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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Extra Patrols On Land and Water For Labor Day Weekend**

*Additional Deputies Will Be Deployed to Reduce Traffic Crashes, DUIs and Ensure Safe Boating*

BUNNELL, FL – As the last federal holiday of the summer, Labor Day weekend will be packed with traffic, boating, and beach activities across Flagler County. That's why the Flagler County Sheriff's Office will be out in full force to ensure everyone remains safe while enjoying the holiday.



Between Friday, August 30, and Monday, September 2, FCSO units and our law enforcement partners will participate in several traffic safety and enforcement operations like 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' and 'Operation CARE.' These operations are designed to enhance traffic and pedestrian safety during the busy holiday weekend, especially around the beachside communities.

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The FCSO DUI Taxi and roadside message boards will be deployed across the county to remind residence to avoid driving under the influence, while FCSO Traffic/Motor Units will target speeding and aggressive driving in crash-prone locations.

On the water, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and FCSO's Marine Unit will team up to conduct high-visibility patrols along the Intracoastal Waterway and canals to monitor for boaters under the influence and those who are not operating marine vessels safely. Deputies on all-terrain vehicles will also patrol Flagler County's sandy shores and parking lots for suspicious persons, vehicles, or illegal activities.

We encourage residents to do their part in preventing crime. Lock your car doors and hide your valuables in the trunk, especially in beach access areas. Never leave your keys in your car, as you might find your vehicle missing after a day at the beach. Be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity by calling 386-313-4911 so a Deputy Sheriff can investigate. Together, we can prevent crimes of opportunity.

"Labor Day is a time for celebrating the hard-working spirit that makes America great," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "That same spirit fuels our deputies to work hard to ensure everyone's safety on the roadways and waterways while enjoying the holiday weekend. Help them help you by indulging in moderation so we can all return home safely. Don't forget 'See Something, Say Something,' and drive and boat sober or get pulled over!"

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