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News Release

Volusia County Adult Drug Court to celebrate 10 years with graduation July 17

Daytona Beach – The Volusia County Adult Drug Court program will celebrate its 10th anniversary Tuesday, July 17, by graduating 22 participants during a 10 a.m. ceremony at the News-Journal Center, 221 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach.

The program is open to the public, and former team members and participants, previous graduates and stakeholders are encouraged to attend. Volusia County Councilman Jack Hayman will address the graduating class, which will also include two participants from the Volusia County Juvenile Dependency Drug Court program.

"So much of the criminal activity in the courts system is drug-related, and so many people are touched by substance abuse," said Circuit Judge Joseph G. Will. "Drug court keeps these folks out of our jails and prisons while giving them much-needed substance abuse treatment. Using a team approach, we teach people how to live drug-free lives and give them the tools they need to become productive members of our community."

Drug court is a multi-phased program that offers substance abuse treatment as an alternative to incarceration. Participants agree to terms that include random drug tests, frequent court appearances and counseling. They are also encouraged to seek educational opportunities and/or employment. Upon successful completion of the program, many participants have their criminal charges dropped.

The Volusia County Adult Drug Court is one of more than 1,900 drug courts throughout the country. The Seventh Judicial Circuit operates six adult, juvenile and dependency drug court programs in Volusia, Flagler, Putnam and St. Johns counties.

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