



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** 2017 Florida Law Enforcement Challenge

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Sheriff Al Nienhuis is pleased to report the Hernando County Sheriff's Office recently took third place at the 2017 Florida Law Enforcement Challenge among agencies of similar size throughout Florida.

Law enforcement officers from across the state attended the 2017 Florida Law Enforcement Challenge awards ceremony held at the Hilton Bonnet Creek in Orlando on July 7, 2017. Hosted by the Florida Department of Transportation, hundreds of representatives from various law enforcement agencies attend this annual event to be recognized for their efforts. This year's event utilized data generated in 2016 from agencies participating in the Florida Motor Unit Challenge, Florida DUI Challenge, Florida Click It or Ticket Challenge, and other Florida Law Enforcement Challenge programs.

The intent of the program is to reduce traffic crashes, and make our roadways safer, while acknowledging those agencies that are effectively modifying unsafe driving behaviors throughout the state. This major accomplishment further demonstrates the commitment the Hernando County Sheriff's Office has to our community and to the safety of motorists on the county's roadways.

#### **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.