

To Protect & Serve

Our monthly recognition for the best of the best



Civilian Employee of the Month

MS. TAMALA NEWSOME

Ms. Newsome is a Police Services Technician, assigned to the Central Records Public Counter Unit. Her duties include researching and providing copies of various reports, such as arrest dockets, to the public. These reports are routinely released to anyone, based upon a Florida Public Records Law.

One day at closing time, Ms. Newsome was assisting an attorney who had requested a copy of an arrest docket on one of his clients. Before releasing the arrest docket, Ms. Newsome scanned the information and noticed that this report was very detailed, containing many non-public factors regarding the arrest: the probable cause affidavit, list of all defendants and detailed inter-agency information regarding the Narcotics investigation, names, land line and cell phone numbers, and information on the investigator and the judges who authorized the wiring communication interception.

Ms. Newsome immediately became concerned about releasing this report, contacted a detective in the Narcotics Unit and voiced her concerns. When the detective reviewed the report, he advised that only the defendant's attorney could obtain a copy.

Ms. Newsome is being commended today for taking the appropriate steps to ensure the safety of our officers and other law enforcement personnel. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to this agency.

Congratulations on your selection as the Civilian Employee of the Month.



Correctional Supervisor of the Month

SGT. DONNA JOHNSON

Sergeant Johnson, assigned to the Pre-Trial Detention Facility, has consistently shown a strong desire to do what is right. She is compassionate to officers assigned to her, as well as the inmates under her supervision.

Last November a female inmate who was very upset explained to Sgt. Johnson that she had just been arrested and was worried about her two children and who was caring for them. When she was arrested, she was allowed to contact someone to pick up her children instead of their being taken to the Department of Children and Families. One child was eight days old and the other was two years old. The arresting officer had told her that he would stay with the children until someone arrived to care for them.

Sgt. Johnson obtained phone numbers of relatives and friends and located both children at two different locations: the baby was with the inmate's pastor, and the two-year old was with his father. Both expressed their thanks to Sgt. Johnson for her concern about the children. Within two hours she was able to reassure the inmate that her children were safe and sound. In a time where our children's safety is at risk, Sgt. Johnson made the extra effort to ensure the security of two children, even though their mother was an inmate.

Thank you Sergeant Johnson for your dedication and commitment to this agency and the community. Congratulations on your selection as the Correctional Supervisor of the Month.



Police Supervisor of the Month

SGT. LEONARD PROPPER

Sgt. Propper is assigned to the Community Affairs Unit, supervising officers who work the public housing units (HUD). Surpassing expectations with his fresh vision and work ethic, Sgt. Propper and his squad have conducted 60 direct patrol deployments in various public housing complexes, resulting in 200 arrests, ranging from armed burglary to misdemeanor warrants served.

Under his supervision the squad also investigated cases of Public Assistance Fraud that have been outstanding since 1998. To date, they have arrested 55 of the 66 suspects wanted for fraud, recovering \$10,000 that will go directly back into the communities.

Sgt. Propper also volunteered to oversee the Florida Youths Ranch Program, so it could be conducted at South Wind Villas. This week long camp taught children the importance of respect for each other and non-violent conflict resolution methods. He volunteers for many assignments, routinely assists other zones and the DART team, has a vision for public housing and encourages an environment for creative excellence.

Sgt. Propper excels in defining, measuring and increasing productivity and in developing team momentum, enthusiasm and pride. Thank you for your dedication to this agency, your squad and the community. Congratulations on your selection as the Police Supervisor of the Month.



Correctional Officer of the Month

MS. CHARLIE FOREMAN

On August 14, 2003, Officer Charlie Foreman was assigned to the Public Reception area at the Community Corrections Division. At 4:00 p.m. that day she noticed an elderly lady who appeared to be upset attempting to use an out-of-order pay phone outside. She went to the front door and asked the woman if she needed help.

The lady identified herself as Beatrice Mello, 81 years of age, and said she was trying to reach her daughter in Ocala; she thought she was in Orlando. Officer Foreman welcomed her into the reception area, explained that she was in Jacksonville, and obtained her daughter's name and phone number. She then asked the Chief's secretary to contact the daughter.

The secretary learned that Mrs. Mello had been reported missing in Marion County two days earlier. The daughter had been extremely upset and was relieved to know that her mother was safe.

Officer Foreman explained to Mrs. Mello that her daughter was on the way to pick her up and it would take a few hours; meanwhile, she could stay in the reception area until they arrived. The daughter and granddaughter arrived at 9:30 p.m. and enjoyed an emotional reunion with Mrs. Mello. They expressed their thanks and went home.

Officer Foreman's display of compassion for this individual and her family exemplified the core value of being "Community Focused." Today, it is an honor to congratulate you on your selection as the Correctional Officer of the Month.



Police Officer of the Month

ISAAC BROWN

Officer Brown, assigned to Patrol West / Zone Five, is described by co-workers as an honest, dedicated and sincere officer, who is often commended for a job well done. He has received commendations from the INS for his assistance in arresting fifty illegal immigrants, for a carjacking investigation resulting in the arrest of the suspects and recovery of the victim's vehicle, for monthly warrant deployments in his zone with a better than 50 percent

success rate.

In August and September 2003, Homicide detectives commended him for identifying and locating witnesses and suspects in a number of homicides that occurred in areas around nightclubs. In October 2003, Officer Brown helped apprehend two burglary suspects wanted for more than 20 residential burglaries and obtained information about suspects in a number of arson cases.

In November he located a suspect wanted for a double shooting that involved one fatality and severe injury to the other victim. He convinced this suspect over the phone to meet with him and surrender. Even when he is off duty, he aids fellow officers. Last November while monitoring the radio he heard a pursuit in progress with no on-duty officers ahead of the vehicle, so he positioned himself and deployed stop sticks to halt the fleeing vehicle. The suspects were apprehended without incident.

Officer Brown continues on a daily basis, on and off duty, to fulfill his mission as a police officer. He excels in presenting a positive image for himself and this agency. It is with great pride today that I announce his selection as Police Officer of the Month. Congratulations and thank you for all of your hard work and dedication.



Reserve Officer of the Month

RICHARD BRADFORD

Officer Bradford has continuously shown his dedication to this agency during his 30 years as a member of the Reserve Unit. His assignments primarily consist of riding with patrol officers in various Zones; however, he is always willing to work other assignments, adjusting his schedule in order to assist.

With the experience he has gained over the years working deployments that include traffic assignments, special city events and special security assignments, he is able to assist both the patrol officers and the citizens of this community.

He has received numerous letters of commendation and is consistently in the top ten for points and time given to the Reserve Unit on a monthly basis. In fact, Officer Bradford has been selected Officer of the Month in 1993, 1996 and 1999 and was honored as the 2000 Reserve Officer of the Year.

Officer Bradford, we thank you for your continued dedication, not only to this department, but also to the citizens of this community. Congratulations on your selection as the Reserve Officer of the Month.