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Media Release

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Re: Residents Urged to Evacuate as Flooding Threatens

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This morning, Hernando County deputies (HCSO), firefighters from Hernando County Fire/Rescue (HCFR), and officers from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will be going door-to-door in flood-prone areas urging residents to evacuate.

These areas include, but are not limited, to: Talisman Estates, Riverdale, and other areas of concern along the river.

These areas, already prone to flooding, are expected to see record-high flood levels from the Withlacoochee River.

Flood levels at Trilby are expected to reach 17-feet by Monday morning (09-18-17) and possibly exceed that later in the week. Flood levels at Croom are expected to rise to 10.8-feet by Monday morning, and again, exceed that later in the week.

Teams of individuals comprised of personnel from HCSO, HCFR, and FWC will assist residents in evacuating their homes if needed.

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.