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## Media Release

From:	Denise M. Moloney Community/Media Relations Manager, 352-797-3609
Re:	Night Out with First Responders 2020 - Cancelled Due to Pandemic
Date:	August 4, 2020

In an abundance of caution, Sheriff Al Nienhuis has made the decision to cancel this year's Night Out with First Responders.

With the event attracting more than 12,000 people, it would not be in the best interests of our citizens to hold it during the pandemic.

Our hope is to bring the event back in the Spring of 2021. Please keep an eye on our social media platforms for updates.

## 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.