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OCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION LUNCHEON DRAWS LARGE CROWD TO NICEVILLE



Law enforcement personnel, elected officials, community leaders, and the families of fallen officers gathered today at the Niceville Community Center for the 9th Annual OCSO Law Enforcement Appreciation luncheon.

Sheriff Larry Ashley said a special thank-you to the families of fallen deputies Tony Forgione, Burt Lopez, and Skip York, for their attendance at the event.

"We may wear different uniforms," said Sheriff Ashley to the crowd of civilian and military law enforcement personnel, "but what matters is that we are all united in a common mission, to protect and safeguard our communities and serve our citizens."

Meanwhile, Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi thanked those in uniform for all they do in a job that demands so much dedication and sacrifice.

Former Vietnam Prisoner of War and motivational speaker Ret. Air Force Colonel Ed Hubbard was the featured speaker.

He shared the grueling realities of his time as a P-O-W, and advised those at the event that a positive attitude and the proper perspective, combined with striving to leave a positive mark on others, is the best way to honor the memories of America's fallen heroes.

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