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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **PCSO Pioneers New Tactical SRO Training**

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN (May 1, 2019): the Putnam County Sheriff's Office is raising the bar for training standards in Tennessee by tactically training school resource officers in active shooter response. The five day intense training is the creation of Deputy David Harding a PCSO Deputy and leader of PCSO's SWAT Team who has spent 15 years in the military and was deployed on over 300 combat missions in Iraq. A few examples of the topics and scenarios completed are: drawing fire away from intended targets, choosing advantageous cover, engaging the assailant until help arrives and maneuvers to effectively and swiftly take down the threat. Deputy Harding ran the exercises and was assisted by PCSO Trainers Lieutenants Rick Baker, Fred Parker, David Dillon and Eric Hall.

Sheriff Eddie Farris still emphasizes the importance of relationships and partnerships within the education and law enforcement communities. These supplemental training exercises are an additional security measure to protect the county's greatest resource...its children.

"We consider the safety of Putnam County's children and youth to be of the utmost importance. This is a school and community issue. We are in constant communication with county leadership, public safety officials across various disciplines and the school system," said Sheriff Eddie Farris. "While I cannot stress enough the importance of these relationships in preventing an occurrence, there is a time in which law enforcement must act. We want to ensure that our SROs are as mentally prepared and physically trained for these situations as they are in the proactive responses."

The sheriff's office prepares for a variety of circumstances by giving deputies the most advanced up-to-date training to keep them safe and successful.

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