



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Media Release

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Re: HCSO Civilian Mounted Unit Accepting Applications

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Are you an experienced equestrian? Do you have a horse? Do you have spare time that you would like to use by serving your community? How would you like to become a member of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Civilian Mounted Unit?

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is holding an information session for anyone who is interested in learning more about this fun and rewarding opportunity. The session will be held at the **HCSO Main Training Room, 18900 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL on Friday, June 15, 2018, at 6 p.m.**

Members from the Civilian Mounted Unit will be on hand to explain what the unit does and what the roles and responsibilities of the members (volunteers) are.

Once volunteers are selected, a more intensive training program will commence with members of the Civilian Mounted Unit.

Just a reminder, this is an informative meeting only; please leave horses at home.

The Civilian Mounted Unit provides assistance to the agency in many ways, including search and rescue and by attending community events.

Prerequisites:

- Experienced equestrian (18 years of age or older)
- Provide your own horse
 - 14 Hands
 - No Stallions
 - No breed preference
 - Calm demeanor with people and animals

- Provide your own reliable transportation and horse trailer
- Spare time to serve your community.

Recruitment Process:

- Attend informational meeting
- Complete HCSO volunteer application
- Background check
- Interview
- Riding evaluation.

Please direct inquiries to one of the following:

Deputy Bob Cloversettle – GCloversettle@hernandosheriff.org – 352-754-6830

Paula Carrington – paula13366@gmail.com – 352-279-3917

Debbie Shaughnessy – whfsouth@yahoo.com – 352-232-0446.

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.