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PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – Sheriff's Office Announces First Certified Motor Unit Graduate

Sheriff Eddie Farris is proud to announce that the Sheriff's Office has its first ever certified motor unit. Deputy Tim Davis graduated from an intensive two week motor unit course which was instructed by Deputy Al Reyes, a veteran motorman and instructor.

"I am pleased to announce the formation of our new Motor Unit and the graduation of Deputy Tim Davis from our first motor unit training course," said Sheriff Farris. "Deputy Al Reyes has done a superb job of helping the department to create the new Motor Unit and to hire and train Tim. I am confident they will both be a credit to the Sheriff's Office."

The new motor unit will be responsible for regular road patrol as well as handling special events, providing escort for visiting dignitaries, and working in conjunction with Tennessee Highway Patrol and Cookeville Police Department at DUI and traffic enforcement check points. During inclement weather, Deputies Al Reyes and Tim Davis will drive patrol cars.

"If we are to be a world-class Sheriff's Office, it is important for us to have a Motor Unit," added Sheriff Farris. "Motormen provide us with a flexible asset that can be deployed in a number of situations where a regular patrol car may not be advantageous. They also increase the visibility of the Department throughout the county, giving us greater opportunities to interact with the public we serve."

On October 1st, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office was awarded a \$5,000 Governor's Highway Safety grant for the new Motor Unit. These funds were used to outfit them with rain gear and two new High Visibility Enforcement laser units that will be used for traffic enforcement in the county.

For more information on the new Motor Unit, please contact the Putnam County Sheriff's Office at (931) 528-8484.

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