



News Release

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Media Advisory – ACSO repeats as champs in LifeSouth's *Guns and Hoses* blood drive challenge

Sheriff Sadie Darnell is proud to announce that the Alachua County Sheriff's Office is the winner of LifeSouth's annual *Guns and Hoses* Public Safety Challenge. ACSO took the award for most donations, with 53 donors, while the Gainesville Police Department came in second place with 26 donors. Levy County Fire Rescue took the award for highest percentage of honors with 60 percent of their staff donating during the drive.

This year's award was the second straight for the Alachua County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Darnell credits the agency's success to ACSO's blood drive co-captains Kristen Allfrey and Sandi Hayes who organize not only June's *Guns and Hoses* blood drive but each of the agency's quarterly blood drives as well. According to Sheriff Darnell, "They know first-hand the importance of these events. I'd like to personally thank the other law enforcement and public safety agencies who participated in my challenge. Giving blood saves lives, and that's what our work is all about."

An award presentation will be held in the Patrol Squad Room at the Alachua County Sheriff's Office at 2621 SE Hawthorne Road, Gainesville, at 11:00 a.m., on Friday, July 30th. Media are encouraged to attend. For questions about this release, please contact Public Information Officer Art Forgey at 352-367-4045.