



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** Hernando County Detention Center Medical Unit and Kitchen Pass Health  
Department Inspections

**Date:** April 18, 2022

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Sheriff Al Nienhuis is pleased to report that with continued diligence and commitment to maintaining the highest standards both the Medical Unit and the Kitchen at the Hernando County Detention Center passed the Health Department inspections on 04-08-2022.

Both inspections were completed on the spot without any prior notice.

For the Medical Unit, zero violations were noted during a routine Biomedical Waste Generator Transporter Storage Treatment inspection. This inspection occurs randomly throughout the year. The previous inspection was completed on 12-02-2020, which also found zero violations.

For the Kitchen, inspectors checked 57 specific categories to include: Employee Health, Good Hygienic Practices, Approved Procedures, Protection from Contamination, Proper Use of Utensils, and Food Temperature Control. Zero violations were noted during the unannounced inspection. The unannounced inspection occur three times per year. The previous inspection was completed on 11-01-21, which also found zero violations.

#### **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.