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LCSO Teams Up with Local Credit Union for Operation Power Up

The Leon County Sheriff's Office is partnering with Tallahassee-Leon Federal Credit Union to offer assistance for LCSO employees wanting to purchase a generator. Many LCSO employees leave their families during a hurricane, severe storm or other critical incident, to work 12 hour shifts or longer, in order to ensure the safety of Leon County citizens. Often times their families are among those without electricity. Therefore, during their abbreviated off duty hours, instead of getting needed rest, first responders are taking care of their own family's needs.

The purchase, installation and fuel source for whole house generators can range from \$7,500 to \$9,500. By offering special financing, purchasing one of these valuable tools is more attainable for LCSO employees. The goal is to reduce the stress over concerns for their families' well-being while they are away, working critical incidents to protect and serve the citizens of Leon County.

Through Operation Power Up, Tallahassee-Leon Federal Credit Union is offering special, low interest rate loans. The loan package provides financing up to \$10,000, with a 60 month term and 5% interest rate. Through this #ALLin collaboration between LCSO and the credit union, the loan package will be offered to all City and County employees. Therefore, when duty calls, members of first responder agencies and their families will be ready.

Representatives from the credit union will be on hand at LCSO's annual Benefits Fair tomorrow, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The benefits fair consists of more than 20 vendors, including offerings of flu shots and AngioScreening.

Who: LCSO and Tallahassee-Leon Federal Credit Union

What: Operation Power Up at LCSO Benefits Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

When: Friday, October 13th

Where: Leon County Sheriff's Office



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