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Media Release

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Re: National Night Out – 2017

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Please join Sheriff Al Nienhuis and the men and women of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office on Saturday, October 7, 2017, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Target store located at 3101 Aerial Way in Spring Hill for **National Night Out**.

This is our fifth year partnering with Target at this location.

There will be food, drinks, entertainment, games and much more, and everything is FREE. It's an exciting night of fun for the entire family!

Last year the event was a huge success, with over 12,000 guests in attendance!

National Night Out is part of the National Association of Town Watch (1981).

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office has partnered with more than 100 local businesses and groups to bring this event to Hernando County. As always, the event will include static displays from the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, Hernando County Fire Rescue, Florida Highway Patrol, as well as numerous other agencies within Hernando County.

Some of the demonstrations that you can expect to see will include a fire safety smoke house, the "Jaws of Life," and the roll over simulator from the Florida Highway Patrol. This simulator shows the importance of safety belt use.

Back this year, by popular demand, are the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Aviation and K-9 Units. Our K-9 teams will be providing demonstrations throughout the evening.

There will be numerous activities for children, including bounce houses, face painting, etc.

Live music will be provided by WWJB. There will be free snacks and beverages from big name restaurants, and much more. We hope to see you there!

Sheriff Nienhuis would like to thank several key businesses for their contribution and time to help make this community event a success. Our local Target was instrumental with planning the event as well as providing the location. Target is also a nationwide sponsor of National Night Out.

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.