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Media Release

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Re: Three HCSO K-9 Teams Certified by FDLE

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On 09-26-18, three of the HCSO K-9 teams traveled to Clearwater, Florida to complete their yearly FDLE certification.

During this yearly certification, each canine/handler team is evaluated on building searches, area searches, obedience, and apprehension. All three teams passed all areas of evaluation “with flying colors.”

The K-9 teams that were certified are as follows:

- Corporal Stephen Miller (K-9 Unit Supervisor) and K-9 Justice
- Deputy Jeff Andrews and K-9 Valor
- Deputy Greg Locke and K-9 Argo.

The two remaining K-9 teams, Deputy Jason Jernigan and K-9 Maxx and Deputy Jonathan Weeks and K-9 Meck, both received certification when they attended K-9 Patrol School earlier this year.

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.