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Media Release

From: Hernando County Sheriff's Office
Re: Gold Shield Foundation-Texas Road House Fund Raiser
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On April 11, 2011, the Texas Road House located at 12935 Cortez Boulevard, Brookville, along with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office and local firefighters, will come together to raise money and awareness for the Gold Shield Foundation. From opening to closing this day, ten percent of everything ordered in the restaurant will be donated to the foundation.

The Gold Shield Foundation, Inc. was founded in Hillsborough County in 1981 after two firefighters and a police officer were killed in the line of duty. The death of these heroes gained the attention of the late George M. Steinbrenner, the principal owner of the New York Yankees. George Steinbrenner started the Gold Shield Foundation to assure that surviving spouses receive some immediate financial assistance, as well as long term educational opportunities for the children of the fallen heroes. Today the Gold Shield Foundation, Inc. currently covers seven central Florida Counties to include Hillsborough, Pinellas, Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Polk and Marion. Our local representatives here in Hernando County are Mr. Gary Schraut and Mr. Morris Porton, who each volunteers endless time and effort to the Gold Shield Foundation on behalf of our local law enforcement officers.

The recent deaths of three St. Petersburg officers are a grim reminder of the fatal statistics of this sometimes hazardous career. Since January 1st, 51 law enforcement officers and 25 fire fighters have lost their lives in the line of duty within the United States. These incredible men and women who stare into the face of danger every day have taken an oath to protect and serve, even if it costs them the ultimate price. It is important for someone to be there to show their support and to help care for the needs of these families when tragedy strikes.

Sheriff Nienhuis and family will be at the event that evening. He urges all the community to "please come show your support by bringing your families, friends and appetite for this incredible cause."