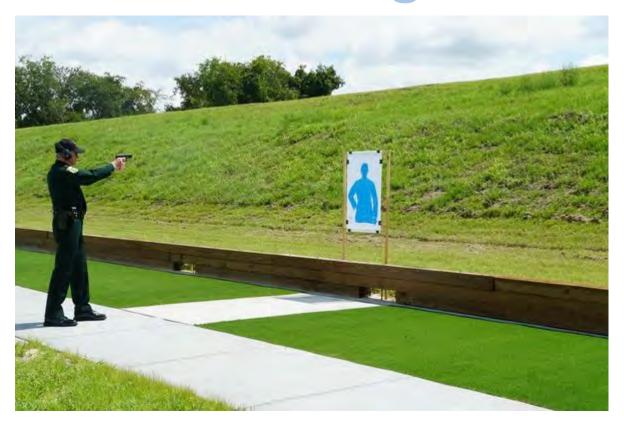
ON OCTOBER 19 NCSO OFFICIALLY "ROLLED OUT" ITS NEW BICYCLE UNIT. OVER THE SUMMER THESE DEPUTIES HAD THE CHANCE TO TRAIN WITH JSO TO GET FAMILIAR WITH USING A BIKE WHILE ON PATROL. THE BICYCLE PATROL UNIT CONSISTS OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DEPUTIES. THE UNIT WILL BE USED TO OCCASIONALLY PATROL BICYCLE PATHS AND TRAILS AROUND NASSAU COUNTY AND WILL ALSO BE USED FOR SPECIAL EVENTS. THE USE OF A PATROL BICYCLE ALLOWS DEPUTIES TO BECOME MORE MOBILE, VISIBLE, AND APPROACHABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. THANKS TO A GENEROUS DONATION OF NEARLY \$9,000 FROM FRIENDS OF AMELIA ISLAND TRAILS, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WAS ABLE TO PURCHASE 4 BIKES AND IMPORTANT SAFETY EQUIPMENT SUCH AS HELMETS AND BLUE LIGHTS.

NGSO BLE Grad



CONGRATS TO OUR FIRST EVER SPONSORSHIP B.L.E. (BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT) CLASS. WE HAD 15 GO THROUGH THE ACADEMY, GRAD-UATE AND COME STRAIGHT TO FIELD TRAINING AT NCSO AS NEW RECRUITS. THESE GRADS ARE NOW ON THEIR OWN WORKING PATROL. WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER SPONSORSHIP BLE CLASS IN 2023. THIS ALLOWS THESE ADULTS TO GET PAID WILL ATTENDING THE ACADEMY AND ALSO ALLOWS US TO TRAIN THE RECRUITS FROM DAY 1.

Gun Range



NCSO HELD A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR ITS NEW TRAINING FACILITY. THE 40-ACRE PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING COMPLEX BEHIND SANDHILL RECYCLE CENTER ON C.R. 108 HAS BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR YEARS, AND THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT INVOLVING THE INITIAL INFRASTRUCTURE, GUN RANGES, RANGE TOWERS, BATHROOMS AND A TEMPORARY PARKING LOT IS NOW COMPLETE. NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF BILL LEEPER FIRED THE FIRST SHOT AT THE RANGE. AS CALLS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES INCREASE, A TRAINING FACILITY CAPABLE OF MATCHING THE FUTURE PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS IS REQUIRED.

WITH PHASE ONE COMPLETE, PHASE TWO OF THE PROJECT WILL CONSIST OF A TRAINING CLASSROOM BUILDING.

EVENTUALLY THE COMPLEX WILL ALSO INCLUDE A FIRE TRAINING TOWER, A CANINE TRAINING AND TRACKING AREA, AND A SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM OBSTACLE COURSE.

Memorials



MAY 2022: HONORING DEPUTY JACK GWYNES AND DEPUTY JOSH MOYERS AT THE NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON D.C. WAS SOMETHING WE WILL NEVER FORGET. EACH FAMILY HAD ONE SWORN MEMBER OF OUR AGENCY THERE FOR SUPPORT, IN ADDITION TO THE SHERIFF AND OUR HONOR GUARD. WE ATTENDED A CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL AS WELL AS A WREATH LAYING CEREMONY, FEATURING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. OFFICERS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ATTEND THIS WEEK OF EVENTS AROUND THE CAPITAL, SOME EVEN RODE THEIR BICYCLES AS A PART OF A UNITY RIDE FOR THE POLICE BROTHERHOOD. IT WAS TRULY UNFORGETTABLE. WE CONTINUE TO THINK OF BOTH JOSH AND JACK EVERY DAY AND HONOR THEM AS WE SERVE AND PROTECT NASSAU COUNTY.



ON MAY 4TH, AT 10:00 A.M. WE HELD OUR ANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL SERVICE. THE SERVICE HONORED ALL WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF NASSAU COUNTY.



THE FSA LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL HAS PERMANENT MEMORIAL WALL WITH THE NAMES OF OFFICERS ENGRAVED ON IT. THE WALL AND MONUMENT ARE LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE FSA HEADQUARTERS, 2617 MAHAN DRIVE, IN TALLAHASSEE. DEPUTY MOYERS AND DEPUTY GWYNES HAD THEIR NAMES ADDED IN 2022.

Moyers Dedication



WE WANT TO THANK OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AS WELL AS LOCAL LAW OFFICERS FROM ACROSS OUR AREA WHO GATHERED TO SEE THE NEW SIGN DEDICATED TO HONORING DEPUTY JOSH MOYERS ON SANDY FORD ROAD. WE HOPE THIS WILL REMIND PEOPLE OF THE DAILY SACRIFICES OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FACE. ALSO A BIG THANK YOU TO THE NASSAU COUNTY COMMISSION FOR DESIGNING THIS BEAUTIFUL ROADSIDE MEMORIAL, WHICH WE WERE ABLE TO REVEAL ON THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF DEPUTY MOYERS' DEATH. PICTURED: DEPUTY MOYERS' PARENTS, BROTHER AND FIANCÉ.

State ID Gards

OUR NEW INMATE STATE ID CARD SERVICE IS A PART OF NCSO'S REENTRY PROGRAM. OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE RESOURCES TO INMATES SO THEY CAN BECOME BETTER CITIZENS TO OUR COMMUNITY. IT HELPS INMATES GAIN EMPLOYMENT, SCHOOLING, AND FURTHER ASSISTS IN REDUCING RECIDIVISM. WHEN PEOPLE ARE INCARCERATED, ESPECIALLY FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, THE GOVERNMENT ID THAT THEY ORIGINALLY HAD BEFORE THEY ENTERED PRISON MAY NO LONGER BE VALID AND THAT SMALL PIECE OF PLASTIC THAT MANY TAKE FOR GRANTED IS NEEDED ALMOST DAILY IN OUR LIVES. A FEW WEEKS AGO, WE ASKED THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE TO HELP WITH THIS SERVICE AND IT WAS HAPPY TO ASSIST US IN PROVIDING THIS SERVICE TO THE NASSAU COUNTY JAIL INMATES. THE FUNDS FOR THIS SERVICE WAS PROVIDED BY THE INMATE WELFARE FUND AND NOT TAX PAYER DOLLARS.





THE NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS TASKED WITH HOUSING INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN SENTENCED BY THE COURT TO SERVE UP TO ONE YEAR IN THE DETENTION FACILITY. A NUMBER OF THESE INMATES ARE REPEAT OFFENDERS THAT COME IN TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM OVER AND OVER AGAIN. OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE NECESSARY SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE SO THEY CAN LEAD A BETTER LIFE OUTSIDE OF JAIL AND NOT BURDEN THE SYSTEM BY WINDING BACK BEHIND BARS.

SHERIFF BILL LEEPER HAS AUTHORIZED A NEW PROGRAM DESIGNED JUST FOR WOMEN CALLED ELITE (EDUCATION LEADS INTO EXCELLENCE) TO HELP THOSE INDIVIDUALS BECOME PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

ELITE'S MISSION IS TO ASSIST OFFENDERS/EX-OFFENDERS TO SUCCESS-FULLY RE-INTEGRATE BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY WITH THE STRENGTH OF CHARACTER, EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO SERVE AS PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY WHO WILL NOT RE-OFFEND.

ELITE'S VISION IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES, SUCH AS MENTORING, EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS OPPORTUNITIES, JOB TRAINING & PLACEMENT SERVICES, AND EMOTIONAL/SOCIAL COUNSELING TO ADDRESS THE MULTIPLE AND LAYERED ISSUES OF INMATES & EX-OFFENDERS SO THEY MAY SUCCESSFULLY CHANGE THEIR LIVES AND REDUCE THEIR RATE OF RECIDIVISM.

ELITE'S PROGRAM'S GOALS ARE TO OFFER INTAKE ASSESSMENT & PLANNING, EDUCATION, CAREER & EMPLOYMENT, GOAL PLANNING, COUNSELING, PARENTING CLASSES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION, SUPPORT GROUPS AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS WORKSHOPS. ELITE WILL ALSO PROVIDE GED TUITION AND TESTING FEES WHEN POSSIBLE TO STUDENTS SEEKING TO EARN THEIR GED.

OTHER PROGRAMS THAT ARE OFFERED TO ALL MALE INMATES AT THE DETENTION FACILITY ARE ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, THE GODLY MAN, AND COURAGE TO CHANGE PROGRAM.

Personal Trainer Program

NASSAU COUNTY INMATES TRAINED FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS TO BECOME IS-SA CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINERS. ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE INMATES BECOMING CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINERS WAS THAT THEY NEED TO BE AED/CPR CERTIFIED SO WE PARTNERED WITH FIRST COAST CPR AND THE CLASS WAS A SUCCESS. THROUGHOUT THE SIX WEEKS, THERE WERE MANY STUDY SESSIONS TO ENSURE THESE INMATES PASSED WITH FLYING COLORS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PROGRAM WAS PAID FOR BY THE INMATE WELFARE FUND.



Bloodhounds



THE NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BLOODHOUND UNIT WENT TO SOUTH CAROLINA FOR SCHOOL. THEY ALL PASSED AND ARE NATIONALLY CERTIFIED WITH THE POLICE BLOODHOUND ASSOCIATION. BLOODHOUNDS ARE CRUCIAL TO FINDING MISSING PERSONS, WHETHER IT'S A MISSING CHILD OR A CRIMINAL ON THE RUN.

Hurricane lan







12 NCSO DEPUTIES DEPLOYED TO DESOTO COUNTY TO HELP WITH CALLS FOR SERVICE AS DESOTO DEPUTIES CONTINUE TO CLEANUP AFTER HURRICANE IAN. WE ALSO SENT TWO OF OUR DISPATCHERS TO WORK AT NORTH PORT PD TO ALLOW THOSE EMPLOYEES TIME OFF DURING THE DISASTER IAN LEFT BEHIND.

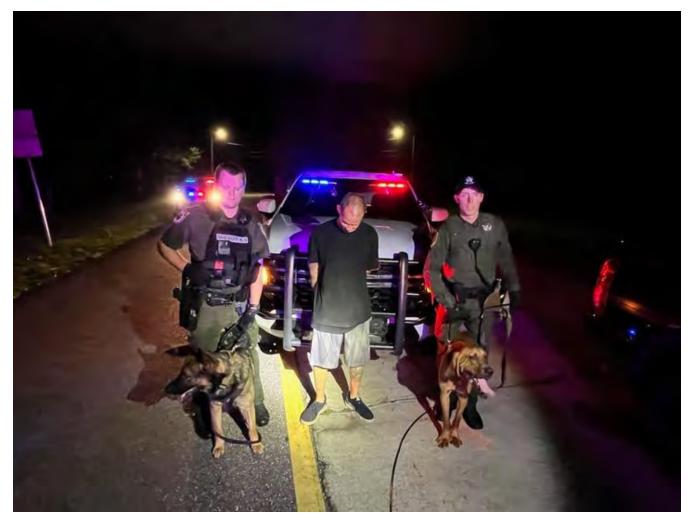
Celebrate

SHERIFF LEEPER SAID AFTER KIMBERLY KESSLER'S SENTENCING THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CELEBRATE WITH CAKE & ICE CREAM ONCE SHE LEFT THE JAIL. DEPUTIES TRANSPORTED HER TO THE WOMEN'S RECEPTION CENTER IN OCALA. THEN WE CELEBRATED HER DEPARTURE!





First Find



ON JULY 23RD, K9 OL' RED WAS REQUESTED RESPOND TO A TRAFFIC STOP TO ASSIST WITH A VEHICLE BAILOUT. THE PASSENGER FROM THE VEHICLE WAS STILL OUTSTANDING. K9 OL' RED ARRIVED ON SCENE AND K9 HANDLER BLOUNT OBTAINED A SCENT ARTICLE THROUGH ABSORPTION FROM THE PASSENGER SEAT UTILIZING A SCENT DETECTION KIT FROM SCENT EVIDENCE. DUE TO PATROL K9 KYLO BECOMING EXHAUSTED ON HIS TRACK FROM THE VEHICLE. K9 OL' RED WAS DEPLOYED FROM THE VEHICLE. K9 OL' RED TRACKED THE SUSPECT APPROXIMATELY .5 MILES FROM THE VEHICLE. THE SUSPECT WAS LOCATED BY K9 OL' RED ATTEMPTING TO CONCEAL HIMSELF ON TOP OF THE SHIPPING CONTAINER. THIS WAS OL' REDS FIRST FIND AND IT WAS ON BRAVO TEAM. OL' RED DID AN AMAZING JOB. OL' RED IS NAMED AFTER DEPUTY JOSH MOYERS.

Drug Arrests





ON APRIL 19TH WE ARRESTED 34-YEAR-OLD JAKE LEE CLEVELAND AF-TER OUR AGENCY'S NARCOTICS DETECTIVES CONDUCTED A SEARCH WARRANT AT HIS HOME. CLEVELAND ALREADY HAD TWO ACTIVE ARREST WARRANTS IN NASSAU COUNTY FOR SELLING MARIJUANA AND TWO COUNTS OF SALES OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE. DURING THE SEARCH DETECTIVES LOCATED LARGE QUANTITIES OF A "GREEN LEAFY SUB-STANCE" IN SEVERAL AREAS ON THE PROPERTY. WHILE IN THE KITCHEN DETECTIVES SPOTTED SEVERAL BLACK BAGS AND CARDBOARD BOXES CONTAINING DOZENS OF THC CANDIES. IN TOTAL 169 PACKAGES OF THC CANDIES WERE SEIZED. SEVERAL FIREARMS WERE ALSO LOCATED IN A SAFE. HE WAS BOOKED INTO THE NASSAU COUNTY JAIL. HE IS CUR-RENTLY FACING CHARGES OF TRAFFICKING MARIJUANA, POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE MARIJUANA, POSSESSION OF A CON-TROLLED SUBSTANCE, OPERATION OF A DRUG HOUSE, SIX COUNTS OF POSSESSION OF A FIREARM AND AMMUNITION BY A CONVICTED FELON. AND ONE COUNT OF POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA WITH RESI-DUE.





30-YEAR-OLD CORDELL SHELBY WAS ARRESTED ON STATE ROAD 200 IN FERNANDINA BEACH AFTER NCSO INVESTIGATORS UNCOVERED COCAINE, ECSTASY, AND OTHER DRUGS IN HIS VEHICLE DURING A TRAFFIC STOP. IN TOTAL 83 GRAMS OF COCAINE, 7 GRAMS OF MDMA, AND 80 GRAMS OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND. SHELBY ALSO HAD A YOUNG CHILD PRESENT IN THE BACKSEAT OF HIS CAR. SOME OF SHELBY'S CHARGES INCLUDE POSSESSION OF COCAINE AND POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE WITH THE INTENT TO SELL. THE SUSPECT WAS BOOKED INTO THE NASSAU COUNTY JAIL.

Drug Busts



A DRUG HOUSE WAS SHUT DOWN BY NCSO AND FBPD. NOVEMBER 9TH OUR SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM AND NARCOTICS UNIT SERVED A SEARCH WARRANT TO A HOME ON NASSAU LAKES CIRCLE IN FERNANDINA BEACH. SEVERAL ARRESTS WERE MADE.



ON OCT 28TH 2022 NCSO DEPUTIES SERVED A SEARCH WARRANT TO A RESIDENCE ON LONNIE CREWS ROAD IN FERNANDINA BEACH. SEVERAL ARRESTS WERE MADE.

Operation Heavyweights

A MONTHS LONG, MULTI-AGENCY INVESTIGATION NAMED "OPERATION: HEAVY-WEIGHTS" HAS RESULTED IN 54 ARRESTS AND THE SEIZURE OF HUNDREDS OF POUNDS OF ILLEGAL NARCOTICS.

The arrests were made between April to August of 2022. Of those arrested, 25 people were from Fernandina Beach, 11 were from Yulee, five were from Georgia, five were from Hilliard, five were from Callahan, two were from Jacksonville and one was from Lake City. Combined, about 223 charges were filed against the suspects. 3.5 pounds of fentanyl were seized in addition to 25 illegal guns, 380 pounds of marijuana and THC products, 6.5 pounds of meth, 3 pounds of cocaine, smaller amounts of other drugs, including heroin, and \$72,000 worth of assets.



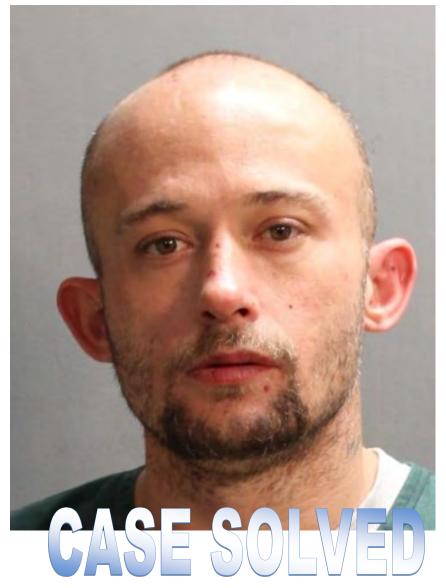




Operation Keystroke

IN SEPTEMBER 2022, WE CONDUCTED OPERATION KEYSTROKE, WHICH WAS FOCUSED ON THOSE WHO SEARCH THE INTERNET PRAYING ON CHILDREN AND SOLICITING SEX. DETECTIVE HEATHER ROJAS DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB PLANNING AND COORDINATING THE OPERATION, WITH NARCOTICS, CID, SRT, AND CORRECTIONS AMONG OTHERS, AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES (FBI, FDLE, ST JOHNS SO, FERNANDINA BEACH PD, PANAMA CITY BEACH PD, NCIS, STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE). THE 4-DAY OPERATION NETTED 11 ARRESTS FOR SOLICITING UNDERCOVER DETECTIVES PRETENDING TO BE A 13-14 YEAR OLD CHILD. TEN OF THOSE ARRESTED ACTUALLY TRAVELED TO AN UNDERCOVER LOCATION THINKING THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE SEX WITH A CHILD, BUT WERE MET WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. ONE WE ARRESTED ON A WARRANT. IT'S SCARY TO KNOW THERE ARE DEVIANTS OUT THERE LIKE THIS, SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU KEEP TRACK OF WHAT YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING AND WHO THEY ARE TALKING TO, ESPECIALLY ON-LINE.





NCSO'S DETECTIVE CARTER RECENTLY SOLVED A 2019 SEXUAL BATTERY USING CODIS (COMBINED DNA INDEX SYSTEM), A COMPUTER SOFTWARE PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE FBI WHICH ALLOWS FORENSIC LABORATORIES TO CREATE SEARCHABLE DATABASES OF AUTHORIZED DNA PROFILES. ON JUNE 29, 2022, NCSO RECEIVED A CALL OF A PERSON, DECEASED AT THE BOTTOM OF A POOL ON FRANKLIN RD IN HILLIARD. THE EVIDENCE ON SCENE SUGGESTED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL ATTEMPTED TO MAKE ENTRY TO THE HOUSE DUE TO BLOODY HAND PRINTS ON THE REAR GLASS DOOR. DETECTIVE CARTER WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE POOL AS JIMMIE LEE BALDWIN. DETECTIVE CARTER TOOK A SAMPLE OF BALDWIN'S BLOOD FROM THE DOOR AND SENT IT OFF TO ENSURE THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL THAT COULD HAVE LEFT THE HAND PRINTS. IN DECEMBER OF 2022 THE RESULTS CAME BACK FROM CODIS AS A MATCH FOR THE SUSPECT IN A SEXUAL BATTERY THAT OCCURRED IN NASSAU COUNTY IN JUNE OF 2019, THAT INITIALLY HAD NO SUSPECT INFORMATION. THE VICTIM WAS CONTACTED AND ADVISED THAT THE SUSPECT WAS JIMMIE BALDWIN WHO IS NOW DECEASED AND THAT THE DNA RETURNED MATCHED THE DNA RECOVERED FROM THE 2019 SEXUAL BATTERY.

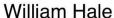
Ratliff Road Shooting



ON DECEMBER 27, 2022, NCSO RESPONDED TO THE INTERSECTION OF RATLIFF ROAD AND WOODBRIDGE DRIVE IN RESPONSE TO A PERSON SHOT. UPON ARRIVAL DEPUTIES LOCATED A FEMALE WHO HAD BEEN SHOT IN THE ARM SITTING IN HER VEHICLE IN FRONT OF THE FORMER FIRE STATION LOCATED ON RATLIFF ROAD. A WITNESS CALLED 911 AND TOLD DISPATCH THE VICTIM WAS SHOT BY HER 81-YEAR-OLD FATHER. THE VICTIM TOLD DEPUTIES HER FATHER'S NAME IS ROBERT HALL. THE SUSPECT WAS LOCATED AND DETAINED BY NCSO. DEPUTIES LEARNED THAT HALL AND HIS DAUGHTER GOT INTO AN ARGUMENT AND AT ONE POINT, HALL REACHED FOR HIS .38 CALIBER SMITH & WESSON REVOLVER IN A SIDE TABLE NEAR HIS CHAIR AND FIRED MULTIPLE SHOTS. AT LEAST TWO SHOTS HIT A WALL IN THE HOME AND A THIRD SHOT HIT THE VICTIM IN THE SHOULDER. SHE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL WITH NON-LIFE THREATENING INJURIES. HALL WAS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Road Rage Incident







Frank Allison

TWO MOTORISTS ALLEGEDLY SHOT AT EACH OTHER DURING A ROAD RAGE INCIDENT, STRIKING EACH OF THEIR DAUGHTERS WHO WERE ALSO IN THEIR CARS.

"WHEN I FIRST HEARD ABOUT IT HAPPENING, I THOUGHT OF THE MOVIE 'DUMB AND DUMBER,'" SAID SHERIFF BILL LEEPER.

FRANK ALLISON AND WILLIAM HALE GOT INTO A HIGH-SPEED "CAT AND MOUSE" FACEOFF ON THE HIGHWAY INVOLVING SUDDEN STOPS, OBSCENE GESTURES AND A WATER BOTTLE THROWN AT ONE CAR. SUDDENLY, GUNFIRE ERUPTED.

ALLISON OPENED FIRE ON HALE'S CAR AND HIT A 5-YEAR-OLD GIRL IN THE LEG. COPS SAY HALE FIRED BACK AS MANY AS EIGHT TIMES AND HIT A 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL IN THE BACK. ONE OF THE WOUNDED GIRLS CAN BE HEARD YELLING IN POLICE BODYCAM FOOTAGE OF THE INCIDENT.

BOTH OF THE DRIVERS WERE CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER.

"THERE COULD HAVE BEEN TWO DEAD KIDS BECAUSE OF TWO STUPID GROWN MEN," SHERIFF I FEPER SAID.

IF CONVICTED OF THE ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGES, EACH DAD COULD FACE UP TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON.

NCSO DEPUTY PHILIP HAGAN RECEIVED A LIFE SAVING AWARD, BECAUSE WITHOUT HIS QUICK ACTIONS THE 14-YEAR-OLD WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY.

Halloween Safety



EVERY YEAR OUR INVESTIGATORS PLACE THESE RED SIGNS OUT TO ALERT TRICK-OR-TREATERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO STAY AWAY FROM HOMES OF SEXUAL PREDATORS. AS A REMINDER SEX OFFENDERS IN NASSAU COUNTY ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY HOLIDAY EVENT INVOLVING CHILDREN, INCLUDING DISTRIBUTING CANDY ON HALLOWEEN OR WEARING COSTUMES THAT MIGHT ATTRACT CHILDREN.

Halloween



TRICK-OR-TREATING IN DOWNTOWN FERNANDINA



NCSO HOSTED IT'S 3RD ANNUAL TRUNK-OR-TREAT ON OCTOBER 27TH 2022. WE HAD OVER 1000 GUESTS JOIN IN THE FUN. WE HAD MANY DONORS TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.

Shop with a Cop









THANK YOU TO ALL THE DONORS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO NCSO SHOP WITH A COP. IN 2022 WE SHOPPED WITH 316 LOCAL KIDS. THESE CHILDREN ARE NOMINATED BY THEIR SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELORS. THE MONEY COMES FROM OUR CHARITY "NCSO CHARITIES," AND KIDS GET TO SPEND \$100 AT WALMART.

Santa with a Badge

OUR THIRD ANNUAL SANTA WITH A BADGE EVENT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO COLLECT CANNED GOODS FOR THOSE IN NEED AND INTERACT WITH THE COMMUNITY BY GIVING OUT STUFFED ANIMALS AND CANDY CANES (DONATED BY PETSMART AND TARGET).

















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