



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Sheriff's Explorer Program Receives Grant from NRA Foundation

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Sheriff Al Nienhuis is pleased to announce that the Hernando County Sheriff's Explorer Post #409 received a grant from the NRA Foundation.

Earlier this year, members from our Fiscal Department worked closely with Explorer Advisors to apply for the grant. If awarded, the grant would enable the Explorers to train and to purchase equipment to use in competitions.

The grant request was awarded to Explorer Post #409. The grant consisted of both monies and equipment. The money was utilized to purchase training manuals and the equipment (Air Guns, Pellet Ammunition for Air Guns, Targets, Safety Goggles, and Hearing Protection).

Sheriff Al Nienhuis, Explorer Post #409, and the men and women of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the NRA Foundation for their contribution to the training needs of these young people who have goals of one day becoming law enforcement officers.

#### **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.