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### **Pasco Sheriff's Office receives new laptops for patrol**

**NEW PORT RICHEY** -- Pasco Sheriff Bob White announced that new laptop computers purchased with \$420,000 from Penny for Pasco revenue allocated by the county commission last May, are being installed in 300 sheriff's deputy patrol cars beginning this week.

The new laptops feature up-to-date technology, including wireless communications to run many public safety software applications. Deputies will be capable of responding to citizen calls for service via computer aided dispatching and will have several other programs that will increase their efficiency, such as field reporting, records management, ticketing, GPS location tracking, citizen background checks and vehicle/license inquiry.

A semi-rugged design, necessary for the Florida mobile environment is a feature of the new laptops. They comply with military standards for drop, vibration, dust, humidity, and temperature, all of which are concerns during a 12-hour shift in a patrol car. The laptops are also constructed with "green" technology using no heavy metals. They also incorporate recycled plastics and feature a low power consumption design.

The new laptops replace aging machines that were last purchased in 2004 and have been in service well beyond their expected life span. Some of these old laptops are still serviceable and will be reused in other areas in the agency.