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Media Release

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Re: School Safety - SROs in All Public Schools

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As a reminder, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, working closely with the Hernando County School District and the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners, facilitated **the implementation of one full-time, permanent School Resource Deputy on every public school campus on 03-01-18.**

Sheriff Al Nienhuis and local government officials, working as a team, felt strongly and acted quickly to implement this plan, even before the Florida Legislature and Governor Rick Scott mandated the initiative.

Additionally, there will be an increased law enforcement presence at all public schools and in all school zones as we near the end of the school year.

The safety and security of our most vulnerable citizens is, and will always be, a top priority.

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.