Media Release

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Re: Morris Porton Promoted to Lieutenant Over Auxiliary and Reserve Deputies

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On 06-02-14, Sheriff Al Nienhuis promoted Corporal Morris Porton to the rank of Lieutenant in the Reserve Unit of the Hernando County Sheriff’s Office.

Lieutenant Porton has served the citizens of Hernando County as an Reserve Deputy, a volunteer position, since being appointed by Sheriff Melvin Kelly on 11-09-82.

Lieutenant Porton completed the Law Enforcement Auxiliary Academy at Pasco Hernando Community College (PHCC) in 1982 and then went on to complete the Basic Law Enforcement Recruit Academy at PHCC in 1988. He became a Reserve Deputy in 1988 and began the Field Training Program at that time.

On 09-21-06, Lieutenant Porton was promoted to the rank of Corporal in the Auxiliary Unit of the Hernando County Sheriff’s Office, where he has continued to volunteer his time for the last 31 plus years.

In addition to volunteering to keep the citizens of Hernando County safe, Mr. Porton has been a prominent businessman in the Tampa Bay area. He started his banking career with the First National Bank of Tampa in 1967, transferring to First National Bank of Brooksville in 1972.

Mr. Porton spent the rest of his banking career in Hernando County. In May of 2007, Mr. Porton opened the Florida Traditions Bank as the Senior Vice President, Hernando County Executive. He remained there until retiring on March 31, 2014. Mr. Porton still works a few hours a week at the bank in a Public Relations capacity.

Lieutenant Porton is happily married to his wife Pauline. They have three daughters, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson.
Sheriff Al Nienhuis and the men and women at the Hernando County Sheriff’s Office would like to thank Lieutenant Morris Porton for the countless hours that he has volunteered over the years to help keep Hernando County a safer place to live, work and play.

Congratulations Lieutenant Porton!