



Rick Staly, Sheriff

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Sheriff & Bike Man of Flagler County Donate Bicycles to Ukrainian Family, Ship Surplus Bullet Resistant Vests and Helmets to Support the Ukrainian Military

A couple kids who recently fled Ukraine with their mothers got a pretty cool welcome gift from Sheriff Rick Staly. The four of them have only been in Palm Coast a few weeks but already feel at home. They left Ukraine with just a couple of suitcases. Now, they have some new bikes. Sheriff Staly joined Joseph Golan, the Bike Man of Flagler County, to give Timur, Masha and their mothers the bikes last week. He was able to do this with a little help from his good friend, Joseph Golan, The Bike Man of Flagler County, to give Timur, Masha and their mothers' bikes last week.



Sheriff Staly next to Timur, Dmitriy (Uncle), Masha, Neighbor, Joe Golan (The Bike Man), Marina (Masha's mom) and Inna (Timur's mom)



Timur, The Bike Man & Sheriff Staly

Golan says he was contacted by Sheriff Staly after a neighbor reached out about the kids being new to the area. The neighbor saw them moving in to a house down the street. Turns out, it was their uncle's house they were moving in to. The four of them will stay there indefinitely. However, their dads stayed in Ukraine to fight for their country. Sheriff Staly was able to tell the family he would be donating bullet resistant vests and helmets to the Ukrainian military. The vests are out of warranty and can't be reissued to FCSO deputies but are still usable. FCSO shipped 21 vests and 11 helmets last week after the National Sheriff's Association sent out a plea to Sheriff's Offices across the

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country to provide surplus vest and helmets to the Ukrainian military.

“Getting to see the looks on Timur and Masha’s faces when they received their bikes was just priceless. They’ve been through so much the past couple months and they are still in good spirits,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “As for the vests FCSO is donating, I’m glad to be able to help and show support in any way we can. The process to destroy out of warranty protective vests is complicated so I’m glad we are able to donate them to a useful cause.”



Sheriff Staly with protective gear for Ukraine.

The National Sheriff’s Association reached out to Sheriff’s Offices across the country seeking donations of surplus protective gear that could be used by the Ukrainian military forces. The vests are expected to reach Ukraine in a couple of weeks.

Sheriff Staly’s life was saved early in his career when the vest he was wearing stopped a bullet to his chest, so he knows first-hand just how important a vest can be.

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