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Sheriff Larry Campbell is Cancer Free

Last September, Sheriff Larry Campbell shared with the citizens of Leon County that he had been diagnosed with lung cancer. During a routine physical exam on August 15, 2007, a chest x-ray revealed a cancerous spot on Sheriff Campbell's right lung. Sheriff Campbell said he remembers that day as the day he stopped smoking and began his battle to beat cancer. In September 2007 Sheriff Campbell underwent successful surgery at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital to remove a cancerous growth on the lower lobe of his right lung. Two weeks later Sheriff Campbell was back at work and began four months of chemotherapy at the Moffett Cancer Center in Tampa, Florida.

In February 2008, Doctor George Simon of Tampa, Florida informed Sheriff Campbell he was cancer free and discontinued chemotherapy. Through all of the chemotherapy treatments, Sheriff Campbell worked a full schedule and continued to vigorously pursue his duties as Sheriff. Of the experience Sheriff Campbell said, "I am an optimistic person by nature, and I did not think for a moment that this was not something I could beat. I did not suffer many of the common side effects of the chemotherapy and Dr. Simon and his staff did a great job of keeping me healthy and strong."

Last week Sheriff Campbell underwent follow up exams at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and the Moffet Cancer Center, which confirmed he is cancer free. Sheriff Campbell would like to thank Doctor Michael Forsthoefel, Doctor Alberto Fernandez, Doctor David Saint of Tallahassee, their staff and Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for their professionalism and caring. Sheriff Campbell thanks his wife Mabelle, son Jack, daughters Jeannette and Meghan, whose love and humor kept him focused on a speedy and complete recovery. Sheriff Campbell gives a special thanks to the citizens of Leon County for their support and concern for his health and wellbeing as he fought this battle. Sheriff Campbell said "Everyday a citizen I did not even know, would wish me well and encourage me to fight this cancer. I met many cancer survivors who reached out to me and gave me renewed resolve that I was going to beat this cancer and not let it slow me down."

Sheriff Campbell joked "Cancer sucks and I have a Cancer Walk T-Shirt to prove it", referring to this years Leon County Sheriff's Office Relay for Life T-Shirt slogan "Cancer Sucks". However, Sheriff Campbell wanted to stress the importance of a yearly physical exam and the dangers of smoking. Sheriff Campbell said "I have no doubt what caused my cancer. After smoking three packs of cigarettes a day for 37 years, it caught up with me. But I never missed a yearly physical exam and that saved my life. I no longer smoke; I eat healthy and work out daily. If I am not at a community event in the evening, you will find me at Tallahassee Memorial's Premier Fitness working out and living an active and healthy lifestyle."

For more information on the warning signs of cancer, early detection and how to get help to quit smoking, visit the American Cancer Society website at www.cancer.org.



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