



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Media Release

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Re: Propane Explosion Severely Injures Brooksville Woman

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On 07-19-18 just after 6 a.m., deputies, along with Brooksville Fire Rescue, responded to a report of a woman found lying on the ground with severe burns, following an explosion at the Clover Leaf Farms mobile home park in Brooksville.

The woman, who has been identified as **Connie Christy, W/F DOB/12-10-1948**, was treated by first responders at the scene. She was then transported by medical helicopter to an area trauma center for additional treatment.

Christy is currently listed in **Critical, but Stable Condition**.

The State Fire Marshal's Office is currently on scene to investigate the cause of the explosion.

The State Fire Marshal's preliminary investigation indicates the incident appears to be accidental in nature and that no foul play or arson is suspected at this time.

No additional details are available at this time.

The Office of Sheriff:

The Office of the Sheriff is established by the Florida Constitution. As a constitutional officer, the Sheriff has the exclusive authority to administer his or her agency and is responsible for preserving the peace throughout the entire county, carrying out the laws of the state, the orders of Florida courts, and the ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement and correctional officer of the county.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, and remains accountable to them.