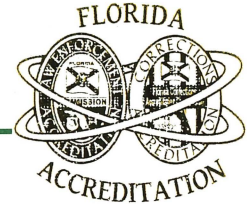




Sheriff

KEN J. MASCARA

Telephone: (772) 462-3200 • Fax: (772) 489-5851
4700 West Midway Road • Fort Pierce, Florida 34981



June 14, 2017

Chief Diane Hobley-Burney
Fort Pierce Police Department
920 South U.S. Highway 1
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Dear Chief Hobley-Burney:

Please accept this letter of appreciation for the men and women of Rotation A Day Shift of the Fort Pierce Police Department. These individuals effectively assisted our agency with a barricaded subject at the Flying J Truck Stop on Monday, June 12, 2017.

From the original Attempt To Locate, to the establishment of the outer perimeter, the officers on scene provided much needed assistance during this potentially dangerous situation. While there were many involved that I don't know by name, the following were readily available to assist us in any way needed:

- Assistant Chief Kenny Norris
- Major Steve Courtoy
- Lieutenant Robert Ridle
- Sergeant John Schramm
- Officer James Ippolito

I would like to specifically express my appreciation and thanks for the excellent work that Officer Ippolito provided as a crisis negotiator. Throughout the entire incident, he assisted our Crisis Negotiation Team in any way possible. It is clearly evident that he is well trained in negotiations and extremely competent in this capacity. As our team transitioned from the open parking lot, into our Crisis Negotiation Team Truck, Officer Ippolito took the position of secondary (coach) negotiator. Though he has never formally trained with our team, it seemed as though his transition into this position was seamless. In fact, the negotiation process was going so well with Officer Ippolito working in this position, our team leader chose to keep him in place for the remainder of the incident rather than replace him with one of our own team members.

Please share my appreciation with these individuals and know that they represented the Fort Pierce Police department well.

Sincerely,

Ken J. Mascara,
Sheriff

ds

RECEIVED

JUN 21 2017

CHIEF'S OFFICE/FPPD