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Media Release

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Re: HCSO Sergeant Selected to Serve on Association of Nutrition & Foodservice Professionals Program Committee

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Sgt. Philip Di Gaetano, Food Service/Maintenance Operations Supervisor at the Hernando County Detention Center, was recently selected to serve on the Association of Nutrition & Foodservice Professionals Program Review Committee.

The Association of Nutrition & Foodservice Professionals (ANFP) is a national not-for-profit association established in 1960 that today has more than 15,000 professionals dedicated to the practice of providing optimum nutritional care through foodservice management.

ANFP members work in hospitals, long-term care, schools, correctional facilities, and other non-commercial foodservice settings.

Sgt. Di Gaetano, who is dual certified as a dietary manager and food protection professional, was selected by the board of directors to serve on the committee along with five other food service professionals from across the United States.

Sgt. Di Gaetano, who is the only correctional professional on the committee, was awarded a three-year term that begins on June 1, 2022.

The Program Review Committee, which is comprised of 16 members, is responsible for reviewing and approving 5-year renewals for the Nutrition & Foodservice Professional Training Program using ANFP requirements. The committee reviews applications for those organizations applying to become members of the ANFP Nutrition & Foodservice Professional Training Program.

Committee members at a minimum must help perform three reviews per year.

The association also provides foodservice reference, publications and resources, employment services for members, continuing education and professional development, and certification programs. The ANFP monitors industry trends and legislative issues, and publishes one of the industry's most respected magazines.

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.