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Re: School Resource Deputy Saves Choking Student at Central High School

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On 09-20-19 at 11:40 a.m., Deputy Glen Hickey, a School Resource Officer at Central High School, was notified of a 16-year-old student who was choking in a nearby classroom.

When Deputy Hickey arrived, he found the student sitting in a desk being tended to by the school nurse and a teacher.

Hickey observed the student struggling to breathe and starting to lose color in the face.

The teacher advised the student was possibly choking on a piece of chocolate.

With the student unable to respond to questions, Deputy Hickey quickly picked up the student from the desk and began performing the Heimlich maneuver.

After performing a few thrusts, the teacher advised something had come out of the student's mouth.

Deputy Hickey advised the student began to breathe more freely and the color had returned to the face.

Paramedics arrived a short time later and transported the student to nearby hospital for further treatment. The student is expected to make a full recovery.

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, ran unopposed in 2016, and remains accountable to them.