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Media Release

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Re: Sheriff and Charter Schools Collaborate to Provide Full-Time SROs

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The Hernando County Sheriff's Office, working in collaboration with each of the three charter schools in Hernando County, have facilitated the implementation of one full-time, permanent School Resource Deputy on each campus, beginning today.

As a reminder, Sheriff Al Nienhuis, the Hernando County School District, and the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners worked closely in early 2018 to place a full time School Resource Deputy on every public school campus, even before the initiative was mandated.

The charter schools are as follows:

- BEST Academy School Street/Brooksville
- Gulf Coast Academy of Science and Technology Tillery Road/Spring Hill
- Gulf Coast Middle School Deborah Drive/Spring Hill.

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, and remains accountable to them.