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Sheriff's Office Completes Training Facility

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN –The Putnam County Sheriff's Office has completed initial work on the much-anticipated training facility! The training facility, located south of I-40 off of South Fork Road, is the next logical step for the Office's enhancement of professionalism and adherence to current law enforcement practices. Additional expansion phases will be completed over the course of the next couple years.

Sheriff Eddie Farris spoke of the importance of continuous training and providing adequate resources for the safety and security of the county and its protectors.

“Since being elected as your Sheriff, I have made it a priority to improve the training, education and professionalism of our Sheriff's Office. Law enforcement faces many new challenges today, and the Sheriff's Office runs a variety of training scenarios to prepare our Deputies to safely and successfully meet those challenges.”

The county's population has increased by 40% over the past several decades and the need for continual growth of the Sheriff's Office further necessitates the need to have standardized and coordinated local training. Many law enforcement agencies use their own equipment and training facilities to conduct uninterrupted training schedules and alleviate costs. With the new training facility, the Sheriff's Office will deter the costs and scheduling limitations associated with using other agencies' resources and instead concentrate on collaboration with nationally recognized trainers and other law enforcement agencies within the Upper Cumberland region. Mandatory and ad-hoc training to include various law enforcement certifications that help support the office's accreditation will be part of the new training agenda. Training has already begun at the facility, and, as always, remains ongoing.

The Putnam County Commission allocated land for the facility in 2015, and much of the equipment and resources were derived from assets acquired through the LESO 1033 program and drug seizures. The Sheriff's Office was able to manufacture this facility at no cost to taxpayers. The Putnam County Sheriff's Office will host an open house in early spring for the public to view and explore the new facility.

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