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MEDIA RELEASE

**FROM: LIEUTENANT CINDA MOORE
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RE: HERNANDO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CITIZENS ACADEMY

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There are openings available for the **afternoon** and **evening** sessions of the next Hernando County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy. The academy will begin on Thursday, September 29th and will be held each Thursday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., with the final class on November 3, 2011.

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office Citizen's Academy gives citizens an insider's view of the Sheriff's Office and the criminal justice system. Throughout the six week course, citizens will observe demonstrations by K9 handlers, receive tours of the Sheriff's Office, and learn exciting facts about Forensics, Uniform Patrol, Traffic Unit, Administration, Investigations, Vice & Narcotics, Communications/911, Aviation & Marine Units, Mounted Patrol, and Legal Issues and Perspectives.

Graduates of this course will have the option of riding along with a patrol deputy; observe in the Communications Center, and/or tour the jail. The Citizens Academy classes are **FREE** and they are offered to adults 18 years of age or older.

Interested individuals may go to our public web site at www.hernadosheriff.org and navigate to "Citizen's Academy" under the "Programs" menu on the left side. The on-line application will be there so that citizen's can sign up for the classes that begin September 29th and end November 3rd. Once the application has been processed you will be notified of your acceptance in the class. Any other questions please call Barbara Renfroe at 352-754-6830, ext 53678.