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On Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 11:00 a.m., the Alachua County Sheriff's Office will officially announce the inception of Operation C.O.N.E. with the formal receipt of the newest vehicle to the ACSO Fleet, an Ice Cream Truck!

Operation C.O.N.E. was created through ideas presented by the ACSO Youth and Community Resources Unit as a way to engage our youth community in areas where bonds between Law Enforcement and children may be broken. C.O.N.E. is an acronym that means, Community Outreach Neighborhood Engagement. The principle of this mission is simple, meet our youth right where they stand. Reach out to them with a cold, delicious treat, while engaging them in sports, play or just general conversation. The ACSO wants to build long lasting relationships with our youth and community as a whole because where barriers are broken, trust is formed.

Although this was the creative idea of the Youth and Community Resources Unit, Operation C.O.N.E. would not have been possible without the generous community support of Sun State Federal Credit Union and Magic 101.3 (Marc Radio Group). These organizations heard of our vision and took charge. They purchased a 2012 Mercedes Sprinter that they stripped from its "work truck" interior before installing a chest freezer, a serving window and an external handwashing station. The truck was outfitted with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office star logo and traditional green stripes. The vehicle will eventually receive a new emergency light bar along with a siren box, so that Deputies may make a grand entrance to our local neighborhoods. Starting this week, the ACSO will run a contest for all Alachua County children ages 12 and younger that seeks the most creative design ideas from the

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youth that we intend to serve. The official contest flyer can be found at any Sun State Federal Credit Union, Magic 101.3 (Marc Radio Group) studios, the ACSO main lobby or on the Ice Cream Truck itself. The 1st place winner will receive a Kindle Fire Tablet, as well as have the privilege of seeing their design featured on the Ice Cream Truck. The 2nd place winner will receive 4 free movie tickets and rock climbing passes, while the 3rd place winner receives a \$30.00 Oaks Mall gift card.

We welcome all Media Outlets and Community Guests to attend the official "Presentation of the Keys" to Sheriff Sadie Darnell on Wednesday, June 14th, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.

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