

**Legislative Issue
FY 24/25
Public Safety Training Center**

Funding Request: \$7,100,000

County Match: \$1,010,000

Background:

Continued education and training are vital to the services provided for public health and safety. Hernando County Public Safety Departments do not have the adequate training facilities available and must travel out of the County for their training needs. The departments have been working on identifying appropriate land and funding to construct facilities that can accommodate the ongoing training needs of their staff since 2012.

While numerous training facilities are in other areas of the State it means our public servants are not available to respond timely or effectively due to the distances away from Hernando County. It also requires cooperative and sometimes complex scheduling. A suitable facility should be constructed to accommodate continued training requirements as well as provide new fire rescue and law enforcement candidates a proper environment and facilities to learn and hone their skills.

Hernando County now has 60 acres of land earmarked for a public safety training facility.

Phase 1 Action:

Site Design/Studies \$ 175,000
Site roads, retention \$ 2,100,000
Water \$ 750,000
Fire Tower \$ 1,500,000
Shooting ranges \$ 965,000
Driving Pad-Asphalt \$ 2,160,000
Concrete estimate \$3,240,000
Pavilion \$ 75,000
Septic \$ 15,000
Restrooms \$ 150,000
Electrical Service Main \$ 135,000
Technology Infrastructure \$ 85,000
Sub Total Phase 1 \$ 8,110,000

State Interest:

Many reports show the increasing need for firefighters and law enforcement officers across the State of Florida. This public training center will enable local, regional, and state training certification and continuing education courses.