

PALM BEACH COUNTY

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

RIC L. BRADSHAW, SHERIFF



Lt. Eli Shaivitz
District 8 / Wellington

May 17th, 2022

To: Wellington Public Safety Committee

I would like to nominate Deputy Harold Harper for Wellington Top Cop. Deputy Harper has been with PBSO since 2004 and has been the liaison to the village since August 2020, assuming the position previously held by Deputy Scott Poritz.

Deputy Harper has numerous responsibilities including attending council meetings, magistrate hearings, working with the Neighborhood Watch groups, and staffing special events such as 4th of July, Fall Festival, and dozens of other events throughout the year.

The largest event Deputy Harper is responsible for staffing is the annual Holiday Parade, with this past year setting a record number of nearly 90 sworn personnel in attendance. This increase, from 60 sworn, was due to the unfortunate situation at a Wisconsin holiday parade where a suspect drove through the event, killing six people. The planning of the Wellington Holiday Parade takes months and after the event in Wisconsin, Deputy Harper had to increase staffing at the last-minute. Thankfully the parade went well and we had no issues whatsoever. Deputy Harper's work with events is at the caliber I would expect from a Sergeant.

Lastly, Deputy Harper is constantly given high-profile assignments that require tact and discretion. These cases rise to the level where a seasoned Detective would normally be assigned, yet Deputy Harper handles with ease.

I believe that the consistent efforts of Deputy Harper, well above what is expected of a Deputy, have made a great impact and a benefit to Wellington. I would like to nominate him for Wellington Top Cop and if you need any further information please contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lt. E. Shaivitz'.

Lt. Eli Shaivitz
Executive Officer
District 8 – Wellington

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SHERIFF RIC L. BRADSHAW



INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
4250/Road Patrol

TO: Wellington Public Safety Committee.
FROM: Sgt. James Benedict
SUBJECT: Wellington Top Cop

DATE: May 14, 2022

I would like to nominate Agent Nick Holberton ID# 8411 for Wellington Top Cop. The Village of Wellington is fortunate to have an agent like Nick Holberton. Agent Holberton is dedicated to keeping the Village safe. He prides himself on keeping dangerous drugs and criminal off the streets. He has a passion for locating subjects who are detrimental to society. From the moment he comes in he is investigating and researching past and future incidents that have and or will affect the Village. He is the senior Agent on the Street Team and his experience and professionalism is a guiding figure on the team.

Agent Holberton is an excellent investigator and when he is on a case shows a never quit attitude until there is a proper conclusion to the case. He has shown this over and over and one example of this was, Agent Holberton was tasked with conducting an investigation, in regards to a stolen transformer which belong to Florida Power and Light (FPL), being listed for sale on Offer Up for \$6,500.00.

Through investigative means Agent Holberton identified the suspect and his residence and conducted surveillance. Agent Holberton was able to confirm the serial number which matched the serial number on the transformer listed for sell on Offer Up. Agent Holberton drafted a residential search warrant.

In an undercover capacity communication was established with the suspect, via cell phone. Agent Holberton and the suspect agreed on a purchase price of \$2,000.00. Agent Holberton told me something did not sit right with him. After further investigation it appeared there was some mistakes made by FPL. There appeared to be no crime committed by the suspect. The property was all recovered and returned to FPL. The situation was explained to the suspect who was very grateful to Agent Holberton for conducting a thorough investigation. Agent Holberton took every step to ensure the best possible outcome for the case was obtained.

Agent Holberton showed great professionalism and care for both parties involved. Agent Holberton could have easily found the transformer, recovered it and arrested the suspect which would have been much easier. This affirmed the faith that residents in the area had for law enforcement. I would like to commend Agent Holberton for his professionalism, dedication and honor for holding a standard we all can strive to achieve.

Agent Holberton has worked over 200 cases and made 36 felony and 27 misdemeanor arrests. Twenty of them were drug arrests with seizures. He has conducted almost 800 surveillance and investigative hours to assure the Village of Wellington remains safe and well protected.

Agent Holberton is admired by his fellow agents as well as myself. I am grateful to have such an experienced and skilled agent under my command and I am sure the Village feels the same way. For Agent Holberton's daily actions I believe he is the Top Cop for the Village of Wellington.

Phillip Olavarria

From: Kenneth Wooldridge C.
Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2022 11:03 AM
To: Phillip Olavarria
Subject: Re: Public Safety Top Cop & Top Firefighter Nominations

Chief,

I would like to nominate Shane Armstrong for Wellington Top Firefighter for 2022. Shane has worked this past year in the Village of Wellington's Station 25 and has spent much time off duty volunteering his time to the Peer Support Team. He has spent countless hours of his own time in training on how to debrief firefighters after critical incidents and responds both on and off duty to help those in need after tough calls.

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From: Phillip Olavarria
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:58:37 AM
To: Bruce Arbeit; Ernst Muller; Kenneth Wooldridge C.
Subject: FW: Public Safety Top Cop & Top Firefighter Nominations

Gentlemen,

I need each of you to nominate 1 person for the Village of Wellington Top Firefighter award. As a reminder it must be someone who is assigned to one of the Wellington Stations. Please provide with your nomination a reason for them being nominated, as well as a narrative of the amount of time they have served in the Wellington community as well as their career with PBCFR. Please have these to me by May 15th, so that I may have time to get additional information if needed. Thank you for taking the time to recognize our personnel.

Phillip Olavarria
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Phillip Olavarria

From: Kenneth Wooldridge C.
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 10:14 PM
To: Phillip Olavarria
Subject: Wellington Top Firefighter

Chief,

Jason Haythorn was hired with PBCFR in July of 2006 and assigned to Battalion 2 which encompasses the Village of Wellington, for the past 4 years he has been assigned to station 30 as a Lieutenant on C-shift. He was assigned to the department's hurricane command team as a liaison for the Village of Wellington for a short time before being moved to headquarters to assist the PIO. He currently serves on the Region 7 All Hazards Incident Management Team as a FEMA qualified Type 3 PIO. He has been on numerous deployments throughout the state of Florida including Hurricane Irma in the Florida Keys and received the department's Exceptional Service award, Hurricane Michael in North Florida, Hurricane Maria and the evacuation of Puerto Rico, and severe weather event 2019 in Oklahoma. The severe weather event of 2019 was to serve the citizens of the Cherokee Nation after back-to-back tornados and catastrophic flooding of the Arkansas River which reached 48 feet. That was the first time in the history of the Cherokee Nation to make a request for assistance from the federal government with an EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Compact) request. He was also recently accepted to the Florida Forest Service All Hazards Interagency Incident Management Type 2 Team as a PIO and was recently deployed to Oregon for the Devils Knob Complex which burned in total 72,000+ acres.

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Nomination

Chief,

We are writing this to officially nominate Capt. Matt Willhite for Firefighter of the year for the Village of Wellington. Captain Willhite has served PBCFR and the county residents since his hire in 1996. He has moved up through the ranks of PBCFR where he now holds the rank of Captain after 26 years of proud service. Along with serving as a firefighter he is also a United States Marine where he served as a corpsman and received an honorable discharge. In 2016 he took on another service role as he joined the Florida House Of Representatives in the 86th District. He has faithfully served the citizens of the 86th district and has now chosen to continue to serve by running for a county commissioner seat. For this reason I feel Captain Willhite has earned the right to be nominated for Village of Wellington FF of the year due to his long standing service and dedication to the community.

**Thank you,
Station 20 crew**