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# PRESS RELEASES

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Talbot County Sheriff's Office Deputies receive training to teach Maryland Hunter Safety Classes.

Talbot County Sheriff's Deputies were recently trained by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police, Safety Education and Outreach Unit to teach the Hunters Education and Internet Field Day Workshop. Sheriff Gamble learned from DNR Secretary Jeanne Haddaway-Riccio that there was a shortage of Hunter Safety Instructors across Maryland and a backlog of new hunters waiting to complete the course. Captain Steve Elliott, Patrol Commander of the TCSO spear headed the initiative by identifying volunteers, organizing training and obtaining the needed materials for a successful class. To date, six Talbot County Sheriff's Office employees, including Sheriff Gamble, have been certified to teach this class.

Captain Elliott stated, "We have a wealth of knowledge to share with our backgrounds in Law Enforcement and hunting. The team consists of a passionate group of individuals who want to teach the next generation of hunters to be safe and respectful."

On August 27, 2022, Deputies held their first class at the Talbot Rod and Gun Club in Easton, Maryland. Sixteen (16) individuals showed up to participate in the Internet Field Day Workshop, traveling from as far away as Frederick and Cecil Counties.

Sheriff Gamble said, "This is a win-win for our community. Having sheriff's deputies training young people in hunter safety and safe firearms use is just another great interaction where we can be involved with our young people in a positive way".

For more information about Hunters Education Classes, you can contact Captain Elliott at 410-822-1020 or by email at [selliott@talbotcountymd.gov](mailto:selliott@talbotcountymd.gov). Information is also listed on the DNR website; [https://dnr.maryland.gov/nrp/Pages/hunter\\_education.aspx](https://dnr.maryland.gov/nrp/Pages/hunter_education.aspx)