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**City of Port Orange & City of New Smyrna Beach Announce
Law Enforcement Firearms & Training Facility**

Port Orange, FL – The City of Port Orange held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday morning, November 6, to announce the opening of a new law enforcement firearms & training facility that is a partnership between the City of Port Orange and City of New Smyrna Beach police departments.

Located at 4021 Pioneer Trail in New Smyrna Beach, the new facility is situated on 18 acres and has three separate ranges including a pistol range, tactical range and a rifle range. It was built in order to allow both departments to be able to train more frequently and meet or exceed all safety standards.

Construction began on June 28, 2019 and was completed on February 27, 2020 and the cost of the facility totals approximately \$2.0 million.

“For years to come, thousands of officers will come to this facility to sharpen their skills,” said City of Port Orange Mayor, Don Burnette. “These highly skilled officers will be on our streets as the best prepared professionals to protect themselves, their fellow officers, and our citizens.”

“I am proud to be able to open this new training facility to serve New Smyrna Beach, Port Orange, and ultimately the entire local law enforcement community,” said City of

New Smyrna Beach Mayor, Russ Owen. “This is what local collaboration should look like to keep cost low and services high for citizens. I am proud of all involved.”

Additional highlights of the training facility include:

- Approximately 1 ½ miles of security fencing
- Approximately 1 mile of underground electric
- Approximately 60,000 cubic yards of soil excavated and utilized for elevation and berms
- Impact berms are 20ft tall, 10ft wide at top and 40 feet wide at base

Speakers at the ceremony included City of Port Orange Mayor Don Burnette; City of New Smyrna Beach Mayor Russ Owen; City of Port Orange Police Chief Thomas Grimaldi; City of New Smyrna Beach Police Chief Mike Coffin and Joel Saslo from Carr & Collier, the contractor for the facility.

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From left to right: Joel Saslo from Carr & Collier; City of Port Orange Mayor, Don Burnette; City of New Smyrna Beach Mayor, Russ Owen; City of Port Orange Police Chief, Tom Grimaldi; City of New Smyrna Beach Police Chief Mike Coffin



Photo of the new firearms & training facility located in New Smyrna Beach