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Media Release

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Re: HCSO Hosts Active Shooter Training at National Guard Armory

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The Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office and Florida National Guard, provided Law Enforcement Active Shooter Emergency Response training this week at the National Guard Armory in Brooksville.

Law enforcement officers from the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, Citrus County Sheriff's Office, Pasco Sheriff's Office, and Brooksville Police Department participated in the training.

The training focused on the technical aspects of planning and implementing a rapid law enforcement deployment to an active shooter incident. The Train-the-Trainer course was designed so participants can take what they learn back to their respective agencies to teach other law enforcement officer what they have learned.

The three-day training exercise featured classroom presentations, hands-on performance-based field training, and scenario-based practical exercises.

Department of Homeland Security grant funds were used to pay for the training. Staff Sgt. Steven Villa facilitated the use of the armory for the training.

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.