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TO:	Wellington Public Safety Committee (Via Chain-of-Command)	DATE:
FROM:	Sergeant Bryant Lembo	
SUBJECT:	Top Cop Nomination – Deputy Sheriff Matthew Finne #44541	

I am proud to nominate **Deputy Sheriff Matthew Finne** for the **2025 Village of Wellington Top Cop Award**. Throughout the year, Deputy Finne has exemplified proactive policing, professionalism, and a strong commitment to community safety. His work has directly contributed to reducing crime and enhancing public trust in law enforcement.

Key examples of his exemplary service include:

- **Case #25035057:** After a suspect fled during a traffic stop, Deputy Finne conducted followup interviews, identified the offender, and uncovered involvement in drug sales. This led to an arrest warrant and the recovery of marijuana and methamphetamine.
- **Case #25045813:** During a self-initiated stop, he discovered a concealed Taurus .38 revolver. The driver, age 20, was arrested—preventing potential future violence.
- **Case #25048265:** A vehicle search revealed marijuana, multiple pill bottles, and \$1,500 in cash. The suspect, on probation, was arrested for possession with intent to sell. A phone search confirmed illegal drug distribution through text messages.

In addition to these cases, Deputy Finne consistently conducts effective field interviews, generating actionable intelligence shared with District 8, District 15, and PBSO Narcotics. His efforts have significantly supported regional drug enforcement operations.

Beyond enforcement, Deputy Finne mentors newer deputies, sharing his experience and reinforcing PBSO's core values of service and integrity. His leadership elevates his team and enhances the agency's effectiveness.

For his outstanding service and dedication, I respectfully nominate Deputy Matthew Finne for the **2025 Village of Wellington Top Cop Award**.