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Media Release

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Re: All HCSO K-9 Teams Certified by FDLE

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On 09-23-20, all five of the HCSO K-9 teams traveled to Pinellas County to complete their yearly FDLE certification.

During this yearly certification, each canine and handler team is evaluated on building searches, area searches, obedience, and apprehension. All five teams passed all areas of evaluation.

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

- Corporal Stephen Miller (K-9 Unit Supervisor) and K-9 Justice
- Deputy Jason Jernigan and K-9 Maxx
- Deputy Jeff Andrews and K-9 Chase
- Deputy Greg Locke and K-9 Argo
- Deputy Johnathan Weeks and K-9 Meck.

Please join us in congratulating these deputies and their fearless canine partners! Their dedication to hard work and training not only keeps our deputies and citizens safe, it makes certification days a breeze.

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 was re-elected in 2020. Sheriff Nienhuis remains accountable to the people of Hernando County.