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OKALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES RESULTS, PROTECTS YOUTH DURING OPERATION DRY SPRING



Shalimar, Fla. (April 11, 2013) – The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Florida Sheriffs Task Force, has concluded a five week operation aimed at protecting youth in Florida. Operation Dry Spring focused on preventing underage youth from purchasing and using alcohol, tobacco and various forms of synthetic drugs. This operation was timed to coincide with the Spring Break season, when many youth experiment with drugs and alcohol.

From March 4 to April 7, the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Deputies targeted underage youth in possession of alcohol, tobacco or synthetic drugs as well as businesses selling these substances to underage youth. During that timeframe, the OCSO made 337 arrests, including issuing 220 notices to appear for underage possession of alcohol.

"A successful Spring Break is when young people can come to our beaches and have a good time while staying safe," said Sheriff Larry Ashley. "Pushing the limits can cause serious consequences and I'm happy to report that from a law enforcement perspective, we had a successful Spring Break with no serious injuries or major criminal incidents."

At the heart of Operation Dry Spring was the goal of preventing potential emergency-related incidents linked to alcohol and drug use. In 2010, nearly 190,000 individuals under the age of 21 visited an emergency room for injuries or conditions connected to underage drinking. In addition, the use of synthetic drugs such as bath salts and spice is on the rise with more than 7,000 reported incidents in 2011, compared to some 3,000 in 2010.

"Through Operation Dry Spring, the Florida Sheriffs Task force has addressed an important issue in our state; the safety of our youth," said FSA President Highlands County Sheriff Susan Benton. "The Florida Sheriffs Association is extremely proud of the hard work and dedication from all those that participated in Operation Dry Spring."

The Florida Sheriffs Task Force pools resources from the 67 Sheriffs' Offices to address specific areas of concern. The Florida Sheriffs Task Force also is the point of contact for



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statewide initiatives, including helping to staff the State Emergency Operations Center and coordinating Sheriffs' offices responses to storm-ravaged communities during hurricanes and other disasters.

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The Florida Sheriffs Association is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 corporation made up of Florida's Sheriffs, approximately 3,500 business leaders and 70,000 citizens throughout the state. Founded in 1893, FSA has quietly served the citizens of Florida by supporting the needs of the state's law-enforcement community. Through the Florida Sheriffs Association, Sheriffs are given a forum to address lawmakers to push for positive changes in Florida's public safety arena. FSA also provides Sheriffs' Offices much-needed programs such as affordable training, special task forces and legislative and legal services. Dedicated to the prevention of juvenile delinquency and the development of lawful, productive citizens, FSA has established and continues to support the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, which manages facilities and programs throughout the state to help restore hope, fulfill dreams, and prepare boys and girls for the future. The Florida Sheriffs Association has grown to be one of the largest and most successful state law enforcement associations in the nation. For more information on the Florida Sheriffs Association, visit www.flsheriffs.org.



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Florida Sheriffs Task Force - Operation Dry Spring - Cumulative Totals (March 4 - April 7)

Reporting Agency	Arrests									
	Total Arrests	Underage Alcohol Sales	Alcohol Poss by a Person Under 21 YOA	Underage Tobacco Sales	Tobacco Poss under 18 YOA	Synthetic Drug Sales	Synthetic Drug Poss	Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor	All Other Youth Violations (Municipal)	All Other Youth Violations (County)
Alachua County SO	16	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Baker County SO	7	3	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Bay County SO	1952	0	1881	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
Brevard County SO	40	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Charlotte County SO	26	2	5	1	4	3	3	0	0	8
Clay County SO	42	31	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	6
Collier County SO	40	7	21	0	0	3	4	2	0	3
Escambia County SO	14	0	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Flagler County SO	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hernando County SO	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Highlands County SO	11	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hillsborough County SO	137	72	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
Indian River SO	16	3	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	5
Jacksonville SO	100	45	16	11	2	0	1	3	13	19
Lake County SO	20	14	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
Lee County SO	33	0	20	0	1	0	1	0	3	8
Manatee County SO	73	33	5	24	3	1	0	0	0	7
Marion County SO	23	5	2	5	3	0	5	0	0	3
Martin County SO	25	8	2	7	0	0	0	2	0	6
Miami-Dade PD	205	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	203
Nassau County SO	27	9	2	7	7	0	2	0	0	0
Okaloosa County SO	337	17	220	2	0	0	1	0	0	97
Okeechobee County SO	21	4	1	3	4	0	0	0	1	8
Orange County SO	51	30	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	13
Osceola County SO	18	15	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Palm Beach County SO	85	45	9	1	10	0	3	0	3	14
Pasco County SO	24	21	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Pinellas County SO	115	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	109
Polk County SO	74	19	9	0	22	0	1	1	1	21
Santa Rosa County SO	43	7	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	29
Sarasota County SO	164	11	141	0	4	0	0	1	0	7
Seminole County SO	11	6	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
St. Johns County SO	43	12	24	4	1	0	0	1	0	1
St. Lucie County SO	48	42	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Sumter County SO	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Volusia County SO	63	8	15	1	16	0	2	0	0	21
Walton County SO	1087	0	1008	0	3	0	2	1	0	73
Grand Total:	5016	529	3439	66	94	19	31	15	21	812

Florida Sheriffs Task Force - Operation Dry Spring - Cumulative Totals (March 4 - April 7)

Reporting Agency	Additional Charges for Persons Arrested					Related Seizures									Business Checks		
	Felony Probable Cause	Felony Warrant	Misd. Probable Cause	Misd. Warrant	Other Charges	Marijuana Seized (grams)	Cocaine Seized (grams)	Heroin Seized (grams)	Synthetic Narcotics Seized (grams)	Meth Seized (grams)	Prescription Pills Seized	Bath Salts Seized	All other Unspeci-fied Narcotics Seized	Drug Para Seized	Sale of Alcohol to Minors	Sale of Tobacco Products to Minors	Sale of Synthetic Drugs/ Sub.
Alachua County SO	0	0	9	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	0
Baker County SO	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Bay County SO	15	0	32	0	0	30	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	12	0	0	
Brevard County SO	15	1	13	0	0	25	2	0	0	0	18	0	0	26	66	5	4
Charlotte County SO	0	0	3	0	0	33	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	4	52	52	0
Clay County SO	0	0	5	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	177	5	9
Collier County SO	1	0	14	0	0	44.71	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	7	43	0	0
Escambia County SO	9	1	7	2	0	170	2	0	9300	0	8	0	0	8	0	0	1
Flagler County SO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	0
Hernando County SO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	19
Highlands County SO	2	0	7	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Hillsborough County SO	16	1	44	0	0	3654	89	0	0	40	4	0	1	16	643	35	20
Indian River CO SO	0	0	5	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Jacksonville SO	8	0	32	0	0	587	2	0	2	0	6	0	0	4	77	30	10
Lake County SO	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	19
Lee County SO	4	0	10	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	12	0	0
Manatee County SO	1	0	57	1	0	39	0	0	18	0	8	0	0	0	107	114	4
Marion County SO	1	0	25	0	0	7	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	3	21	53	0
Martin County SO	0	0	12	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	107	31	0
Miami-Dade PD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Nassau County SO	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	60	69	114
Okaloosa County SO	12	23	49	20	0	202	0	0	4	0	8	0	3	25	41	2	0
Okeechobee County SO	3	0	4	4	0	18.5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	9	0	1
Orange County SO	4	4	5	0	0	96	0	0	195	0	0	0	0	26	133	41	0
Osceola County SO	2	2	21	2	0	22	0	0	3202	0	2	0	0	4	59	57	36
Palm Beach County SO	10	0	8	3	0	127	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	158	61	0
Pasco County SO	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	161	18	49
Pinellas County SO	30	7	16	15	0	36	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	13	0	0	0
Polk County SO	8	1	26	20	0	10.9	2.1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	264	0	5
Santa Rosa County SO	12	6	15	3	0	78	1	0	0	0	18	0	0	10	54	0	0
Sarasota County SO	1	0	15	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	75	0	0
Seminole County SO	0	0	1	0	0	5.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	47	0	10
St. Johns County SO	0	0	13	0	0	11.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	32	2
St. Lucie County SO	0	0	45	0	0	1	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	3	157	91	68
Sumter County SO	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	0	3
Volusia County SO	1	0	3	0	0	9	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	8	163	62	0
Walton County SO	9	0	60	5	22	142	4	1	6	0	0	0	1	19	5	0	0
Grand Total:	165	46	564	101	25	5530.21	103.1	1	12913	41	83	0	5	220	3034	758	381