Good evening,

Tonight was an opportunity to recognize the truly impressive actions our agency members, volunteers and citizens who work each and every day to make Brevard County a safe place to live and raise our families. While tonight's recipients are being recognized for their outstanding achievements, they represent only a small percentage of the amazing work that the members of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office collectively accomplish each year.

Tonight's emcee, Commander Greg Purden, had the honor of introducing all of our award winners and sharing the stories of their amazing accomplishments during 2016. As Sheriff of Brevard County, I get to see firsthand the incredible accomplishments that our team members achieve, but tonight was our privilege to share with you how each act of courage, valor and passion made a difference in someone's life.

The following information identifies the 2016 BCSO Award recipients who are nothing less than your community's real life Super heroes!!!

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Thank you for all of the tremendous support you continue to give our agency.

Sheriff Wayne Ivey

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ORDER OF CEREMONY

Introductions	
Invocation	New Life Christian Fellowship
Presentation of Colors	Honor Guard
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Welcoming Remarks	Sheriff Wayne Ivey
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	
Emcee	Commander Greg Purden
Closing Prayer	Chaplain Corky Calhoun

LONGEVITY AWARDS

20 Years of Service (Recognized throughout the year)

Mary M. Adams Rene R. Aoun Patricia L. Borsanyi Harry R. Cieszynski Francis H. Dufresne Barbara L. Hensley Alexis Herrera Evan B. Hightower Byron F. Keck Ronald C. Little Russell W. McCarthy
Steven D. McNatt, Jr.
Kimberly A. Moore
Jorge E. Morell
Thomas I. Mosebach, Jr.
Bret A. Nicholas
Darryl E. Osborne
Susanne M. Ravn
Carlos J. Reyes
Don N. Reynolds

Kevin L. Roberts
Clifton D. Singleton
Victoria L. Sumlin
Jessica A. Vanatta
Robert W. Vitaliano
John B. Whigham
Richard S. Zimmerman
Marla A. Zinsmeister

25 Years of Service

Marlon Buggs
Michael DeMorat
Melody Foster
Teresa Goodnight
Joseph Jenkins
Joseph Petroske
Craig Reynolds
James Stimmell
Katrina Wilson
Vincent Ziccardi

30 Years of Service

Paul Ring
Alan Moros
Connie Hickman
Tod Goodyear
John Mellick
Leeanna Arthur
Karen Welk
Francis Cirillo
Robert Wagner
Richard Todd
Enid Bourgault
Brittenna Hart
Emily Glaab

35 Years of Service

Clifford Crosby James Donn Lawrence Duguay





This award signifies that the recipient has consistently demonstrated throughout their career the same qualities demonstrated by the late Sgt. Lucille (Lucy) Ross during her career. The criteria requirements are: dedication to community service, excellence in profession, compassion and high level of caring especially concerning children, and being of service to crime victims and their families.

This year's recipient is Sergeant Michelle Patrick.



In 2004, Sergeant Lucy Ross was taken from us as she was responding to a crime scene. Lucy was very special to all of us. One of the ways we celebrate her life is through the recognition of a very special person in the Sheriff's Office who demonstrates the same qualities as Lucy - qualities such as dedication to the community and the love of children. Beginning in 2005, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office established a very special annual award known as the "Sgt. Lucy Ross Award" This year's recipient is Lieutenant Michelle Patrick.

Lieutenant Patrick has volunteered hundreds of hours of her time as a Youth Advisor at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Cocoa. Her efforts have focused primarily on the underprivileged children in the inner city. In her capacity with the church, she assists the Youth Director with picking up children to attend church services, as well as spearheading plays and

skits performed by the children, which instills confidence and a sense of accomplishment for the children. Michelle also coordinates the church's youth, with community involvement such as the participation in the Keep America Beautiful Annual Trash Bash where her supervision and participation led to the collection of hundreds of pounds of refuse. During the holidays, she helped coordinate the church's youth group in making and distributing gift bags containing hygiene items for the homeless. She also assisted with the successful planning and execution of "youth lockins" where the church's youth and their friends spend the night at the church for fun and fellowship while focusing on themes such as anti-bullying, child safety and making smart choices. Michelle personally coordinates the collection and distribution of Christmas gifts to a group of homeless children she mentors ensuring the children have clothing and shoes throughout the year. Michelle is a true leader that consistently demonstrates her dedication and compassion to those in need and serves as an outstanding example for others to follow.

2016 Volunteer of the Year

This award signifies that the civilian recipient has made a significant contribution to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office by volunteering for the Citizens Observer Program or other volunteer program within agency. COP Coordinator Pat Marshall is this year's recipient

Pat has served the agency for many years, and is presently assigned as Coordinator for the South Precinct. Aside from his duties coordinating COP's for events, Pat is intimately involved in precinct level projects. During this past year, Pat has volunteered over 800 hours of volunteer service in the community. He has also supported and attended over 20 Sheriff's Office sponsored events. One of Pat's greatest contributions has been his work screening applicants for the Animal Services Unit. Pat proudly assumed this responsibility of vetting and assisting in selecting volunteers to work in our animal care centers and adoption events. The success of our Animal Services Unit is largely due to the wonderful work



of our volunteers. Pat Marshall has been key in identifying and recruiting incredible volunteers. His time and efforts are an amazing reflection upon the Sheriff's Office and a true investment in our mission of service to the public.

Citizen of the Year



Each year the Sheriff's Office recognizes a citizen who has rendered extraordinary assistance to law enforcement. This recipient is a member of the community selected for outstanding service and commitment to the citizens of Brevard County and for continued support of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. This year's recipient is Mr. Scott Glover

For years, Scott Glover has used his knowledge and experience of financial planning by volunteering his time serving as the Chairman of the Sheriff's Office Deferred Compensation Investment Committee to assist agency members in reaching their retirement goals. Scott is also the current Chairman of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office Charity, which includes the Police Athletic League, Pet Posse and Public Safety Charity programs. As Chairman, he has donated hundreds of hours in supporting the Charity, which was created to help Brevard County Public Safety

members and their families during difficult hardships, benefited children with programs and mentoring, and helped provide the necessary funding and equipment to the Sheriff's Animal Care Centers for facility improvements for staff and animal well-being. The Sheriff always says that it takes a community to protect a community, and this Scott is a true testament of what happens when community leaders take an active role in helping make our community the best in the country!

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

Sergeant Kurt Benfant, Deputy Taylor Barrett and Deputy William Gleason







Sergeant Kurt Benfant, Deputy Taylor Barrett, and Deputy William Gleason turned a routine vehicle crash into a multi-level drug investigation through paying attention to details and displaying commitment to the safety of their community. Through their investigation, they identified and arrested two individuals as they attempted to conceal the evidence of their crime. The deputies' actions led to the seizure of eight pounds of marijuana and the dismantling of a marijuana grow operation.

Corporal David Lovell, FTO Michael Kornhauser, and Deputy Michael Matteson







Corporal David Lovell, FTO Michael Kornhauser, and Deputy Michael Matteson collaborated in a crime suppression initiative stemming from several shooting incidents throughout the City of Palm Bay. Spearheading the initiative, their efforts led to the arrests of 29 individuals, multiple vehicle and drug seizures, as well as the service of two residential search warrants. The 29 individuals arrested were involved in, or contributed to, multiple shootings that were being investigated at that time. Charges included aggravated assault with a firearm, possession of narcotics and violation of probation.



Sergeant Brian Stoll

Sergeant Brian Stoll responded to an area in Merritt Island after multiple 911 calls were received about a vehicle travelling westbound in the eastbound lanes. Sergeant Stoll located the vehicle and, after the suspect vehicle failed to yield, Sergeant Stoll utilized the PIT technique to render the suspect vehicle inoperable. It was determined the driver of the vehicle was grossly impaired and if he had continued to operate the vehicle, would have endangered the lives of other vehicles on the roadway.

Agent Raonel Barrial and Agent Jeffrey Colon



During the latter part of November 2016, a series of robberies took place within Brevard County. Agents Raonel Barrial and Jeffrey Colon began the investigation, starting with a few grainy videos that linked a vehicle to several of these crimes. The agents eventually succeeded in identifying the vehicle involved in these robberies and also learned that the possible suspect had been arrested out of county on unrelated charges in the vehicle. These agents



travelled out of county, serving a search warrant, collected evidence connected to these crimes and obtained a confession from the suspect, successfully closing seven robberies that occurred throughout the county.

Agent Raonel Barrial and Agent Peter Stead





While investigating a home invasion robbery, Agents Raonel Barrial and Peter Stead determined that a group of suspects were responsible for a series of violent crimes. Agent Barrial began gathering surveillance video from the areas of the crimes that enabled him to identify members of the group. After learning that one suspect had been arrested, the agents met with the suspect and obtained a confession to the home invasion robbery. After corroborating information provided by

this suspect, an arrest warrant was gained for another member of the group. The suspects were located and arrested at a motel in Volusia County where they were found to be in possession of multiple firearms and thousands of dollars in stolen jewelry.

Assistant Shift Supervisor Stevie Trejo and Communications Officer Nicole Bernhard



The Communications Unit was advised of an active shooter incident occurring at Parrish Medical Center. Communications Officer Bernhard was working the North Precinct Radio and Assistant Supervisor Trejo was the on-duty Supervisor. Nicole's professionalism and radio proficiency shined through as

she coordinated the responding units with TPD Dispatch. While handling the exceptionally busy radio, she made meticulous CAD entries tracking the units' positions and room numbers as they were cleared. As Nicole worked the

radio, Assistant Supervisor Trejo worked behind the scenes with the on-scene supervisor and was integral in obtaining resources and establishing communications. Both Stevie Trejo and Nicole Bernhard were instrumental in the successful resolution of the active shooter event. Both are being presented a Bar of Merit for their efforts.





Domestic Violence Advocate Cynthia Carlson

On June 12, 2016, one of the worst mass shootings to ever occur in the United States happened in Orlando at the Pulse Nightclub. Due to the mass causalities and a very active scene, a response was requested from our agency as part of the Florida Crisis Response Team (FCRT). Cynthia Carlson, a member of our Victims Services team, immediately responded to Orlando to assist with the countless number of family members that had gathered to wait and hear about the fate of their loved ones. Cynthia assisted in multiple death

notifications as well as counseling families in what could be described as a very chaotic time. The work that Cynthia did that day is a direct reflection of the work that our members of Victim Services do in helping victims of violent crimes and the families of victims. Cynthia is being presented with a Bar of Merit for her efforts.

Corrections Deputy Jessica Michaud and Deputy Jason Lewis



Corrections Deputies Jessica Michaud and Jason Lewis observed a female who was being received at the Jail acting suspiciously. They believed the individual was in the possession of illegal contraband and was possibly under the influence

of a controlled substance based on her behavior. Their suspicions were confirmed when illegal drugs were located hidden within the woman's clothing. The female then admitted that she had ingested a large amount of the drugs. Within seconds, she began a drug induced seizure. The female was

quickly transported to a nearby hospital. The actions of the deputies aided in saving the life of this female as well as keeping illegal contraband from entering the jail. Both are being presented a Bar of Merit for their efforts.

Agent Nick Walker



Members of the Sheriff's Office responded to an incident that was originally believed to be a shooting. Due to the severity of the injuries, the victim was rushed to a Surgical Intensive Care Unit in critical condition. Agent Nicholas Walker was assigned as the lead investigator. As the investigation progressed, Agent Walker identified the suspects who had orchestrated a plan to ambush the victim at his residence for the purpose of killing him with a crowbar as retaliation. Subsequently, Agent Walker was able to obtain arrest warrants for Attempted First Degree Premeditated Murder and all three suspects were

quickly arrested, charged, and as a result of the quality investigation, pleaded guilty. Agent Walker is being presented a Bar of Merit for his efforts.

FTO Matthew Simpson

Deputy Matthew Simpson was off-duty when he heard a bank robbery had just occurred. Deputy Simpson was in his personal vehicle and saw a subject walking from the area of the bank, acting strangely. As Deputy Simpson followed the subject, he turned and approached Deputy Simpson. Matt immediately jumped into action, observing several banded layers of U.S. currency protruding from the subject's pockets, and detained him without incident. A search revealed the robbery note that was given to the bank and



the currency form the robbery. FTO Simpson is being presented a Bar of Merit for his efforts.

Deputy Christopher Ferrante, Deputy William Hammer and Agent Brian Jones





After responding to a remote area in south Brevard reference a missing boater, deputies determined that 3 teens were camping on an island in the Intercostal Waterway when a strong storm passed through. One of the campers was severely intoxicated and under the influence of narcotics and disappeared.

Agent Brian Jones, Deputy William Hammer and Deputy Ferrante braved the severe weather conditions and initiated a search in a BCSO boat. They located the camper bobbing in the waves, desperately trying to stay afloat. Deputy Ferrante and Deputy Hammer pulled the male into the boat, but that wasn't the end of the story. As they returned to shore, the intoxicated subject jumped from the boat back into the dark waters. They were able to relocate him and pull him back into the boat where he was safely secured and turned over to BCFR for medical treatment. All are being presented with Bars of Merit for their efforts.

Agent Mary Adams



Agent Adams initiated an investigation into allegations surrounding an adult who was sexually molesting a teen. The investigation determined that the suspect was the victim's recreational league basketball coach. Nearing the end of the investigation, Agent Adams learned the suspect had threatened to leave the area, fearing arrest. Agent Adams ultimately learned that Texas was a possible destination where he could cross into Mexico. Less than 24 hours later, he was located by the Marshal's Service in Texas miles from the Mexican border. Agent Adams' subsequent investigations into other alleged sexual activities with other

juvenile victims. Not only were other victims identified, but significant evidence was recovered. In all, fourteen victims were identified as a result of Agent Adams' investigation. The suspect is currently facing a total of seventy-five charges ranging from Lewd and Lascivious Molestation, and Possession of Child Pornography. For her efforts, she is being awarded a Bar of Merit.

Deputy Michael Matteson

Shortly after the Melbourne Police Department issued a BOLO for a male that had just committed an armed robbery, Deputy Michael Matteson began patrolling the neighborhoods in the area the suspect was believed to have run. He then noticed a male acting suspiciously. Deputy Matteson turned his vehicle around to address the male, but upon doing so, the male disappeared down another street. Deputy Matteson began a search of connecting streets and located the male. The individual was very agitated and nervously told Deputy Matteson that he had an active warrant for arrest. After turning the individual



over to MPD as the robbery suspect, Deputy Matteson responded back to where he had initially

observed the suspect and located a backpack containing items matching the property from the robbery, a mask and handgun. As a result of Deputy Matteson's efforts, he not only located the robbery suspect, but he was also able to recover the stolen property, mask and firearm used in the crime. Deputy Matteson is being presented a Bar of Merit for his efforts.



FTO Alicia Miller

A series of burglaries were committed where the suspect would enter open garages, remove property and flee the area in an SUV. The burglaries occurred in multiple precincts, including East, North and South. Deputy Alicia Miller responded to investigate one of these burglaries and identified a witness who had written down the suspect's license plate number. She spoke with other witnesses, discovered that the suspect had an extensive criminal history and

had recently been released from prison for burglary related offenses and obtained a positive ID from a photo lineup. Deputy Miller determined that the suspect had pawned multiple burglary items and discovered two new pawns by the suspect that matched items reported stolen as well. After obtaining an arrest warrant, the suspect was arrested without incident. As a result of Alicia's investigation, Agents were able to close ten open burglary cases. FTO Miller is being presented a Bar of Merit for her efforts.

Deputy David Bowes and Deputy Timothy Liston



K9 Deputy David Bowes and Deputy Timothy Liston responded to search for a suspect who fled on foot from a traffic stop. During the track, the deputies passed a vehicle, and as they did, K9 Vader who is also trained in drug detection, alerted to the vehicle. The Deputies made note of the alert and location and continued on the track of the wanted suspect. After locating the

suspect, they immediately returned to residence and initiated contact with the homeowner. During the consensual encounter, they learned the homeowner was also the owner of the vehicle. The owner told the deputies there was marijuana

in the vehicle and agreed to open the vehicle to allow them to retrieve it. After retrieving the marijuana, they continued searching the interior of the vehicle and located a backpack with a large amount of US currency inside. As a result of their efforts, 120 pounds of Marijuana and \$65,000 in cash was seized. Deputies Bowes and Liston are being presented Bars of Merit for their efforts.



LIFE SAVING AWARDS

Corporal Kelly Dobson, Deputy Joseph Jenkins Jr., and Deputy John Vaughn







Corporal Kelly Dobson, Deputy John Vaughn and Deputy Joseph Jenkins Jr. responded to a residence to assist with a medical emergency. While assessing the situation, Deputy Jenkins discovered that the victim was not breathing and did not have a pulse. The deputies then initiated CPR, administering over 14 rounds of chest compressions and 3 AED shocks to the victim. The deputies provided the necessary care to sustain his life until BCFR could arrive on scene. Had it not been for their actions, the victim would have certainly died.

Deputy Jerry Patterson



Deputy Jerry Patterson responded to a residence in Indialantic for the report of a medical emergency where CPR was in progress. The victim was found on the floor of her home by a neighbor, not breathing and unresponsive. Deputy Patterson arrived on scene, confirmed the victim had no pulse and was not breathing. After Deputy Patterson assumed CPR, he revived the victim who regained her pulse and began to speak. Deputy Patterson's expedient actions prevented the loss of the victim's life.

Corporal Thomas Case and Deputy Patrick Hanigan



Corporal Thomas Case and Deputy Patrick Hanigan responded to a Merritt Island residence in reference to a female who was unresponsive and not breathing. Upon arrival, Deputy Hanigan and FTO Case performed CPR, reviving the female victim, who was transported to a nearby hospital. Although the female ultimately succumbed to her illness, she was able to spend time with her family members as a result of the life-saving efforts of the deputies.



Deputy Tonisha Hemphill and Deputy Keaton Mauldin



Deputies Keaton Mauldin and Tonisha Hemphill responded to a residence in Cocoa for a possible drug overdose. Deputy Mauldin arrived on scene and determined the male was not breathing and did not have a pulse. Deputy Hemphill began CPR while Deputy Mauldin deployed his AED. After an exhaustive seven rounds of CPR were conducted by the deputies, BCFR arrived and assumed the lifesaving efforts. The male was transported to a nearby hospital

and was stabilized. Deputy Mauldin and Deputy Hemphill's efforts were essential in the saving the male's life.

Sergeant Craig Adelman and Deputy Michael Coppola





Sergeant Craig Adelman and Deputy Michael Coppola responded to a medical emergency of an unresponsive male not breathing. Deputy Coppola started chest compressions while Sergeant Adelman deployed his AED. The deputies shocked the victim with little to no effect and then began CPR. After approximately 10 rounds of CPR, the AED advised to shock again. This time male's heart began beating and he started breathing on his own. The victim was ultimately

transported to a nearby hospital where he made a full recovery.

Sergeant Carl Sangeleer, Corporal Kelly Dobson and Deputy John Vaughn







Sergeant Carl Sangeleer, Corporal Kelly Dobson and Deputy John Vaughn were dispatched to a location for a suspected drug overdose. As they arrived on scene, they determined the victim had overdosed by injecting a combination of drugs. The man was not breathing and did not have a pulse. All three deputies immediately began working together to save the man's life. After minutes of CPR, the AED was activated and an assessment of the victim detected a pulse. Sergeant Sangeleer continued with rescue breathing for the victim for the next few minutes until medical professionals from BCFR arrived on scene.

Deputy Jeremy Hart and Deputy Robert Rowell

Deputies Jeremy Hart and Robert Rowell responded to a medical emergency where it was reported a man was unresponsive, not breathing, and did not have a pulse. Immediately upon arrival, Deputy Hart activated his AED and initiated chest compressions. Deputy Rowell provided rescue breaths and after four cycles of chest compressions and rescue breaths, BCFR arrived on scene and assumed the lifesaving efforts. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital where he was listed in stable condition and survived this incident.





Corporal Chaston Williams and Deputy Sam Bruno





Corporal Williams and Deputy Bruno responded a residence for a medical emergency with an unresponsive female victim where CPR was in progress. Upon Corporal Williams' arrival, he found the unresponsive female. Corporal Williams quickly deployed his AED while Corporal Williams performed chest compressions and a family member delivered rescue breaths. As CPR continued, Deputy Bruno arrived on scene and took over chest

compressions. Corporal Williams and Deputy Bruno continued to provide emergency care for the victim until BCFR arrived and relieved the deputies. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital where she made a full recovery.

Deputy Benjamin Brown

Deputy Benjamin Brown was alerted that a man was on top of the Hubert Humphrey Bridge and it appeared he was going to jump. As Deputy Brown reached the top of the bridge, he observed the male with one foot on a bucket and his other foot on the top rail of the bridge. Deputy Brown exited his patrol vehicle and slowly walked towards the male. Deputy Brown made several attempts to engage the male in conversation, but the male would not speak with him. When Deputy Brown got within reach of the subject, he placed the male in a "bear hug" and then pulled him away from the railing to safety. Deputy Brown's quick and decisive actions surely prevented the situation from ending tragically.



Deputy Zachary Ferreira



Deputy Zachary Ferreira responded to a residence for a medical emergency where a male victim was unresponsive and not breathing. Upon arrival, Deputy Ferreira observed the male victim lying on his side and began CPR. After several minutes, he was able to regain a pulse. BCFR then arrived on-scene and assumed the life-saving measures. The male's pulse grew stronger and he started breathing on his own. Due to the quick actions and life-saving efforts of Deputy Ferreira, the male made a full recovery.

Sergeant Jesse Forrest and Agent William Fletcher

Sergeant Jesse Forrest and Agent William Fletcher responded to a medical emergency service call when they found several civilians providing CPR. Agent Fletcher immediately resumed CPR while Sergeant Forrest retrieved his AED. The deputies then delivered a shock to the victim and continued CPR until BCFR arrived on scene. BCFR transported the victim to a nearby hospital where he received follow-up care, making a full recovery. Sergeant Forrest and Agent Fletcher's quick actions made it possible for the victim to be alive today.





Agent Leonard Jones



Agent Leonard Jones was assigned the investigation concerning an endangered, suicidal adult male. Realizing the urgency of the situation, he began researching the victim's activities, which led to a possible location. Agent Jones then directed patrol units to check the location. The responding deputies arrived to find the victim sitting in a vehicle, with a hose running from the tailpipe to the interior of the car. The unconscious victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment, where he recovered. Brevard County Fire Rescue personnel advised the victim would have perished if he had not been located and assisted in such a timely manner.

Deputy Gregory Matthews and Deputy Joseph Spinelli

Deputies Joseph Spinelli and Gregory Matthews responded to a medical emergency call. Deputy Spinelli arrived on-scene first, entered the residence, and located a female victim unresponsive. He immediately began CPR and Deputy Matthews assisted with CPR. Upon deploying an AED, the female regained a pulse and began taking shallow breaths. Thanks to the efforts of Deputy Spinelli and Deputy Matthews, the victim made a full recovery.



Deputy Dillon Packard and Deputy Robert Rowell





Deputies Robert Rowell and Dillon Packard responded to a medical emergency call and immediately began CPR on the victim. After approximately three rounds CPR, Deputy Rowell and Deputy Packard were able to regain a pulse and the male started breathing. BCFR transported the male to a nearby hospital where he was stabilized. The quick and professional actions by Deputy Rowell and Packard saved the victim's life.

Deputy Lance Behringer

Deputy Lance Behringer responded to a medical emergency regarding a possible overdose. Upon arrival, he found a male lying on the ground, not breathing and unresponsive. Deputy Behringer immediately began CPR. Brevard County Fire Rescue arrived on scene and transported the male to a nearby hospital where he recovered. Deputy Behringer's life saving efforts ultimately led to the full recovery of the victim.



Deputy Jesse Doucette and Deputy Benjamin Fisher





Deputy Benjamin Fisher and Deputy Jesse Doucette responded to a residence in reference to a female who was unresponsive. Deputy Fisher and Deputy Doucette then immediately began CPR and after multiple exhaustive rounds of CPR they could feel a faint pulse. Brevard County Fire Rescue arrived shortly after her pulse returned and took over lifesaving efforts. The female was ultimately transported to the hospital where she made a full recovery. If not for the efforts of both

Deputy Fisher and Deputy Doucette, the victim may not be alive today.

Deputy Michael Hriciso

Deputy Michael Hriciso responded to a report of a male not breathing. Shortly after arrival, a female exited the residence that was distraught, crying and waving for Deputy Hriciso to come into the residence. Deputy Hriciso then observed an unconscious male. Without hesitation, Deputy Hriciso started CPR with over 6 sets of chest compressions and rescue breaths. BCFR arrived on scene and assisted Deputy Hriciso with CPR. Deputy Hriciso then used a bag valve mask provided by BCFR to provide oxygen for the victim until he started breathing again on his own. The victim was then transported by BCFR where he had made a full recovery.



Corporal Justin Hope and Deputy Derek Willand



Life Saving Bars.

Corporal Hope and Deputy Willand responded to call at a Cocoa residence regarding a female who had allegedly overdosed on an unknown controlled substance and was not breathing. They immediately began providing CPR. After several sets of CPR compressions, the female regained her pulse. Several minutes later Brevard County Fire Rescue responded and transported her to Wuesthoff Hospital, where she is expected to make a full recovery. For their guick and appropriate actions, both are awarded



Corrections Deputy Kyle Leidner



Corrections Deputy Kyle Leidner was on his way home after completing his shift when he witnessed a crash involving two tractor-trailers. Corrections Deputy Leidner immediately pulled over to render assistance and observed a fire in the engine of the truck. As he tried to help the driver pinned inside the vehicle, he found the driver's door was crushed shut. Taking immediate action, Corrections Deputy Leidner extinguished the fire and used a crowbar and chains to pry open the door of the tractor trailer and gain access to the driver. Although he could not remove the driver, he spoke to him to keep him calm until BCFR arrived. Deputy Leidner risked his personal safety to render

aid and is commended for his efforts. Deputy Leidner is being presented a Life Saving Bar for his efforts.

Corporal Ed Medberry and Corporal John Wright

Corrections Corporals John Wright and Ed Medberry were transferring an inmate for Medical treatment when they noticed the inmate was in distress and had stopped breathing. They immediately started CPR until BCFR could respond to their location. Due to Corporal Wright and Corporal Medberry's life saving actions, the inmate made a full recovery. Both are also being presented Life Saving Bars for their efforts.





Corporal Justin Hope and FTO William Yearty





Corporal Justin Hope and FTO William Yearty responded to a call reference a suicidal subject. Upon arrival, they were given a suicide note and the deputies started searching for the subject. The individual was located in a wooded area bleeding from a deep cut on his arm and fading in and out of consciousness. While Corporal Hope retrieved his tourniquet, FTO Yearty removed his innerbelt from his uniform and utilized it as a makeshift tourniquet to slow the bleeding until FTO Hope returned

and applied a tourniquet. Had they not slowed the blood flow through the use of the makeshift tourniquet, then apply a tourniquet, the subject would have likely died. Corporal Hope and FTO Yearty are being presented Life Saving Bars for their efforts.

Deputy Nicole Contos



The Sheriff's Office received multiple emergency calls reporting someone screaming for help under a causeway bridge. Deputies responded and located a male on construction scaffolding under the bridge. FTO Nicole Contos and Deputy Lauren Hannon were transported by boat to the area as FTO Contos attempted to make contact with the subject. Both deputies cautiously climbed the scaffolding to the male. The man became increasingly agitated at which point he attempted to jump off the scaffolding. FTO Contos quickly leaned forward and was able to grab the man by his belt preventing him from falling approximately 30 feet onto the concrete base. FTO Contos

remained extremely calm while holding him by the belt and was able to persuade the subject to help pull himself back. FTO Contos and Deputy Hannon safely escorted the man down the scaffolding. The quick and decisive actions taken by FTO Contos during this emergency situation and her intervention certainly prevented a loss of life. Deputy Contos is being presented a Life Saving Bar for her efforts.

Deputy Taylor Lakeman and Deputy Christina Petsos



Deputies Christina Petsos and Taylor Lakeman responded to the Villages of Seaport community gym for a medical emergency. It was reported a man

collapsed while running on a treadmill in the gym and was now unresponsive. Deputy Petsos immediately recognized that the male was in cardiac arrest and began CPR. While performing CPR, she simultaneously gave instructions to a witness on how to prepare her AED for use. Deputy Lakeman arrived seconds later and utilized the AED. Both deputies continued providing



lifesaving CPR to the victim until CCVFD arrived. The victim made a full recovery. Deputies Lakeman and Petsos are being presented Life Saving Bars for their efforts.

Commander Paul Drinkwater, Corporal Andrew Salazar and Deputy Gregory Matthews







The Sheriff's Office was dispatched to I-95 reference to a serious vehicle crash with the occupants sustaining life-threatening injuries. Commander Paul Drinkwater arrived on-scene in minutes advising a fire was starting and people were still inside. Commander Drinkwater, along with several off-duty BCFR employees began removing the occupants. Corporal Andrew Salazar and Deputy Greg Matthews arrived on-scene and ran to the burning vehicle in an attempt to move a female victim's body who was believed to be deceased away from the burning car. They then discovered the female was showing signs of life and began rendering lifesaving aid. Were it not for the actions of Commander Drinkwater, Corporal Salazar, and Deputy Matthews, it is very likely that these victims would not have survived.

Deputy Brian Fritz, Agent Peter Stead and Deputy Candice Watson







Deputy Candice Watson, K- 9 Deputy Brian Fritz and Agent Peter Stead were working a Port cruise terminal when they were notified of a cruise passenger in need of medical attention. They ran to the location and found a senior, unresponsive and immediately initiated CPR. As Deputy Watson continued with CPR, Deputy Fritz and Agent Stead prepared the AED. After several shocks by the AED, the patient regained a pulse and started breathing. The patient was later transported to the hospital, awake and alert. There is no doubt that the timely measures taken by these deputies saved the life of this victim.

UNIT CITATION AWARD

As Hurricane Matthew bore down on Brevard, the projected landfall target was Port Canaveral with catastrophic winds and a deadly storm surge. The decision was made to weather the storm from the Port based on the potential of damage to the surrounding bridges that would not permit a return to protect the citizens who chose to remain or the property of so many who chose to leave.

Seaport Security Manager John Brady was tasked with conducting assessments, primarily on the south side where stores of highly volatile chemicals are securely stored in large quantities. Manager Brady enlisted the assistance of Commander West to accomplish this task so he could observe any damage and risks in order to properly arrange and deploy USCG assets. A team consisting of John Brady, Stephen West, John Cunningham and Dave Sargeant assembled to enter the restricted areas. As they were doing so, a sheet of metal roughly six feet by ten feet dislodged from the overhead concrete structure as a result of the damaging wind and struck Commander West in the head resulting a critical head injury. Brady, Cunningham and Sargeant jumped into action, administering lifesaving first aid and arranging for emergency medical transport. Canaveral Fire Rescue personnel then arrived on scene, and Captain Derek Yossifon. Firefighter Jeff Crawley, Firefighter Randy Hoog and Firemedic Mike Penna immediately assumed providing the lifesaving treatment. The transport ambulance was on Merritt Island and high winds prevented its eastbound approach, thus the decision was made to transport Commander West on a backboard in the rear of Captain Yossifon's truck to the waiting Ambulance in Merritt Island. It was determined that Commander West had sustained a fractured skull, which required immediate surgery to remove bone fragments from his brain coupled with severe bleeding. Due to the incredible efforts by all involved, Commander West made a full recovery.

Additionally, through the efforts of USCG Commander Stephen West, CPA CEO Captain John Murray, CPA Director Jim Reynolds, BCSO Commander Alan Moros, BCSO Maritime Security Manager John Brady and CCVFD Chief Dave Sargeant, an efficient and effective incident plan was prepared, protecting the employees, businesses and assets of Port Canaveral.

We are also very proud to extend a Medal we hold quite sacred to Commander Stephen West for risking his life in the protection of the citizens of Brevard County, the Wound Bar.

Seaport Security Manager John Brady – Bar of Merit & Life Saving Bar
CCVFD Chief Dave Sargeant – Life Saving Bar
CCVFD Assistant Chief John Cunningham – Life Saving Bar
CCVFD Captain Derek Yossifon – Life Saving Bar
CCVFD Firemedic Mike Penna – Life Saving Bar
CCVFD Firefighter Jeff Crawley – Life Saving Bar
CCVFD Firefighter Randy Hoog – Life Saving Bar
USCG Commander Stephen West – Bar of Merit & Wound Bar
CPA CEO Captain John Murray – Bar of Merit
CPA Director Jim Reynolds – Bar of Merit
Commander Alan Moros – Bar of Merit

Special Recognition Award

This award signifies that the recipient has consistently demonstrated dedication to strengthening the relationship of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office with the community it serves through loyalty, honor, professionalism and community involvement. This year's recipient is Corporal Al Wells.



After a successful career in the United States Air Force and retiring at the rank of Master Sergeant, Al Wells joined the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. Throughout his 22 year career, he has played an integral part in fulfilling the mission of the Sheriff's Office through his involvement and leadership in agency programs as well as his demonstrated compassion towards others. Corporal Wells has been an active participant in the BAM (Brevard Attitude Modification) program, where he is instrumental in making a difference of the youth of our community in an effort to keep them out of the criminal justice system.

Corporal Wells leads the agency's Honor Guard and coordinates numerous events and appearances. He also proudly represents the

agency at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC, Police Memorial Week in Tallahassee, and has coordinated countless funeral and memorial services for fallen officers, retirees and their families.

Many have said it is the "small things" like finding the time to demonstrate compassion, kindness and make a difference in the lives of others is what Corporal Wells is best known for. Corporal Wells is an invaluable member of our team, embracing and embodying our mission to serve the citizens of Brevard County.

2016 Reserve Deputy of the Year

The recipient was selected from the 63 Reserve Deputies currently volunteering with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. This individual will receive a special gift from the Coastal Florida Police

Benevolent Association. Sergeant Rick Schmidt is this year's recipient.



Sergeant Rick Schmidt is the supervisor of the Mounted Unit. Rick personally planned and supervised all training for the Mounted Unit and additionally coordinated training with the Toronto Police Department, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the National Police Services Mounted Units. Rick even invited these trainers into his home, and at his own expense, provided them with food and lodging during their stays in Brevard County.

Rick volunteered over 600 hours and attended every Mounted Unit event, to include parades, static displays, and patrols. Rick utilizes his 40+ years of equestrian experience to make our Mounted Unit

one of the most effective and best trained units in Florida. No matter what task Rick is assigned, he enthusiastically executes the agency's mission.

2016 Communications Officers of the Month

January - Communications Officer Nicole Avila



While working the West primary radio, Communications Officer Nicole Avila answered a 911 emergency call where the caller reported their mentally challenged teen daughter had been missing for over three hours. Nicole gathered the pertinent information as she maintained the busy radio channel and coordinated efforts between the road patrol, K-9 and the Aviation Unit. Nicole's calm demeanor to the successful resolution of the missing child.

February – Communications Officer Angelina Velten

While working the West primary radio, Communication Officer Angie Velten answered a 911 emergency call reporting an in-progress shooting. The caller advised the location and that there were injuries. Without hesitation, Angie dispatched the call as she continued to gather pertinent information from the caller. Angie seamlessly provided the responding units with a suspect vehicle description and possible suspect information. She then initiated emergency traffic and assisted in the coordination of all responding units while proficiently logging all comments and updates. Angie is also being presented with the Commendable Service Award for her actions



March - Communications Officer Michele Taylor



Communications Officer Michele Taylor received a 911 emergency call from a female that was extremely hard to understand. Michele was able to obtain the address from the caller and relay the information to Patrick Air Force Base. The PAFB operator advised they were having difficulty understanding the caller as well. The PAFB operator then advised they would be responding and ended the call. Michele decided to stay on the line where she learned from the caller that she was suicidal, armed and had shot herself. Michele's efforts prevented paramedics and other first responders from being met by a suicidal patient with

a loaded firearm; thinking they were simply responding to a routine medical call. Michele is also being presented with the Commendable Service Award for her actions.

April – Communications Officer Andrew Polk

While working the West Precinct primary radio, Communication Officer Andrew Polk was advised

by a deputy that he had been struck by a suspicious vehicle that then fled. Andrew immediately alerted surrounding units and had backup responding to the injured deputy, while simultaneously updating the call for service. Andrew remained calm as the suspect then called 911 and began to threaten to intentionally crash and harm any deputy he saw. Andrew kept the deputies apprised of all the incoming threats and relayed questions from the deputies back to the call taker until the suspect agreed to pull over, almost an hour later. Andrew is also being presented with the Commendable Service Award for his actions.



May – Shift Supervisor Cheryl Pelletier



In May 2016, the Melbourne Police Department contacted the BCSO Communications Center seeking assistance as they were in pursuit of three armed robbery suspects. The robbery had just occurred and the vehicle was approaching the Osceola County line. Supervisor Cheryl Pelletier quickly stepped up and took command of the situation. She instructed MPD to release the connection to Countywide and then utilized the Florida Interoperability Network (FIN) to create a bridge between Brevard and Osceola's radio. She then patched MPD's primary, Countywide and Alert 1 into the bridge with Osceola. This allowed all participating units to seamlessly communicate with

Osceola. Cheryl is also being presented with the Commendable Service Award for her actions.

June - Communications Officer Lindsay Stanley

Communications Officer Lindsay Stanley received a 911 hang up. Lindsay immediately called the number back and a male advised he had just been robbed and disconnected. Lindsay then called the male back again and the caller continued to disconnect the call after answering a single question or two. Lindsay displayed unusual thoroughness and determination by continuously calling the victim back and getting the information needed to result in the successful capture of the suspect. Lindsay is also being presented with the Commendable Service Award for her actions.



July – Assistant Shift Supervisor Stevie Trejo and Communications Officer Nicole Bernhard



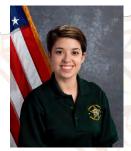
In July 2016, the Communications Unit was advised of an active shooter incident occurring at Parrish Medical Center. Communications Officer Bernhard was working the North Precinct Radio and Assistant Supervisor Trejo was the on-duty Supervisor. Nicole's professionalism and radio proficiency shined through as she coordinated the responding units with TPD

Dispatch. While handling the exceptionally busy radio, she made meticulous CAD entries tracking the units' positions and room numbers as they were cleared. As Nicole worked the radio, Assistant Supervisor Trejo worked behind the

scenes with the on-scene supervisor and was integral in obtaining resources and establishing communications. Both Stevie Trejo and Nicole Bernhard were instrumental in the successful resolution of the active shooter event. Both are being presented a Bar of Merit for their efforts.



August - Communications Officer Alicia Robin



Communications Officer Alicia Robin was working the North Precinct radio when she heard TPD radio traffic concerning an officer involved shooting with the suspect fleeing. She immediately reacted, coordinating response with TPD and dispatching BCSO units to assist. Alicia's quick actions and ability to monitor multiple radio channels was instrumental in getting the needed backup to the Titusville officers.

September - Communications Officer Peggy Human

While working the South radio, Communications Officer Peggy Human dispatched a missing endangered person call regarding a 77-year-old female that suffered from dementia. Multiple units responded to assist in the search, as well as K-9 and Aviation Units. Due to Peggy's efficiency and skill, she was able to not only dispatch calls and maintain her primary radio traffic, but was also able to successfully monitor and address the radio traffic concerning the missing person. Handling multiple channels at the same time is an arduous task, yet due to her exceptional experience, Peggy was able to make it look easy. Peggy is also being presented with the Commendable Service Award for her actions.



November - Communications Officer Michael Tarr



Communications Officer Michael Tarr's efforts and actions were brought to the attention of the Awards Committee for 6 different events during the course of 2016. From addressing an influx of high priority calls to effectively dealing with a deadly vehicle crash, an overturned boat, a foot pursuit, and a battery where the suspect was continuing to chase the victim or his handling of an emergency activation of a deputy's radio during a violent struggle. Communications Officer Tarr is clearly an excellent Communications Officer and valued member of the BCSO team.

December - Shift Supervisor Lori Phetterplace



Shift Supervisor Lori Phetterplace received a call from a male who at the time was making threats to end his life. Lori talked to the male to obtain information as long as he would talk before he disconnected. When the deputies arrived, a knife was located next to the male, who stated he had intended to use this knife to end his life. The male then disclosed that if it were not for "Ms. Lori" taking a personal interest to help, there would have been a different outcome.

2016 Communications Officer of the Year

The recipient was selected from one of the Communications Officers of the Month for 2016. This individual will receive a special gift from the Coastal Florida Police Benevolent Association.

October - Communications Officer Nancy Hinkle



In October 2016, just days before celebrating her 20 Year Anniversary with the Sheriff's Office, Communications Officer Nancy Hinkle succumbed to her brave 7-year battle with cancer. No words can describe her strength commitment she demonstrated as she absolutely refused to give up and continued working through her pain and difficulties. It was at times easy to forget she was sick, as she always came to work with a smile and positive can-do attitude. Nancy served as a Communications Officer, Training Officer, Assistant Shift Supervisor and Shift Supervisor during her career. Nancy was a valued member of our agency who will be greatly missed.

2016 Employees of the Month

The recipients were selected from the 481 civilians who serve in numerous capacities throughout the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

January - Crime Scene Investigator Emily Chretien



Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) Emily Chretien responded to the crime scene of an armed robbery. The suspect had fled, but left behind a hat, firearm and a plastic bag. CSI Chretien collected the evidence from the scene and transported the items for processing, using her knowledge, training and experience to meticulously process the evidence. She was able to develop areas of friction ridge detail, which subsequently identified a suspect. This provided the definitive piece of physical evidence needed to charge the suspect. Emily's meticulous processing and attention to detail during this

investigation was exceptional. Emily is also being presented with a Commendable Service Award for her efforts.

February – Animal Enforcement Supervisor Steven Anderson and Animal Enforcement Officer Alexandria Applegate





In February 2016, the Animal Services Unit was requested to assist a landowner in removing animals. Arrangements were made to have the animals safely captured and removed. The horses needed to bridled, and given a medical tests prior to being transported. Supervisor Anderson called Animal Enforcement Officer Lexi Applegate, to assist. Feed was used to lure the horses where they could be calmly bridled and the Vet could perform the tests. The pigs were in a pen completely filled with mud and feces.

Steve and Lexi entered the pen, finding themselves knee deep in the mud and muck as they moved the very large pigs. Steve Lexi did not hesitate to jump in to help secure and save these animals and are being presented with a Commendable Service Award for their efforts.

March – Court Records Specialists Elizabeth Kurrus-Neto and Catherine Waldenberger

In February 2015, the Jail system was converted to new and upgraded Jail Management Software

and Hardware system. This impacted the way data entry was inputted and processed, to include inmate record reports. During that time, Clerk Catherine Waldenberger and Clerk Elizabeth Kurrus-Neto worked together and innovatively created the processes needed for the new system to prepare the information. They designed the elements needed to address the information and eliminate the waste of hundreds of manpower hours. Additionally, both are being presented with Commendable Service Awards for their efforts.





April – Senior Staff Assistant Yvonne "Sunshine" Miller



Yvonne Miller has been employed with the Sheriff's Office since July 1993 and is widely known by her nickname Sunshine. This is largely in part to her positive attitude and caring and giving personality. We often speak of the unsung heroes in our profession, the people behind the scene that keep the operations moving forward. Sunshine Miller is in fact that person. Her motto is "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!" She recognizes that the most important asset we have is our employees and is always monitoring the pulse of the office making sure they are OK. Sunshine's attention to detail and willingness to go above and beyond is amazing. Sunshine is also being presented with a Commendable Service Award for her efforts.

May - Senior Staff Assistant Ellen Kurdziel



Ellen Kurdziel accepts a variety of projects without hesitation. She is the Secretary for the Civil Service Board and Secretary for both the Deferred Compensation Committee and the BCSO Public Safety Charities Board. Ellen has volunteered to assist in the implementation of a new Law Enforcement Sergeant promotional testing process. Without her help, this new process could not have been so successful. She is a behind-the-scenes superstar whose efforts make the Human Resources Office and agency shine. Additionally, Ellen is being presented with a Commendable Service Award for her efforts.

June – Domestic Violence Advocate Cynthia Carlson and Analytical Support Specialist Dana Shabaneh



On June 12, 2016, one of the worst mass shootings to ever occur in the United States happened in Orlando at the Pulse Nightclub. Due to the mass causalities and a very active scene, a response was requested from our agency as part of the Florida Crisis Response Team (FCRT). Cynthia Carlson, a member of our Victims Services team, immediately responded to Orlando to assist with the countless number of family members that had gathered to

wait and hear about the fate of their loved ones. Cynthia assisted in multiple death notifications as well as counseling families in what could be described as a very chaotic time. The work that Cynthia did that day is a direct reflection of the work that our members of Victim Services do in helping victims of violent crimes and the families of victims. Additionally, Cynthia is being presented with a Bar of Merit for her efforts.

As a participant of the Central Florida Intelligence Exchange (CFIX) and working closely with Homeland Security Investigations, Dana Shabaneh reached out to CFIX personnel to offer her assistance. Being fluent in Arabic, Dana provided a vital support during the course of this investigation. Dana responded to Orlando assisting with the investigation, specifically with the counterterrorism analyst. Additionally, Dana is being presented with a Commendable Service Award for her efforts.

July – Animal Enforcement Supervisor Steven Anderson and Animal Enforcement Investigator Dale Craig



After a complaint concerning a puppy's wellbeing was received, Animal Enforcement Officer Dale Craig responded to ascertain the wellbeing of the puppy, where he witnessed several chronic physical conditions. Based on the condition of the dog, the animal's care, AEO Craig contacted his supervisor, Steve Anderson and the Palm Bay Police Department to respond to the scene.

In AEO's Anderson and Craig opinion, the puppy was in grave health condition and extreme pain, suffering the results of medical neglect and poor to little sustenance a criminal abuse investigation was initiated. Furthermore, the owners had sought no professional medical treatment and the condition had become severe.

Due to the extreme case of cruelty and the specialty nature of the investigation, Animal Cruelty Investigator Doug Scragg assumed the investigative lead in the case which resulted in an arrest warrant for the owner. As a result of their dedication and commitment, Investigator Scragg, Supervisor Anderson and AEO Craig are being presented with Commendable Service Awards.

August – Mechanic Terry Launer



For years, the agency has observed significant mechanical problems associated with two models of fleet vehicles. To address the chronic problems, the vehicles have been sent to the dealerships for repair. There has been an average total annual cost of \$39,000 to the Agency and a significant down time for the vehicles. Mechanic Terry Launer has researched the repairs and innovatively created a repair process to address the issues. The process is also much cheaper by addressing in-house, providing a savings to the Agency in excess of \$27,000 over 2016 alone. Terry has also taken it upon himself to personally train the other Mechanics in the repair process, thereby

further reducing the down time.

September - Maritime Security Officer Joe George

Maritime Security Officer Joe George was conducting a routine patrol of South Cargo Pier 3 in Port Canaveral and noticed a black liquid substance by the dock. Recognizing there was a ship currently off-loading in the area, MSO George believed the fluid to be hazardous. MSO George took the initiative to have the ship's crew cease pumping the liquid until the material could be

identified and contained. Although MSO George found the leak fairly early, it was later determined that approximately three hundred (300) gallons of liquid asphalt had spilled, and was slowly started making its way towards a drain that led directly into the port waters. A review of the incident determined that if MSO George not taken such quick and decisive action, approximately 12,000 gallons of asphalt would have spilled and found its way to the pristine waters of Port Canaveral, not only disrupting the normal day to day operations of the Port, but causing irreparable environmental damage. MSO George is additionally being presented with a Commendable Service Award for his efforts.



October - Information Technology Specialist Kevin Rose



IT Specialist Kevin Rose has done an outstanding job in providing customer service support to the Sheriff's Office and specifically the Animal Services Unit during 2016. Throughout the year, Animal Services had several relocations and office changes, requiring the reworking of networking and problem solving. Kevin continuously displayed flexibility, a very positive attitude and the technical skills necessary to reduce down time by the Animal Services staff. Kevin has been critical to the success. Kevin embraces customer service and considers every employee of this agency his customer.

December - Inmate Information Clerk Joanne Lombardozzi



Inmate Information Clerk Joanne Lombardozzi observed a released inmate who was physically handicapped and falling in the lobby. Clerk Lombardozzi immediately spoke to the man who stated that he was unable to walk. Clerk Lombardozzi then arranged for a wheelchair and a taxi so that he could get home. She then personally assisted him down the ramp and into the taxi. Due to her action and attention to detail, she prevented possible injury to this former inmate. Clerk Lombardozzi also was recognized for observing a man who had just been released and was acting depressed. She went out and spoke with him, and he told her that he was

feeling hopeless and had spent nine years in prison and had nowhere to go. She requested a Patrol Deputy evaluate the subject and treatment was arranged. Joanne is also being presented with a Commendable Service Award for her efforts.

2016 Employee of the Year

November – Senior Staff Assistant Jean Palmer



Over the past several years Staff Assistant Jean Palmer has been an integral part of our agency in both its internal mission and external community outreach. Her ability to coordinate and serve in both of these important roles is worthy of commendation. Jean provides administrative support for the CIS Commander and supervisory staff. Her office is a crossroads of investigative agents, analysts, forensic technicians and supervisors working some of the most significant criminal investigations in the county. She also coordinates the activities for the six assistants that support the nearly 100 CIS members.

Jean has a "never say no" attitude and always stops to assist her personnel to meet the mission at hand, often times at the expense of her own personal time. In a recent case, Ms. Palmer assisted agents with a large-scale search operation at the county

landfill. Jean spent days scouring the landfill for critical evidence, never once complaining or refusing to work with and support her team. Jean regularly assists with functions that fall well outside her job description in order to contribute to the success of the Sheriff's Office mission. Jean believes in giving back to the community she serves. This year marks the fourth year the Jailbreak Adventure Race has been presented where she is intimately involved in the planning and coordination of the race, designing and ordering t-shirts and volunteering her time on the day of the event making her a critical part of the success of the event. Jean is also active in the annual S.R. Speedy DeWitt Combat Challenge. She has also represented the agency by developing teams to participate in the American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk, St. Baldrick's, and assisted in the construction coordination of the Field of Dreams Community Park in West Melbourne, for children with special needs.

If all of that isn't enough, Jean also volunteers her time to the Annual BCSO Awards Ceremony, fund raising golf tournaments, serving food at numerous agency functions or wrapping holiday gifts at Kids Without Christmas. Her energy and dedication to our agency and community causes

seems to be limitless and is quite honestly remarkable. Jean is being recognized with a Commendable Service Award for her efforts.

2016 Corrections Deputies of the Month

The recipients were selected from the 325 Corrections Deputies who serve in the Jail Complex.

January - FTO Michael Romer



Corrections Deputy Michael Romer was assigned to Booking when a Patrol Deputy brought in arrestee. When the Deputy escorted the inmate into the interview room, Corrections Deputy Romer smelled a strong odor of what he believed to be Marijuana. Corrections Deputy Romer then conducted a pat down search of the inmate and also completed a scan of the inmate utilizing the Full Body Digital Security Screening System with negative results. Corrections Deputy Romer conducted a search of the clothing and

discovered a plastic bag concealed in the inmate's clothing containing Marijuana and Crack Cocaine.

February – Sergeant Lawrence Manley, Sergeant James Moffitt, Corporal Kimberly Hall, FTO Christina Lewis and FTO Daniel Sacino











Sergeant Lawrence Manley, Sergeant James Moffitt Corporal Kimberly Hall, FTO Christina Lewis and FTO Daniel Sacino demonstrated true dedication by conducting an extensive review off all daily trainee observation reports and performed face-to-face interviews with each trainee affected to verify the trainees were proficient in all tasks and post assignments identified in the Daily Observation Reports. This review encompassed 25 trainees and over 300 reports. Their efforts resulted in the assurance that all trainees were in fact 100% proficient in all tasks and post assignments, and that the Jail Complex was in total compliance with training standards. Each is being recognized with a Commendable Service Award for their outstanding efforts.

March - Corrections Deputy Jessica Michaud and Deputy Jason Lewis





Corrections Deputies Jessica Michaud and Jason Lewis observed a female who was being received at the Jail acting suspiciously. Believing the individual was in the possession of illegal contraband was under possibly under the influence of a controlled substance based on her behavior.

Their suspicions were confirmed when illegal drugs were located hidden within the woman's clothing. The female then admitted that she had ingested a large amount of the drugs. Within seconds, she began a drug induced seizure. The female was quickly transported to a nearby hospital. The actions of the deputies aided in saving the life of this female as well as keeping illegal contraband from entering the jail.

April – Corrections Deputy Jose Centero and Corrections Deputy Freha Durrance



Corrections Deputy Freha Durrance brought an Inmate into the sally-port to be received and informed Corrections Deputy Jose Centeno that during the transport she witnessed the inmate reaching into his waistband area. Deputy Centeno began a pat-down search of Inmate Zimmerman and located a controlled substance. If not for these two Corrections Deputies attention to detail and thoroughness in this situation, the harmful contraband would have entered into the facility.



May - Corrections Deputy Kyle Leidner



Corrections Deputy Kyle Leidner was on his way home after completing his shift when he witnessed a crash involving two tractor-trailers. Corrections Deputy Leidner immediately pulled over to render assistance and observed a fire in the engine of the truck. As he tried to help the driver pinned inside the vehicle, he found the driver's door was crushed shut. Taking immediate action, Corrections Deputy Leidner extinguished the fire and used a crowbar and chains to pry open the door of the tractor trailer and gain access to the driver. Although he could not remove the driver, he spoke to him to keep him calm until BCFR arrived. Deputy Leidner risked his personal safety to render

aid and is commended for his efforts.

July - Corporal Troy Robertson and FTO Benjamin Smith



Field Training Officer Benjamin Smith and Corporal Troy Robertson were searching inmate property when suspected information about terroristic acts was observed. As evidenced by recent events, the deputies recognized the potential of seriousness criminal acts and ensured the proper authorities were notified. Both are being presented with a Commendable Service Award for their efforts.



August - Sergeant Evelyn DeNardo and Sergeant Robert Lough



Sergeant Robert Lough and Sergeant Evelyn DeNardo assisted a fellow employee with what turned out to be a medical emergency in reference to her husband. An employee notified Sergeant DeNardo that she was having issues reaching her husband, stating that her husband is an insulin dependent diabetic and she was afraid that something had happened and he might be unable to call for help. Sergeant DeNardo immediately contacted TPD for a well-being check due and both then accompanied the



employee to her residence. Shortly after leaving the Jail, TPD advised that there was no answer, but they were able gain access to the residence he had found an unsecured garage window. Inside the residence, TPD located the victim unresponsive, suffering from a life threatening diabetic episode. Sergeant DeNardo and Sergeant Lough provided support to the employee and keep her calm. The quick response to investigate the concerns of the employee helped avert a possible life ending consequence.

September – FTO Brian Claudius



FTO Brian Claudius conducted the quarterly fire drill and reviewed the status of all of the facility SCBA units when he discovered the need to fill twenty-four units. FTO Claudius contacted BCFR and initiated an immediate response to fill the numerous units. With the safety of the facility and its inhabitants in mind, FTO Claudius went the extra mile to insure that the emergency fire equipment was again returned to emergency use status. Brian is also being presented with a Commendable Service Award for his efforts.

October - Corporal Ed Medbery and Corporal John Wright



Corrections Corporals John Wright and Ed Medberry were transferring an inmate for Medical treatment when they noticed the inmate was in distress and had stopped breathing. They immediately started CPR until BCFR could respond to their location. Due to Corporal Wright and Corporal Medberry's life saving actions, the inmate made a full recovery.





November - Corporal Regina Ellis

While assigned at the Female Facility, Corporal Regina Ellis received information that an inmate could possibly have a controlled substance in her possession. Corporal Ellis then conducted a security check in the dorm, located the suspected inmate and immediately separate her from the other inmates. This inmate was questioned about possessing any contraband and refused to answer the question. The inmate was taken to the booking changing and the controlled substance was located. Because of Corporal

Ellis' quick response to the information, she was able remove a dangerous drug from the facility. Additionally, Regina is being recognized with a Commendable Service Award for her efforts.



December - Sergeant Brian Seeley

Sergeant Seeley responded to assist with an unruly inmate who was scheduled to go to court. Prior to entering the courtroom, the inmate appeared to be confused about his situation and would not respond to directions. When the inmate was about to walk into the courtroom he tried to pull free from the court deputies and would not stop when ordered. As the deputies were escorting the inmate, he was able to break free and started running. Sergeant Seeley, without hesitation, chased after the inmate and was able to secure him. Sergeant Seeley held on to the inmate until additional

deputies arrived. During this incident, Sergeant Seeley was injured as the result of an inmate landing on his right leg causing his knee to buckle sideways. Despite being in severe pain, Sergeant Seeley was still able to hold on to the inmate and prevent the inmate from escaping until help arrived.

2016 Corrections Deputy of the Year

June - Sergeant Michael Ingram



Sergeant Ingram exemplifies the qualities of excellence, integrity and professionalism expected of a Corrections Deputy. As a retired, highly-decorated Air Assault soldier with the U.S. Army and a former Corrections Officer with the Department of Corrections, Sergeant Ingram has utilized his leadership skills daily since he began his career with the Sheriff's Office in 2006. He serves as a positive role model for his fellow co-workers and the citizens he serves in the community.

In addition to his day to day duties of scheduling, coordinating and supervising over 80 personnel on his shift, Sergeant Ingram's technical expertise and superior performance led to his being named as the Commander of the Corrections Response Team. In this capacity, Sergeant Ingram was responsible for the scheduling and coordination of over 3,000

training hours for 31-member team, which has directly resulted in the successful execution of multiple cell block searches to remove weapons and other harmful contraband and transport and escort of high risk inmates outside of the facility.

Sergeant Ingram's outstanding intelligence gathering techniques and interpersonal led to an inmate providing information that resulted recovery of a stolen firearm hidden near a major shopping mall and skate park frequented by children. Additionally, further investigation led to the recovery of stolen property connected with a robbery.

Additionally, Sergeant Ingram witnessed a vehicle overturned in a ditch and stopped to render aid. Once on the scene, he noticed the person had exited the vehicle and was standing off the shoulder of the road and was acting suspiciously by attempting to conceal an object. When MPD Officers arrived, Sergeant Ingram informed the officer that the individual was attempting to hide

a firearm, which was on the ground by his feet. Sergeant Ingram's endless commitment to the community has positively impacted the lives of hundreds of citizens. He organized a 15-member team and participated in the Jail Complex's involvement in Special Olympics Events, where he personally raised \$1,200 in donations for the Special Olympics which contributed to the overall earnings of \$25,000 that will be used to sponsor Florida's Special Olympic athletes in competitions. Sergeant Ingram is also actively involved in the Sheriff's sponsored Brevard Attitude Modification (BAM) Program. Where he has mentored over 50 high-risk children in learning life skills, coping strategies and consequences of their actions. In addition, as an active marathon runner and fitness activist, Sergeant Ingram uses his knowledge of fitness to train during his off-duty time in completing the Physical Abilities Test (PAT), which has had a positive impact on the health, morale and well-being of agency members.

2016 Deputies of the Month

The recipients were selected from the 538 Sheriff's Deputies who work as Patrol Deputies, Court Deputies and Investigative Agents throughout the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

January – Agent Nick Walker



Members of the Sheriff's Office responded to an incident that was originally believed to be a shooting. Due to the severity of the injuries, the victim was rushed to a Surgical Intensive Care Unit in critical condition. Agent Nicholas Walker was assigned as the lead investigator. As the investigation progressed, Agent Walker identified the suspects who had orchestrated a plan to ambush the victim at his residence for the purpose of killing him with a crowbar as retaliation. Subsequently, Agent Walker was able to obtain arrest warrants for Attempted First Degree Premeditated Murder and all three suspects were quickly arrested, charged, and as a result of the quality investigation, pleaded

guilty.

February – FTO Matthew Simpson

Deputy Matthew Simpson was off-duty when he heard a bank robbery had just occurred. Deputy Simpson was in his personal vehicle and saw a subject walking from the area of the bank, acting strangely. As Deputy Simpson followed the subject, he turned and approached Deputy Simpson. Matt immediately jumped into action, observing several banded layers of U.S. currency protruding from the subject's pockets, and detained him without incident. A search revealed the robbery note that was given to the bank and the currency form the robbery.



March – Deputy Christopher Ferrante, Deputy William Hammer and Agent Brian Jones





After responding to a remote area in south Brevard reference a missing boater, deputies determined that 3 teens were camping on an island in the Intercostal Waterway when a strong storm passed through. One of the campers who was severely intoxicated and under the influence of a narcotics and disappeared.

Corporal Brian Jones, Deputy William Hammer and Deputy Ferrante braved the severe weather conditions and initiated a search in a BCSO boat. They located the camper bobbing in the waves, desperately trying to stay afloat. Deputy Ferrante and Deputy Hammer pulled the male into the boat, but that wasn't the end of the story, as they returned to shore, the intoxicated subject jumped from the boat back into the dark waters. They were able to relocate him and pull him back into the boat where he was safely secured and turned over to BCFR for medical treatment.

April - Corporal Justin Hope and FTO William Yearty



Corporal Justin Hope and FTO William Yearty responded to a call reference a suicidal subject. Upon arrival, were given a suicide note and the deputies

started searching for the subject. The individual was located in a wooded area bleeding from a deep cut on his arm and fading in and out of consciousness. While Corporal Hope retrieved his tourniquet, FTO Yearty removed his inner-belt from his uniform and utilized it as a makeshift tourniquet to slow the bleeding until FTO Hope returned and applied a tourniquet. Had they not



slowed the blood flow through the use of the makeshift tourniquet, then apply a tourniquet, the subject would have likely died.

May - Deputy Nicole Contos



The Sheriff's Office received multiple emergency calls reporting someone screaming for help under a causeway bridge. Deputies responded and located a male on construction scaffolding under the bridge. FTO Nicole Contos and Deputy Lauren Hannon were transported by boat to the area as FTO Contos attempted to make contact with the subject. Both deputies cautiously climbed the scaffolding to the male. The man became increasingly agitated at which point he attempted to jump off the scaffolding. FTO Contos quickly leaned forward and was able to grab the man by his belt preventing him from falling approximately 30 feet onto the concrete base. FTO Contos remained extremely

calm while holding him by the belt and was able to persuade the subject to help pull himself back. FTO Contos and Deputy Hannon safely escorted the man down the scaffolding. The quick and

decisive actions taken by FTO Contos during this emergency situation and her intervention certainly prevented a loss of life.

June - Deputy Taylor Lakeman and Christina Deputy Petsos

Deputies Christina Petsos and Taylor Lakeman responded to the Villages of Seaport community gym for a medical emergency. It was reported a man collapsed while running on a treadmill in the gym and was now unresponsive. Deputy Petsos immediately recognized that the male was in cardiac arrest and began CPR. While performing CPR, she simultaneously gave instructions to a witness on how to prepare her AED for use. Deputy Lakeman arrived seconds later and utilized the AED. Both deputies





continued providing lifesaving CPR to the victim until CCVFD arrived. The victim made a full recovery.

July – Commander Paul Drinkwater, Corporal Andrew Salazar and Deputy Gregory Matthews







The Sheriff's Office was dispatched to I-95 reference to a serious vehicle crash with the occupants sustaining life-threatening injuries. Commander Paul Drinkwater arrived on-scene in minutes advising a fire was starting and people were still inside. Commander Drinkwater, along with several off-duty BCFR employees began removing the occupants. Corporal Andrew Salazar and Deputy Greg Matthews arrived on-scene and ran to the burning vehicle in an attempt to move a female victim's body who was believed to be deceased away from the burning car. They then discovered the female was showing signs of life and began rendering lifesaving aid. Were it not for the actions of Commander Drinkwater, Corporal Salazar, and Deputy Matthews, it is very likely that these victim's would not have survived.

September – Deputy Michael Matteson

Shortly after the Melbourne Police Department issued a BOLO for a male that had just committed an armed robbery, Deputy Michael Matteson began patrolling the neighborhoods in the area the suspect was believed to have ran. He then noticed a male acting suspicious. Deputy Matteson turned his vehicle around to address the male, but upon doing so, the male disappeared down another street. Deputy Matteson began a cursory search of connecting streets and located the male. The individual was very agitated and nervously told Deputy Matteson that he had an active warrant for arrest. After turning the individual over to MPD as the robbery suspect, Deputy Matteson responded back to where he had initially observed the suspect and located a



backpack containing items matching the property from the robbery, a mask and handgun. As a result of Deputy Matteson's efforts, he not only located the robbery suspect, but he was also able to recover the stolen property, mask and firearm used in the crime.

October - FTO Alicia Miller



A series of burglaries were committed where the suspect would enter open garages, remove property and flee the area in an SUV. The burglaries occurred in multiple precincts, including East, North and South. Deputy Alicia Miller responded to investigate one of these burglaries and identified a witness who had wrote down the suspect's license plate number. She spoke with other witnesses, discovered that the suspect had an extensive criminal history and had recently been released from prison for burglary related offenses and obtained a positive ID from a phot lineup. Deputy Miller determined that the suspect had pawned multiple burglary items and discovered two new pawns by the suspect that matched items reported

stolen as well. After obtaining an arrest warrant, suspect was arrested without incident. As a result of Alicia's investigation, Agents were able to close ten open burglary cases.

November - Deputy Brian Fritz, Agent Peter Stead and Deputy Candice Watson







Deputy Candice Watson, K- 9 Deputy Brian Fritz and Agent Peter Stead were working a Port cruise terminal when they were notified of a cruise passenger in need of medical attention. They ran to the location and found a senior, unresponsive and immediately initiated CPR. As Deputy Watson continued with CPR, Deputy Fritz and Agent Stead prepared the AED. After several shocks by the AED, the patient regained a pulse and started breathing. The patient was later transported to the hospital, awake and alert. There is no doubt that the timely measures taken by these deputies saved the life of this victim.

December – Deputy David Bowes and Deputy Timothy Liston



K9 Deputy David Bowes and Deputy Timothy Liston responded to search for a suspect who fled on foot from a traffic stop. During the track the deputies

passed a vehicle, and as they did, K9 Vader who is also trained in drug detection alerted to the vehicle. The Deputies made note of the alert and location and continued on the track of the wanted suspect. After locating the suspect, they immediately returned to residence and initiated contact with the homeowner. During the consensual encounter, they learned the

homeowner was also the owner of the vehicle. The owner told the deputies there was marijuana in the vehicle and agreed to open the vehicle to allow

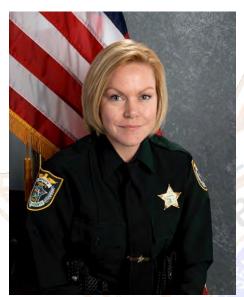


them to retrieve it. After retrieving the marijuana, they continued searching the interior of the vehicle and located a backpack with a large amount of US currency inside. As a result of their efforts, 120 pounds of Marijuana and \$65,000 in cash was seized.

2016 Deputy of the Year

The recipient was selected from one of the Deputies of the Month for 2016. This individual will receive a special gift from the Coastal Florida Police Benevolent Association.

Agent Mary Adams



Agent Mary Adams began her career with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office in 1996 as a Corrections Auxiliary Officer. She was promoted to Corrections Deputy in 1998, but her desire to work in investigations led her to become a Patrol Deputy in 2001. She excelled and was promoted to Field Training Officer in 2003 and an agent in 2005. In 2012, Mary joined CIS, where she has proudly served in both the Special Investigations and Special Victims Units.

Of significance, Agent Adams initiated an investigation into allegations surrounding an adult who was sexually molesting a teen. The investigation determined that the suspect was the victim's recreational league basketball coach. Agent Adams' investigation continued for approximately another week and a half, during which time, she was able to interview the suspect, who did not confess to the crimes, but did make several key admissions which

supported the probable cause for his arrest. Nearing the end of the investigation, Agent Adams learned the suspect had threatened to leave the area, fearing arrest.

Agent Adams ultimately learned that Texas was a possible destination where he could cross into Mexico. Less than 24 hours later, he was located by the Marshal's Service in Texas miles from the Mexican border. Once arrested, the Federal authorities located a number of electronic devices that proved useful in Agent Adams' subsequent investigations into other alleged sexual activities with other juvenile victims. Not only were other victims identified, but significant evidence was recovered.

In all, fourteen victims were identified as a result of Agent Adams' investigation. The suspect is currently facing a total of seventy-five charges ranging from Lewd and Lascivious Molestation, and Possession of Child Pornography. Due to Agent Adams' diligence and perseverance, she performed a very difficult task, which not only resulted in the successful closure to significant criminal cases, but allowed the victims the opportunity to begin the every long healing process without fear of this violent offender.

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