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Sheriff's Office Presents Check to Local Youth Development Program



(From left: Sheriff Tom Knight, Lori Benton, Col. Steve Burns)

The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office presented a check for \$5,000 to Lori Benton, coordinator of the Youth Empowerment, Leadership & Development Academy (YELDA).

YELDA is an initiative of The Newtown Front Porch Neighborhood Revitalization Council, Inc., to assist young adults with the development of good leadership and professional skills. Through a series of workshops, volunteering and paid internships, students learn about career exploration, money management, resume writing, appropriate speech, professional attire, interviewing skills, business etiquette and self esteem.

The Sheriff's Office supports the organization because it provides positive, character building activities for young people.