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Media Advisory

On Saturday, August 16th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. deputies with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office will be giving out over 100 backpacks stuffed with school supplies to school aged children in the Holly Heights area. Holly Heights is a low income housing complex that traditionally has a higher than average crime rate. This is part of our ongoing Community Oriented Policing effort aimed at developing a partnership with the communities we serve and improving relationships. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served by the deputies to all in attendance. Deputies with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office and teachers from Terwilliger Elementary will be reading books to the younger children. Several thousand dollars in donated merchandise and cash were provided to make this event possible. The donors included employees from the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Barnes and Nobles, the Holly Heights Neighborhood, the Linton Oaks Neighborhood, and Wal-Mart. McGruff the Crime Dog will also be at the event. Members of the media are welcome to attend. The media point of contact will be Public Information Officer Art Forgey. He can be reached at (352) 538-0861.