

- SHERIFF

## Media Release

## **Denise M. Moloney** From: Community/Media Relations Manager, 352-797-3609 Re: Withlacoochee River at Trilby

Date: September 2, 2016

Citizens on the east side of Hernando County are asked to please take note of the following information:

- The Withlacoochee River at Trilby is rising due to excessive rainfall from Hurricane Hermine.
- The river is currently approaching 5 feet, but is expected to reach 9.1 feet by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 09-07-16.
- Action stage for the river is 10.5 feet.
- Flooding typically begins at about 12 feet.
- Residents in Lacoochee, Talisman Estates, Riverdale, and River Height Estates should monitor river levels over the next several days and be prepared to act, if necessary.

## 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.