



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Sergeant Donna Black  
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**Re:** Gas Price Tracker

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Hernando County Sheriff's Office has added a "Gas Price Tracker" application to its arsenal of cost saving measures. Deputies will now be able to use their in car computers to document, as well as locate, the lowest gas prices in their assigned patrol areas. The web based application provides a quick, easy way for personnel to locate "level three" gas stations with the lowest fuel prices in the area they patrol.

The concept is similar to other programs used by the public to find the lowest gas prices in a particular area. Deputies can enter the pump price for the stations in their area in a few seconds. The information can then be searched later by geographical area when another deputy needs to fuel up. Deputies are already using the program, which was implemented the first part of this week.

A screen shot of the program can be found at the end of this release.

The Information Technology Section is given a lot of credit for making an easy to use application in a very short period of time. The cost to maintain the program will be close to zero. This is one cost saving measures developed as a result of Sheriff Nienhuis' challenge to save money.

**Sheriff Al Nienhuis stated “This will allow my deputies to be able to find the lowest fuel prices in their area in a matter of a few seconds. As you can see by the data collected already, there can be a \$.10 a gallon difference from station to station. Using these savings, we can, in even this small way, be better stewards of the tax dollars our citizens have given us to help keep them safe. This program alone will not solve our budget issues, but if we have every member of the Sheriff’s Office thinking about saving money, this concept may spread to other areas and add up to significant savings.”**

**Background:**

**Prior to 2008, deputies were required to fill their tanks at the main sheriff’s office, located in Brooksville. The gas at this location is obtained at wholesale prices.**

**Since 2008 the Hernando County Sheriff Office has utilized Comdata gas cards. These cards are valid at “level three” stations. These particular cards and the associated stations, allow deputies who work in the outlying areas of the county to gas up, while still capturing data such as car number and mileage. This data is important in making sure that costs can be accurately allocated to the appropriate vehicle. Even though the appropriate taxes are removed before the Sheriff’s Office is billed, the price is slightly higher (about \$.05 - \$.15 a gallon) than the wholesale price paid by the Sheriff’s Office for its own pumps.**

**Why not have the deputies gas up at the main Sheriff’s Office in the center of the county, where gas is obtained at wholesale prices?**

**Although we encourage deputies to fill up at the Sheriff’s Office, if they are going to be at the office for other business, having them gas up in or near their patrol zones saves both gas and patrol time. If a deputy’s zone is 20 miles from the office, the round trip would use at least \$6.00 in gas alone, not to mention the hour or so it takes the deputy out of his or her assigned area. The slightly higher prices are definitely offset by these savings.**

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### Gas Station Data For D2

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StationID	StationDescription	StationAddress	ObservedDate	LatestPrice	New Price?
8	AMOCO OIL 02668887	1156 MARINER BLVD	3/22/2011 12:45:29 AM	\$3.47	<a href="#">Click</a>
10	AMOCO OIL 06919682	13075 SPRINGHILL DR	3/22/2011 12:36:05 AM	\$3.55	<a href="#">Click</a>
14	AMOCO OIL 06969Q09	14314 SPRINGHILL DR	3/22/2011 12:32:25 AM	\$3.59	<a href="#">Click</a>
11	AMOCO OIL 08221608	1394 COMMERCIAL WA	3/22/2011 1:14:03 AM	\$3.49	<a href="#">Click</a>
20	CHEVRON 0046941	6062 SPRING HILL DR	3/22/2011 1:10:42 AM	\$3.49	<a href="#">Click</a>
15	CHEVRON 0204983	2109 COMMERCIAL WAY	3/22/2011 1:16:04 AM	\$3.45	<a href="#">Click</a>
9	CHEVRON 0308805	13045 SPRING HILL DRIVE	3/22/2011 12:37:12 AM	\$3.53	<a href="#">Click</a>
13	EXXONMOBIL 97386Q19	14311 SPRING HILL DRIVE	3/22/2011 12:30:38 AM	\$3.53	<a href="#">Click</a>
18	EXXONMOBIL59 01307Q19	4275 MARINER BLVD	3/23/2011 1:21:36 AM	\$3.46	<a href="#">Click</a>
6	HESS	100 MARINER BLVD	3/22/2011 12:43:57 AM	\$3.47	<a href="#">Click</a>
17	HESS 09407	4159 MARINER BLVD	3/23/2011 1:22:46 AM	\$3.47	<a href="#">Click</a>
16	HESS 09408 Q38	3495 DELTONA BLVD	3/22/2011 11:46:03 PM	\$3.47	<a href="#">Click</a>
19	HESS 09409	4707 COMMERCIAL WAY	3/22/2011 1:21:20 AM	\$3.47	<a href="#">Click</a>
23	PRIME TIME FD STR #Q39	7387 SHOAL LINE BLVD			<a href="#">Click</a>
24	RACETRAC109 00001Q02	9410 CORTEZ BLVD	3/22/2011 9:38:02 PM	\$3.44	<a href="#">Click</a>
7	SHELL OIL 57542517206	11091 SPRINGHILL DR	3/22/2011 4:28:02 PM	\$3.48	<a href="#">Click</a>
21	SHELL OIL 57542517404	6227 DELTONA BLVD	3/22/2011 11:47:59 PM	\$3.45	<a href="#">Click</a>
12	SHELL OIL 57543206700	14195 ELGIN BLVD	3/22/2011 12:27:00 AM	\$3.43	<a href="#">Click</a>
22	SUNOCO SVC STATION	7170 BARCLAY AVE	3/22/2011 5:56:27 PM	\$3.43	<a href="#">Click</a>