



eCountyLine

A bimonthly newsletter for Volusia County employees

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FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER'S DESK

Breaking new ground



From Deltona to Ormond-by-the-Sea, we continue to break new ground across Volusia County, completing physical projects and launching new initiatives to benefit our residents.

In the past six months, we have:

- Completed two trail segments totaling 21.4 miles in Edgewater and DeBary
- Introduced new Votran routes in New Smyrna Beach and Deltona
- Provided additional off-beach parking with the opening of Argosy Park in Ormond-by-the-Sea
- Completed construction on the Volusia County Sheriff's Evidence Facility
- Updated transportation impact fees

On March 1, we will celebrate the much-anticipated opening of the Michael Eader Turnbull Bay Bridge.

We couldn't do this without the dedication and commitment of our talented staff and the vision of the Volusia County Council. I truly believe there is no finer workforce in the nation, and I am proud to work with you. Your performance and professionalism are an inspiration to all.

Thank you for everything you do to make Volusia County a better place to live, work and play.

- George Recktenwald
County Manager



HELPING HANDS – Back row from left: Sandy Bartoletti, Angelina Lindsey, Laura Burleson, Terri Brigman, Kim Darius, Greg Epps, Jill Hemmerlein and Fred Morawietz. Front row from left: Lynn Landmesser, Lynne Scoby, Izzy, Larry Bartlett and Tom Cisco.

County employees help in Panhandle

After Hurricane Michael devastated parts of the Florida Panhandle in October, teams of Volusia County employees went to the rescue.



Deputy Royce James delivers ice to a woman in need.

Two members of the county's Emergency Management Division spent two weeks helping with recovery efforts. Operations Coordinator **Tom Cisco** worked with Bay County's recovery branch and wrote a post-disaster recovery plan, which details the procedures needed to accomplish recovery. Administrative Coordinator **Jill Hemmerlein** deployed to the state's Emergency Operations Center, where she supervised 25 volunteers who contacted nearly 4,000 people who had requested information about their loved ones in six counties.

The Property Appraiser's office sent two teams of damage assessment employees to the stricken area to help assess the damage and complete Bay County's 2018 tax roll. Activity Directors **Greg Epps** and **Lynne Scoby** led teams that included GIS Special Projects Manager **Fred Morawietz** and Appraisers **Lynn Landmesser**, **Laura Burleson**, **Sandy Bartoletti**, **Terri Brigman**, **Kim Darius** and **Angelina Lindsey**.

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Around the County



ABOVE AND BEYOND – Deputies from the Volusia County Sheriff's Office joined forces with the Bay County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement following Hurricane Michael.

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"Bay County needed boots on the ground," noted Volusia County Property Appraiser **Larry Bartlett**. "We were one of only three property appraisers' offices to send people up to the Panhandle. Our damage assessment teams have used the knowledge gained from Volusia's hurricanes and tornadoes to help with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and similar disasters."

The Volusia County Sheriff's Office deployed 40 sheriff's deputies and four civilian employees to Bay County to assist local law enforcement with hurricane recovery efforts. The teams were responsible for ensuring a law enforcement presence, conducting patrols and assisting with humanitarian efforts.

The deployed VCSO employees were:

- Lieutenants Justin Sawicki, Tony Shank, Tom Tatum and Don Taylor
- Sergeants Mike Anderson, Tom Dane, Steve Edgecomb, Roy Galarza, Matt Ihnken, Chris Rego, Joel Turney and Jeff Wingard
- Senior Deputies Danny Clifton, Mike Webb, Mark Willetts and Frank Scofield
- Deputies Andrew Bayne, Corey Charles, Eric Cheek, Brandon Cobb, Brandon Coker, August Custer, A.J. Davis, Brandon Ellis, Billy Galarza, Tom Hachenberger, Royce James, William Leven, Brent Jones, Josh Hansard, Robert Mitchell, Matt Myers, Hector Rodriguez, Zarren Rutledge, Richard Skrzyinski, Chuck Stewart, Micah Stoltz, Mike Vanzo, Darryl Weaver and Steven Woell
- Civilian employees Tim Boring, Andy Conklin, Robert Ham and Doug Roberts

Additionally, six VCSO employees obtained more than \$28,000 in items in a matter of hours and delivered them to the rally point. This team included Sgt. **Joel Turney**; Senior Deputy **Chris LeCates**; and Deputies **Tim Wheeler**, **Matt Tremblay** and **Matt Myers**.

The selfless actions of Volusia County employees shone through the bleak and dismal aftermath of the hurricane.



EVAC TO THE RESCUE – Emergency Medical Services employees recently donated \$1,220 in gift cards, toys and toiletries to 24 children who are living in group homes operated by the Children's Home Society. From left to right are Shae Asby, Kelli Jackson, Luke Asby, Elizabeth Caughie, Lauren Witham, Ryan Caughie and Charlotte Bowman.



VitaMin

Vital health information in a minute

Don't skimp on healthy fats



Fat isn't all bad – as long as you know which foods to eat and what to avoid. Do you know the difference between good-for-you fats and the artery-clogging type?

Read on for a closer look.

Bad fats: Saturated and trans fats increase your risk of heart disease because they raise your cholesterol. Meat, dairy products, baked goods, fried foods, shortening and margarine contain these unhealthy fats.

Good fats: Unsaturated fats can help your heart by lowering cholesterol levels. They also provide the essential fats your body needs to function.

- Monounsaturated fats have a positive effect on your heart health. You can find them in avocados, nuts, oils and other foods.
- Omega-3 fatty acids are a type of polyunsaturated fat that's especially heart healthy. Fatty fish, flaxseed, oils and walnuts have omega-3 fatty fats.

Reap the health benefits when you replace bad fats with good fats in your diet. But don't go overboard – you should eat healthy-fat foods in moderation.

Here's a grocery list with foods that are good sources of health fats.

Nuts: Almonds, Brazil nuts, cashews, peanuts, pecans and walnuts

Fatty fish: Albacore tuna (fresh and canned), lake trout, mackerel and salmon

Seeds: Flaxseed, pumpkin seeds and sunflower seeds

Must-haves: Avocado, olive oil, and eggs enriched with omega-3

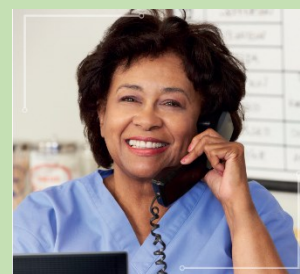


Lisa Somers, R.N., is a Cigna employee who coordinates health programs and promotions to help employees and their dependents lead healthy lifestyles. Employees can contact her at ext. 13249 or cignaadvocate@volusia.org.

This is general health information and not medical advice or services. You should consult your doctor for medical advice or services, including seeking advice before undertaking a new diet or exercise program.

HR introduces oncology program

Full-time employees and their adult dependents who are enrolled in Volusia County's health plan are now covered by Florida Oncology Connections, which provides personalized services for you or your caregiver if you are diagnosed with cancer.



Services include a personal care management team, cancer information assistance, safeguards and second opinions, financial counseling, automatic distribution of medical records, and a survivorship program.

To learn more about enrollment if you are diagnosed with cancer, call Care Management at 855-327-6112 or visit www.FLCancer.com/CareManagement.

For more information about your health benefits, contact Benefits Manager **David Merrill** at ext. 13492 or dmerrill@volusia.org.

Employee Recognition Luncheon

More than 300 long-term employees were honored during the 33rd annual Employee Recognition Luncheon on Feb. 20.

Be sure to give them a pat on the back and thank them for their service. Kudos to our Human Resources team for organizing another successful event!

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Aviation

Bill Albert, 10
Karen Feaster, 25

Economic Resources

Rob Ehrhardt, 10
Arlene Smith, 20

BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Management and Budget

Tammy Bong, 10
Phyllis Schwarz, 10
April Miller, 15
Aaron Van Kleeck, 15

Purchasing

Jennifer Ditslear, 10
Tabatha Freedman, 10
Denise Lewis, 25

BUSINESS SERVICES

Central Services

Jerry Fox, 10
Taryn-Jean
Gilmore-Laverriere, 10
Gary Landmesser, 10
Randy Rothrock, 10
Damian Derousha, 15
Wanda Hogancamp, 15
Elizabeth Sheehan, 15
Phillip Drewry, 20
Joe Faircloth, 20
Ricardo Gomez, 20
Ben Muni, 20
James Frampton, 25
George Cencerik, 30
Timothy Greene, 30
Kenneth Hartling, 30
Michael Jones, 30
William Robbins, 30

Information Technology

Ronald Goodenough, 10
Janet Hughes, 10
Brian Whiting, 10
Scott Bounds, 15
Michael Halcomb, 15
Christine Jarvis, 15
Mark Peterka, 15
Kevin Strange, 15
Mark Conway, 20
Darren Eddlemon, 20
Jeffrey Jones, 20
Ella Wheeler, 20
Lou Martino Jr., 25

Revenue

Pamela Dixon, 10
Bess Pontius, 10
Brenda Miller, 15
Ellyn Parker, 15
Connie Powell, 15
Lanny Applegate, 20
Judi Broome, 20
Wanda Lindberg, 25
Elizabeth Ewers, 30
Ramona Smiley, 30

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agriculture Extension

Sharon Fox Gamble, 35

Community Assistance

Paula Szabo, 15

Library Services

Dorothy Bratcher, 10
Erica Davis, 10
Connie George, 10
Carole Hanna, 10
Penny Mamakos, 10
Carrie Radam, 10
Jeffrey Seiler, 15
Kate Sprague, 15
Chad Taylor, 15
Annie Hurley, 20
Stacy Hutchins, 20
Kelly Womack, 20
Pia Andersen, 25
Debra Clark, 30
Anne Powers, 30
Suzan Howes, 35

Parks, Recreation and Culture

Robert Ensminger, 10
Dawn Thomas, 10

Veterans Services

Jeff Bumb, 10

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Nancy Brunette, 25

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Melissia Anderson, 10
Kathie Kardos, 10
Paul Radetsky, 15
Marilyn Chandler Ford, 30

COURT ADMINISTRATION

Kerry Chiaravalle, 10
Brian Brittain, 15
Cheryl Ditolla, 20
Valerie Trunzo, 20

ELECTIONS

Kat Northey, 10
Frank Celeste, 15
Cheryl Mann, 15
Jennifer Wilson, 15
Edda Rosado, 25

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Accounting

Lynne Urice, 10
Dawn Gauf, 20
Patricia Evans, 25
Myriam Lemay, 25

Human Resources

Lynn Doughty, 15
Ruth O'Steen, 15
Celene Cone, 30
Deborah Sauer, 30
Angela Slaydon, 30

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Administration

Tara Boujoulian

Building and Code Administration

Beth Branton, 20
Mary Schnebly, 20
Debra Zechnowitz, 20

Environmental Management

Joan Coil, 10
Kathy Ebding, 10
Sandy Falcon, 10
Darrell Abrahamson, 15
Tom Carey, 30
Lisa Clark, 30

Planning and Development

Susan Jackson, 10
Christian Nagle, 15
John Thomson, 15
Scott Ashley, 30
Palmer Panton, 30
William Gardner, 35

OCEAN CENTER

Timothy Connelly, 25
Sharon Angelastri, 30
Andrew Cerio, 30

PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE

Jennifer Bailey, 10
Janie Burke, 10
Jeffrey Engelking, 10
John Feeney, 10
Kristopher Hoffmann, 10
Angelina Lindsey, 10
Virginia Perez, 10
Robert Schumann, 10
Tiffani Siegel, 10
Michael Bennett, 15
Shannon Blackwelder, 15
Murray Deneau, 15
Carolyn Stamey, 15
Stephanie Taylor, 15
Karen Chipman, 20
Shililah Clark, 20
Fred Morawietz, 20
Robin Realmuto, 20
Gregory Epps, 25
Lynne Scoby, 25

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Administration

Terry Boczkus, 30

Animal Control

Alicia Dease, 15
Sergio Pacheco, 25

Beach Safety

Russell St. John, 10
Andrew Ethridge, 20
Tammy Malphurs, 20

Corrections

Timothy Cintron, 10
Mindy Clifton, 10
Carl Cloyd, 10
Jared Gourley, 10
Linda Higgins, 10
Glenn Lee, 10

Armando Mendoza, 10
 Michael Morton, 10
 Christopher Schlapper, 10
 Christopher Squires, 10
 Chad Audit, 15
 Wallace Haynes, 15
 Craig Schlapper, 15
 Matthew Smith, 15
 Eddie White Jr., 15
 Daniel Caton, 20
 Lesia Hawkins, 20
 Carole Reeves, 20
 Lowette Jones, 25
 Scott Mason, 25
 Patrick Shaw, 25
 Glenda Powell, 30
 Glenn Wickman, 30

Emergency Medical Services

Matthew Abello, 10
 Brian Anglin, 10
 Jeffrey Palmer, 10
 Heather Wooleyhan, 10
 Dana Buslewicz, 15
 Jon Gorman, 15
 Stephen Matusek, 15
 James Smith, 15
 Lawrence Suggs, 15
 Margaret Tullis, 15
 Roland Watts, 15
 Leslie Smith, 25
 Stefanie Outlaw, 30
 Michelle Wolcott, 30

Fire Services

Francis Donahue, 10
 David Goldstein, 10
 Christopher McClure, 10
 Lise Petroski, 10
 Daniel Pronovost, 10
 Brian Richmond, 10
 Aaron Villecco, 10
 Lesley Crandall, 15
 Richard Denby, 15
 Robert Fratacci, 15
 Edward Jurgensen, 15
 Scott Knudsen, 15
 Heather Love, 15
 Stephen Luciano, 15
 Kenneth Martilik, 15
 Jack Richards, 15
 Matthew Smitherman, 15
 Timothy Martin, 20
 Mark Nordquist, 20
 Shannon Prachniak, 20
 Arleen Redmond-Skille, 20
 Merlin Stephenson, 20
 Pamela Johnson, 25
 Thomas McDonough, 25
 Andrew Millwater, 25
 Raymond Ramirez, 25
 Alan Ward, 25
 Rhett Bradley, 30

PUBLIC WORKS

Administration

David Bradley Sr., 30

Coastal

James Carnicella, 10
 Richard Gomboz, 10

Engineering and Construction

Sherrill Booth, 15
 Richard Stockhausen, 15
 Joette Enfinger, 20
 Kristen Vieira, 20
 Bob Loveless, 35

Mosquito Control

Raymond Lucas, 15
 James Williams, 35

Road and Bridge

John Bishop, 10
 Jimmie Cyree, 10
 Judy Grim, 10
 Melissa Hutchins, 10
 Jason Kruszeski, 10
 Justin Luther, 10
 Priscilla Dorta, 10
 Donald Pallasch, 10
 Rammie Pearson, 10
 James Bogan, 15
 Terry Christensen, 15
 Daniel Huffman, 15
 Reggie Mosley, 15
 Dustin Stock, 15
 Ronald Baiga, 20
 Robert Peterson, 20
 Brian Fleming, 30
 Terrence Graham, 30
 William Dailey, 35

Solid Waste

Herman Hastings, 15
 Jena Robinson, 15
 Dan McCormick, 30

Traffic Engineering

Timothy Karr, 15
 Kevin Scott, 15
 Melissa Winsett, 15
 Robert Maddox, 35

Water Resources and Utilities

Kristine Redstone, 10
 R.J. Dyett, 15
 Timothy Godfrey, 15
 Harold Van Kleeck, 15
 Robert McConnell, 20
 Stefanie Simpson, 20
 Earl Farmer, 30
 William Lasher, 30



35-YEAR EMPLOYEES – From left are William Daily, James Williams, Sharon Gamble, George Recktenwald, Lou Martino, Bob Loveless and Bob Maddox. Mona Smiley is not pictured.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Elizabeth Altizer-Jewell, 10
 Michael Anderson, 10
 Lindsey Campbell, 10
 Sandra Campbell, 10
 Brian Cobb, 10
 Steve Edgecomb, 10
 Jennifer Knight, 10
 Lauren Mandese, 10
 William Maxwell, 10
 Devan North, 10
 Marirma Perez, 10
 Bryon Poteralski, 10
 Lynn Walden, 10
 Crystal Woodard, 10
 William Armstrong, 15
 Annette Beede, 15
 Gary Bittle, 15
 Claudine Boring, 15
 Kathy Chace, 15
 Danny Clifton, 15
 Michael Gill, 15
 Patrick Harding, 15
 Joel Hernandez, 15
 Eric Hernandez-Cruz, 15
 Sandy Hill, 15
 Susan Houle, 15
 Matt Ihnken, 15
 Wayne Jones, 15
 Chuck Lee, 15
 Louis Lique, 15
 Bryan Luoma, 15
 Gary Martin, 15
 C.J. McCabe, 15
 Shon McGuire, 15
 Carlos Medina, 15
 Victor Mercado, 15
 Michael Miller, 15
 Joshua Mott, 15
 Charris Ogara, 15
 Michael Owens, 15
 Rosilyn Phillips, 15
 Tom Reinhardt, 15
 Pam Sanders, 15
 Brad Schindelheim, 15
 Kurt Schoeps, 15

Mary Seney, 15
 Sandy Shields, 15
 Lori Smola, 15
 Christopher Teague, 15
 Kimberly Woodard, 15
 Brett Whitson, 15
 Benyamin Yisrael, 15
 Anthony Zimmerer, 15
 Brian Bosco, 20
 Loretta Bridges, 20
 Brian Brown, 20
 Cheryl Calkins-Mandizha, 20
 Persio Genao, 20
 Edna Gilbert, 20
 Jamie Grunder, 20
 April Cupp, 20
 Cheryl Joyner, 20
 Kimberly Melvin, 20
 Michelle Newman, 20
 Melissa Nutall, 20
 Debra Rego, 20
 Anna Snyder, 20
 Thomas Tatum, 20
 Kevin Taylor, 20
 Dennis Towne, 20
 Miriam Almodovar, 25
 David Brannon, 25
 Michael Chilcot, 25
 Karen French, 25
 Mike Havenner, 25
 Daniel Lee, 25
 Greg Miles, 25
 Patricia Van Kleeck, 25
 Eric Westfall, 25
 Thomas Dane, 30
 John Jones, 30
 Frank Sclafani, 30
 Linda Seibel, 30
 Jan Young, 30
 Robert Nelson, 35

STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Karina Delerme, 10

Retirements

December

Andrea Okoh, Corrections, 23 years
Pam Johnson, Fire Rescue, 25 years
Robert Nelson, Sheriff's Office, 35 years
Stacy Hutchins, Library Services, 20 years
Connie George, Library Services, 10 years
Marsha Fenstermaker, Revenue, 13 years
Lou Martino, Information Technology, 35 years
Catherine Emmon, Library Services, 21 years
Cassandra Clarke, County Attorney's Office, 15 years
Sandra Campbell, Sheriff's Office, 10 years
Dennis Fair, Information Technology, 27 years

January

Doug Sorenson, Building and Zoning, 12 years
Toby Schwartz, Sheriff's Office, 31 years
Peter Stone, Solid Waste, 17 years
Robert Boggess, Accounting, 47 years
Marilyn Ford, Corrections, 30 years
Lloyd LaLonde, Fire Rescue, 28 years
Kim Westberry, Information Technology, 38 years



Ackerson



Bratcher



Davis



Thomas

Employees make the grade

Hats off to our recent college graduates, who are furthering their education and enhancing their professional skills.

Library Associate **Heidi Ackerson** graduated summa cum laude from Flagler College with a bachelor's degree in public administration. She has worked for the Volusia County Public Library for five years. As the head of circulation at the Edgewater Public Library, she oversees patron account issues and staff and facility scheduling.

Librarian **Dorothy Bratcher** maintained a 4.0 GPA while completing her master's degree in library science from Florida State University. She's coming up on her 11th anniversary with the Volusia County Public Library. A children's librarian at the New Smyrna Beach Regional Library, she helps children make a connection with books that bring them joy. She also plans and presents children's programs, including storytimes and craft sessions, throughout the week.

Librarian **Erica Davis** received her master's degree in library science from the University of South Florida, graduating with a 4.0 GPA. She's been working full time for the Volusia County Public Library for 11 years. As the makerspace librarian at the Daytona Beach Regional Library, she develops and implements programs that allow patrons of all ages to get hands-on experience in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM).

Purchasing Agent **Kendrick Thomas**, an eight-year county employee, graduated magna cum laude from Flagler College with a bachelor's degree in public administration. He's the person you call when your requisition (RQS) or delivery order won't validate. He's also the catch-all analyst for the Purchasing and Contracts Division. Previously, he worked for the county's Elections Department.



Margaret "Maggie" Godfrey, an 11-year county employee, has been promoted to code compliance coordinator. In her new position, she assists code compliance

officers and handles outdoor entertainment permits, itinerant merchant permits, and temporary campground permits and inspections.

Before joining Code Compliance in 2013, Godfrey worked for the Division of Corrections as a corrections officer, staff assistant and booking clerk.

She is certified by the Association of Code Enforcement.



MASTERS OF THEIR TRADE

— From left, Revenue Division employees Wanda Lindberg, Craig Baumgardner and Stephanie Jackson recently received certifications in their field. Baumgardner became a certified executive leader, while Lindberg and Jackson earned the designation of certified Florida collector assistant. Well done!

Sheriff's Office honors its best during awards ceremony



From a telecommunicator who saved a life by talking the patient's wife through CPR, to a deputy who saved the life of a fellow deputy under fire, the Volusia County Sheriff's Office honored some of the most outstanding work of the past year.

Here's a look at the award winners:

Deputy of the Year: **William Weaver** was honored for his solid work all year, including two complex fraud cases that involved coordination with the Secret Service and detective units.

Detective of the Year: **Andrew Calkins** helped bring to justice those responsible for the murder of military veteran Carlos Cruz.

Telecommunicator of the Year: **Roslyn Caban** consistently demonstrates calm and composed handling of calls and coordinated the response to a shooting that wounded a Daytona Beach police officer.

Civilian Employee of the Year: **Nina Revels** has been diligent and dedicated to ensuring accuracy in the agency's Uniform Crime Reporting practices.

Volunteer of the Year: **Roselyn Stewart** worked closely with victims of crime, especially with older residents who have been affected by fraud and theft.

Citizen Observer Program Member of the Year: **John O'Brien** coordinates the program in Deltona, including neighborhood safety programs that are key to preventing crime.

Medal of Bravery: Deputy **Brandon Watson** showed courage while responding to an extremely dangerous, chaotic domestic violence. His bravery and calm professionalism averted a deadly situation for a woman and her children.

Medal of Valor: Deputy **Devin LaFoucade** demonstrated extraordinary courage while pursuing an armed suspect wanted for multiple violent felony charges.

Medal of Valor: Senior Deputy **Kevin Moss**, Deputy **Wesley Blum** and **DeLand Police Corp.** **Tony Tagle** showed heroism when they apprehended an armed suspect wanted for attempted murder in Pierson.

Medal of Lifesaving Actions: Sgt. **Nicholas Shephard** and Senior Deputy **Randy Post** were commended for their immediate response and professional skills in saving the life of a felon who sustained two gunshot wounds while firing on officers on U.S. 17.

Medal of lifesaving actions: Sgt. **Roy Galarza** was recognized for his immediate response and skills in handling a life-threatening incident involving an armed subject in a domestic disturbance with a child present.

Medal of lifesaving actions: This honor went to Telecommunication Supervisor **Jennifer Clay**; VCSO Sgt. **Richard Hansard**; Deputies **Tim Maxwell** and **Joshua Patsch**; and Edgewater Police Sgts. **Stephen Binz** and **Myles Lawler** and Officers **Sam Epitropoulos** and **Kevin Nugent**. They were honored for their quick response, perseverance and courage in saving the life of an accident victim whose vehicle was on fire.

Unit commendation: Deputies **Daniel Berriozabal**, **Brandon Goggin**, **Blaine Lewis**, **David McIntosh** and **Patrick O'Melia** were honored for their actions in contributing to the successful apprehension of and armed suspect in Pierson.

Medal of Tactical De-escalation: Lt. **Corey Piser** was recognized for her discernment and tactical proficiency, which defused a potentially volatile situation in which a man threatened to harm himself. Her training, ability and communication skills helped her to calm the man, who eventually surrendered without incident.

Medal of Tactical De-escalation: Sgt. **Richard LeCates** and Deputies **Stephen Crammer**, **Wayne Miller**, **Bradley Schindelheim** and **Stephen Spencer** were honored for their exemplary use of professional training and non-lethal force to end a potentially tragic situation.

Medal of Tactical De-escalation: Sgt. **Matthew Ihnken's** approach and expert techniques defused a potentially deadly situation when he assisted other deputies with a disturbance call.

Medal of Tactical De-escalation: Sgt. **Steven Edgecomb** and Deputy **Steven Eisen** demonstrated professionalism in dealing with a person in distress. Their actions helped defuse the situation.

Telecommunicator recognition – Lifesaving: **Tara Baronoski**, **Jessica Delgrippe**, **Breanna Eckman**, **Kaitlin Jett**, **David Jewell**, **Destiny Johanson**, **Fawwaz Massoom**, **Aimee Morgan**, **Bryan Alan Mozo**, **Grace Phillips**, **Brittany Reve**, **Keki Schnoor**, **Jessica Wagers**, **Aimee Morgan** and **Aimee Gamble** were honored for their professionalism, compassion and calm demeanor in helping callers through life-threatening situations. **Gamble** helping former VCSO Deputy **Rob Wallace's** wife save her husband's life when he was experiencing a life-threatening medical episode.

Animal services director comes from ASPCA



Please join us in welcoming **Adam Leath** to Volusia County's management team.

Leath came on board in January as animal services director, filling the vacancy created by **Sergio Pacheco's** retirement.

He brings more than 12 years of experience in the animal welfare field, most recently serving as a regional director of the investigations division for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Previously, he was the operations manager for Lee County Domestic Animal Services.

Did you know?

The Animal Services Division provides low-cost spay and neuter services through the Pet Vet Cruiser and Animal Care Center.

His experience includes acting as a direct responder to animal cruelty investigations, teaching in numerous state certification courses, and providing disaster relief work.

Leath has a bachelor's degree in animal science from the University of Tennessee and a graduate certificate in veterinary

forensic sciences from the University of Florida.



POSTHUMOUS HONOR – Volusia County Fire Rescue recently honored the late Jason Castelli for his tireless efforts in training and preparing firefighters throughout the Southeast in emergency response to hazardous materials incidents. Pictured above, Fire Chief Jeff Smith, left, presents a plaque to Acting Division Chief Nick Castelli, Jason's twin brother. Jason, pictured at right, joined Volusia County Fire Rescue in 1998 and was promoted to battalion chief in March 2018. He passed away on July 10.



Movers and shakers



Andrew Kokitus has been promoted to senior procurement analyst and received certification as a public procurement officer (CPPO). He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from Kutztown University and joined the county's Purchasing and Contracts

Division in 2013. In his new position, he provides support to all persons involved in the purchasing process and says the best part of his job is the new challenges that are presented every day.



Eric Gebo received designation as a certified floodplain manager (CFM) through the Association of State Floodplain Managers. Becoming a CFM requires the completion of a comprehensive examination and includes fundamental mastery of reducing flood losses and employing new concepts and practices in floodplain management. With an architectural background, Gebo has been serving as a plans examiner in the county's Building and Zoning Division since 2017.



Volusia County Council

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Ben Johnson, At-large
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Billie Wheeler, District 2
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