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Media Advisory: ACSO SWAT Team wins Southeast Missouri Challenge

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office SWAT (Special Weapons & Tactics) team competed in the fourth annual 2016 Southeast Missouri SWAT Challenge, April 14-17, 2016, and finished in first place. The team consisted of Sgt. Joe Vangorder, Sgt. Josh Crews, Deputy James Ferguson, Deputy Barrett Boyette, Deputy Chris Drake, Deputy Wes Krames and Deputy Marvin Gunn. Team members actually won four of the five events that make up the competition and finished second in the fifth for the overall win. There were 14 total teams entered.

Individually, Deputy Wesley Krames finished 2nd in the Super SWAT Cop competition out of 11 competitors. Sgt. Josh Crews finished 3rd and Deputy Marvin Gunn finished 4th in the Top Shot Competition out of 28 competitors.

This annual event is held in Fredericktown, Missouri, and honors Deputy Chris Parsons, who was killed in the line of duty in December 2012. The competition consists of five events geared to simulate real-life scenarios and intended to challenge the teams. The events emphasize weapon expertise and physical fitness.

As the winner of this event, our team will receive free entry into the 34th Annual International SWAT Round Up in November in Orlando, FL.

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