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Leon County Sheriff's Office to host School Safety Summit for Educators and School Leaders

The Leon County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with Leon County Schools and the Florida Public Safety Institute, will host the 2026 School Safety Summit on June 16 and 17, bringing together Educators, School administrators and Public safety professionals for two days of training, collaboration and discussion focused on enhancing school safety and emergency preparedness.

The summit is designed to provide participants with practical tools, real-world lessons and collaborative learning opportunities that can be applied in educational settings throughout Leon County and beyond.

A key component of the summit will be an interactive tabletop exercise based on the events of the 2018 Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting. Participants will work through realistic scenarios designed to strengthen emergency response planning, communication and decision-making during critical incidents.

Following the exercise, attendees will participate in a facilitated hotwash discussion to evaluate response strategies, identify strengths and discuss opportunities for improvement in school safety planning and crisis management.

The summit will also feature guest speaker Sarah Lerner, an educator and survivor of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting. Lerner will share her firsthand experiences from the tragedy and discuss the lasting impact on educators, students and school communities.

"School safety requires strong partnerships, continuous training, and a commitment to learning from both past experiences and emerging innovations. This summit provides educators and public safety professionals with the opportunity to strengthen preparedness, share best practices, and explore tools that can help protect our students and staff," said Sheriff Walt McNeil.

In addition to the training exercises, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about emerging school safety technologies. On Wednesday, June 17, from 2-3 p.m. Campus Guardian Angel will join ZeroEyes and Ark Strategic, in partnership with the Leon County Sheriff's Office, to conduct a demonstration of the new Real-time Alert, Detection and Response (RADAR) integrated school safety solution.

The RADAR platform combines ZeroEyes' artificial intelligence-based gun detection and situational awareness technology, Ark Strategic's digital twin platform and Campus Guardian Angel drone capabilities to provide comprehensive, real-time threat detection during a gun-related incident.

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The demonstration will provide attendees with insight into how emerging technologies can support school safety efforts and enhance situational awareness during emergencies.

The School Safety Summit will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 16 and 17.



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