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Re: Hernando County Sheriff's Office Aces Surprise FDLE Audit

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Hernando County Sheriff's Office Aces Surprise FDLE Audit Firearms Qualification Records for All Sworn Deputies Were Examined

On 06-28-2011 the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) conducted an unannounced audit of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Training Unit. After the audit, it was evident the Hernando County Sheriff's Office has kept current with the rigorous training requirements established by FDLE. "It is our responsibility to keep the sworn deputies up-to-date with the FDLE required qualifications," said Training Instructor, Deputy Steve Klapka.

It is not uncommon for the training unit to have each one of the 243 sworn deputies qualified six months prior to the deputy's firearms expiration date. The training unit is tasked everyday with providing the best instruction utilizing the most current technology available. The key to training is repetition. Repetition reinforces a trained reaction so deputies react in the most appropriate manner when faced with a stressful situation.

Providing instruction "second to none" creates a safer environment for our citizens, as well as our deputies. Donna Suereth, a Field Specialist with the FDLE, conducted the audit at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, which is one of several agencies she is required to audit. "The main purpose of our audit is to make sure law enforcement agencies are in compliance with the Florida Administration Code for firearms qualification, and the Hernando County Sheriff's Office is in compliance" said Donna Suereth.

"We need to give credit where credit is due. Our training unit provides professional training and carefully documents each deputy's proficiency, which is a critical task in today's law enforcement environment" said Sheriff Al Nienhuis.