

# To Protect & Serve

## Our Monthly Recognition of the Best of the Best

### CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

#### **CASSANDRA SMITH**

Ms. Cassandra Smith is assigned to the Community Affairs Division as the Crime Prevention Coordinator. Ms. Smith is an extremely hard worker who goes out of her way to help others. Her positive attitude and professional demeanor are just a few of her many attributes. Her passion for public safety and this agency are quite evident. She is always willing to work weekends, nights and long hours in order to promote community policing. She educates and prepares officers for community functions and programs. Ms. Smith has assisted Sgt. John Mike in organizing the tracking process for the Sheriff's Summer Youth Intervention Program. In addition to her responsibilities here, Ms. Smith serves on several advisory boards throughout the city. Thank you, Ms. Smith, for your commitment and dedication. You have more than earned this recognition. Congratulations on being selected the Civilian Employee of the Month.



### CORRECTION OFFICER OF THE MONTH

#### **OFFICER ROBERT ROWE**

Corrections Officer Robert Rowe is assigned to the Pre-Trial Detention Facility. He was conducting roll call when he discovered an inmate who was lying still on his bunk with a blanket covering half his head. When he couldn't awaken the inmate, Officer Rowe pulled back the blanket and discovered a strip of sheet tied around the man's neck. The inmate was in distress and unresponsive. Officer Rowe called for assistance and the sheet was removed. Due to Officer Rowe's attention to detail and quick response, a human life was saved. Congratulations Officer Rowe. You are a tremendous asset to this agency. You deserve to be honored as the Corrections Officer of the Month.



### NON-SWORN SUPERVISOR OF THE MONTH

#### **SGT. RICHARD ROBINSON**

Sgt. Richard Robinson has been the Commissary Liaison for Corrections since October of 1999. Soon after his arrival, Sgt. Robinson discovered there were problems with the Commissary Services Provider and the inmate accounting system. His tireless efforts to document incongruent money accounts ultimately led to the removal of the provider. Sgt. Robinson has worked closely with the new Commissary Provider to make sure the accounting system is operating properly. His knowledge and experience have greatly reduced the complaints and grievances from inmates with regard to their commissary accounts. Sgt. Robinson has developed a "High Expenditure" list of inmates and their purchases. The information is provided to all three facilities where it is reviewed to determine the validity of each purchase. This effort has been effective in disrupting gambling rings in the dorm and also for identifying potential extortion victims. Thank you, Sgt. Robinson, for your strong commitment. You are a tremendous asset to this agency. Congratulations on being selected the Non-Sworn Supervisor of the Month.



### POLICE OFFICER OF THE MONTH

#### **DETECTIVE MARK ROMANO**

Detective Mark Romano is assigned to the Sex Crimes Unit. He is being commended for his outstanding work in a sexual abuse case involving four juvenile females. His efforts to never give up led to the arrest of a married couple that were providing alcohol to the minors and then molesting them. Detective Romano worked in his usual vigilant fashion. As a result, the juveniles were protected from further abuse and two child molesters were confined to jail. In another case, Detective Romano went the extra mile in his search for a suspect who had abducted, robbed and raped a woman. The victim was withdrawing money from an ATM machine when her attacker grabbed her. Detective Romano obtained copies of photos taken from the ATM. A partial view of the suspect's face was revealed. After canvassing the area and interviewing people, Detective Romano identified the suspect. Congratulations Detective Romano. You are a top-notch investigator. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.



### RESERVE OFFICER OF THE MONTH

#### **OFFICER STEVE COLEMAN**

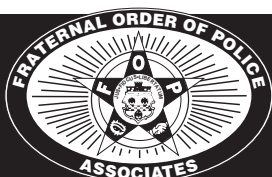
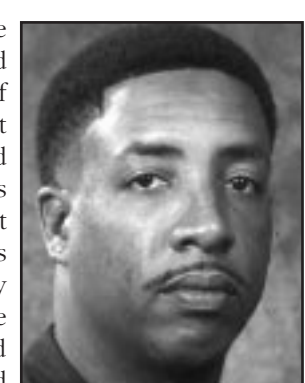
Officer Steve Coleman has been a member of the Reserve Unit for four years. No matter how busy his life is; Officer Coleman remains dedicated and committed to the team. He is very proud to serve the public and is always quick to respond when called upon. Since he began volunteering, Officer Coleman has worked hundreds of hours. Last year alone, Officer Coleman served well over 150 hours as a Reserve Officer. His commitment to public service and safety is exceptional. Officer Coleman is extremely reliable and always available for challenging assignments and callouts. For instance, he helped with traffic and crowd control at the Florida-Georgia Football game. Officer Coleman is very loyal and cooperative. Thank you, Officer Coleman, for your outstanding attitude. Congratulations on being picked as the Reserve Officer of the Month. Congratulations and keep up the great work.



### SWORN SUPERVISOR OF THE MONTH

#### **SGT. T.K. WATERS**

Sgt. T.K. Waters is assigned to Patrol Zone Six as the leader of the Problem Response Team. Sgt. Waters and his squad have dramatically reduced the number of burglaries in the Zone. The problem was escalating at the end of last year. As a result of their diligence and determination, the number of business burglaries dropped 43 percent and residential burglaries were cut in half for the month of January. Sgt. Waters and his squad uncovered a number of potential suspects by matching the stolen property to their pawn tickets. The interviews that followed resulted in arrests and clearance of several cases. In one case, a woman had pawned in two days over 60 pieces of jewelry valued at around One-Hundred Thousand dollars. Congratulations Sgt. Waters. Your diligence, leadership and experience have contributed to the success of this initiative. Thank you for your perseverance and keep up the great work.



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