

## Rick Staly, Sheriff FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## FCSO Saves Taxpayers Over \$1 Million in Inmate Health Care Costs, Named Top Saver for Second Straight Year

BUNNELL, Fla. — For the second year in a row, Prime Corrections recognized Sheriff Rick Staly and the Flagler County Sheriff's Office for being the top saver of taxpayer money through the Offsite Inmate Medical Savings Program. The award was presented during the Florida Sheriffs Association's 2025 Winter meeting, where it was announced FCSO had realized more than \$1.05 million in savings over the past year.

The Florida Sheriffs Association established the Offsite Inmate Medical Savings Program as a way to reduce offsite inmate medical costs. Unlike the Florida Department of Corrections and the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, county jails are not guaranteed any caps on inmate medical costs.

At the urging of Sheriff Staly, the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners agreed the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility should join the program in March 2022. Prior to this, Flagler County paid all bills for inmate medical care as billed by outside medical providers.

Through this program, Prime Corrections reviews bills for issues such as unauthorized or inappropriate services, incomplete claims, duplicate claims, invalid or excessive codes, and bundled charges. They then apply a pre-negotiated discount or negotiate the individual bill directly with the provider.

There is no cost to FCSO or Flagler County for the program unless savings are achieved. A portion of the savings goes to pay for the negotiation and review of medical bills.

"It's incredibly exciting to receive this award for the second year in a row because it shows how much

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money we have saved our taxpayers," said Sheriff Staly. "We are always looking for programs and grants that save our residents money and the Offsite Inmate Medical Savings Program has proven to be a tremendous benefit. This program has enabled our award-winning detention facility to meet the medical needs of our inmates while significantly saving our residents money at the same time. In just two years we have saved taxpayers over \$2 million!"



Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly is presented the award as the top saver through the Offsite Inmate Medical Savings Program by Florida Sheriffs Association President and Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Prummell, Prime Health Services Chief Operating Officer Scott Nocon, and Prime Corrections National Sales Executive Nico DiGioia.

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