



Re: Fort Pierce Police Department and the Saint Lucie County Sheriff Office win the ASIS Community Policing Award <Watchdog: Virus checked>

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All,

Several members from the Fort Pierce Police Department were nominated for the ASIS Regional Law Enforcement Officers Awards – an extremely prestigious awards program that accepts nominations from across Southeast Florida. The awards ceremony was held today in Palm Beach Gardens and as always, our police department stole the show.

Nominations from our agency included:

- Deputy Chief Greg Kirk – Lifetime Achievement
- Officer Ryan Moore – Peer Award
- Accreditation Manager Michelle Sirois – Peer Award
- Officers Guy Montgomery, Marty Ortiz, and Detective Petry – Community Policing Award
- Detective Dave Jones, Sergeant Jimmy Grecco, Detective Tyrone Campbell, and Crime Scene Investigator Erin Greiner - Investigative Award
- Officer Michael Azevedo – Officer of the Year

Just being nominated for these awards is an honorable accomplishment. Better yet... members of our agency proudly received two of the ten awards that were presented. Officers Guy Montgomery, Marty Ortiz, and Detective Petry won the prized Community Policing Award, along with their partners from the Sheriff's Office, for the work our Joint Task Force did to combat an outbreak of gang violence last year. Officer Michael Azevedo won the coveted Officer of the Year Award for his work in improving traffic safety in our community (including 180 + DUI arrests, thousands of traffic stops, and playing a leadership role in several enforcement initiatives).

Please join me in congratulating all of our nominees and award winners for the outstanding work they've done in ***Protecting Our Community!***

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All,

Please read the news release written by SLCSO Public Information Officer Mark Weinberg. We are honored to have won this award.

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Attachment: Photo of St. Lucie County Chief Deputy Garry R. Wilson (second from left) with Crime Suppression Team members (left to right): St. Lucie County Sheriff's Sgt. Chris Cicio, Deputy Charles Singletary, Deputy Matthew Dietrich, Fort Pierce Police Officer Guy Montgomery, Deputy Charles Bell, Officer Martin Ortiz, Deputy Matthew Brewster and Officer Guy Montgomery

Headline: St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office - Fort Pierce Police Department Crime Suppression Team wins prestigious community policing award

The Crime Suppression Team of St. Lucie County Sheriff's Deputies and Fort Pierce Police Officers has won the Community Policing Award from the local chapter of ASIS International, a worldwide association of law enforcement professionals.

The award was announced at a luncheon today in Palm Beach Gardens of ASIS Chapter 254 that includes the Treasure Coast.

"I'm extremely proud of the team's accomplishments and the commitment of both law enforcement agencies that made these accomplishments possible," said St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken J. Mascara. "We were able to make a big difference in our community with a team concept that the community welcomed."

Fort Pierce Police Chief R. Sean Baldwin said, "Our joint task force not only reduced the shooting in our community, but also helped Sheriff Mascara and me fulfill a commitment to our community to provide a higher level of police presence. The ASIS Community Policing Award is an honor that this team truly deserves."

A two-agency Crime Suppression team was a first for both agencies. Prior to the unit's deployment, gun violence was at an all-time high, averaging eight shootings a week, including robberies and homicides. The team's goal was to improve safety and quality of life.

Team activities began on October 29, 2013, and ended January 31.

Team members are:

St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office: Sgt. Chris Cicio, Deputies, Charles Bell, Matthew Brewster Matthew Dietrich, and Charles Singletary.

Fort Pierce Police Department: Officers Guy Montgomery, Martin Ortiz and David Petry.

The Crime Suppression Team consisted of a Sheriff's Office sergeant, four uniformed deputies and four uniformed police officers. Deputy-officer teams worked in marked patrol vehicles with frequent foot patrols

Units were deployed to areas where the crime analysis process had identified violent crime trends. Team members interacted with residents of the community, investigated problems, identified and arrested perpetrators, and prevented further criminal activity. In addition, they apprehended wanted individuals and provided other services directly related to the prevention of crime and the apprehension of violators.

As a result of the Crime Suppression Team, violent crime was reduced significantly in and around Fort Pierce. Due to call load, patrol units bypass potentially violent crime locations, stopping only when called there. These locations became the home of the Crime Suppression Team members, enabling them to arrive at scenes of violent crime and/or shooting activity within seconds.

The team's achievements included:

Citizen contacts - 4,580

Field interviews -- 400

Gang members identified - 48

Traffic stops - 1,354

Verbal warnings - 1,133

Drug arrests - 71

Warrant arrests - 37

Missing juveniles recovered - 2

The team members served with professionalism, confidence and teamwork.

ASIS, founded in 1955, describes itself as: "dedicated to increasing the effectiveness and productivity of security professionals by developing educational programs and materials that address broad security interests, such as the ASIS Annual Seminar and Exhibits, as well as specific security topics. ASIS also advocates the role and value of the security management profession to business, the media, government entities, and the public."

The group's website is ASISonline.org.

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