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**Seminole County Sheriff's Office Expands Professional Opportunities,
Welcoming Young Talent as Detention Deputies**

Seminole Co. Fla., (November 16, 2023) – - The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is excited to announce a fundamental change in its hiring policy, now opening doors for qualified candidates as young as 18 years old to join the organization as Detention Deputies at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility, including the opportunity to become certified through the organization's sponsorship program, once reserved exclusively for candidates with college degrees.

Recognizing the importance of engaging the younger generation in public service, this strategic decision aims to foster a diverse and dynamic team that brings fresh perspectives and a passion to serve others within the criminal justice profession. By allowing individuals at the age of 18 to embark on a career as a Detention Deputy, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing opportunities for passionate and dedicated individuals to make a positive impact on the lives of those within the criminal justice system.

Sheriff Dennis Lemma stated, "We believe in the potential of the younger generation to contribute meaningfully to public service. Opening up opportunities for 18-year-olds to become Detention Deputies not only aligns with our commitment to diversity but also reflects our dedication to shaping the future of the policing profession with individuals who are eager to make a difference, and change the lives of others for the better."

Detention Deputies play a crucial role in the care, custody, control, and re-entry for Seminole County inmates. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office recognizes that by providing an early entry point for young professionals, it not only enriches the department with new perspectives but also creates a pathway for individuals to develop rewarding careers in law enforcement.

Prospective candidates are encouraged to click [here](#) to learn more about the position and the benefits of working with us. Our Recruitment Team is also available to answer any questions you may have. Call [407-665-6983](tel:407-665-6983) to connect with a team member and begin your journey toward a rewarding and fulfilling career as a Detention Deputy with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

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