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Re: Detention Sergeant Earns Dietary Manager and Food Protection Professional Certifications

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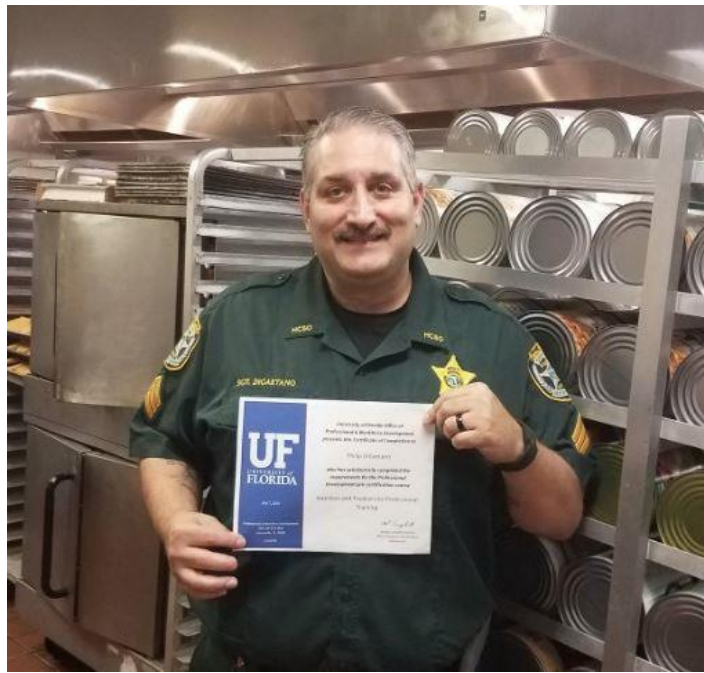
Sgt. Philip DiGaetano, who oversees Hernando County Sheriff's Office Food Service, recently completed the process for becoming a Certified Dietary Manager (CDM) and a Certified Food Protection Professional (CFPP).

Sgt. DiGaetano began the coursework for the University of Florida CDM/CFPP program in July 2018. The program is scheduled for 15 months, however, he completed the program in only 12 months. On Oct. 1, Sgt. DiGaetano passed the CDM/CFPP state certification exam.

According to the Association of Nutrition & Food Service, "A Certified Dietary Manager, Certified Food Protection Professional has the education, training, and experience to competently perform the responsibilities of a dietary manager and has proven this by passing the nationally-recognized CDM Credentialing Exam and fulfilling the requirements needed to maintain certified status. CDM, CFPPs are experts at managing foodservice operations and ensuring food safety. They are responsible for implementation of menus, foodservice purchasing, and food preparation. They apply nutrition principles, document nutrition information, manage work teams, and much more."

These certifications will enhance Sgt. DiGaetano's ability to lead and manage the Food Service Section at the Hernando County Detention Center.

"The Hernando County Detention Center's Food Service Section produces over 700,000 meals a year to the inmate population," said Captain Shaun Klucznik, who helps oversee daily operations the detention center. "The lack of quality food is one of the primary reasons inmate riot in jails and prisons. Sgt. DiGaetano's commitment to developing himself as a food service professional and ensuring the Food Service Section is operating at the highest of standards helps to ensure the safety and security of the Hernando County Detention Center."



Sgt. Philip DiGaetano

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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.