

PALM BEACH COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
DISTRICT 8 – VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON

TO: Captain J. Hart (Commander District 8) **DATE:** June 10, 2014
FROM: Sergeant R. DeMarco #3843 **FILE:**
SUBJECT: Top Cop Nomination (D8 Street Team Members)

I would like to take this opportunity to nominate D/S Robert Rohman #8059, D/S Kent Kummerfeldt #8054, D/S Scott Bates #8781 and D/S Ricardo Safford #8885, of the District 8 Street Crime Unit, to be considered for the Village of Wellington "Top Cop" award.

I understand that traditionally the "Top Cop" award is awarded to one person, but these four deputies have provided such a high level of service to the people of the Village of Wellington both individually and as a team that I feel that they should be recognized for their dedicated efforts.

Since the team was formed in November of 2013, they have collectively self-initiated approximately 100 narcotics cases that resulted in over 100 arrests. They have seized over 5,000 grams of marijuana as well as cocaine, assorted pills, heroin, hashish and other illegal narcotics. These narcotics investigations have netted over 20 vehicles and over \$30,000.00 in U.S. currency that has been seized for forfeiture. These narcotics investigations were very instrumental in identifying and incarcerating many mid and upper level drug suppliers in the Wellington area. These arrests have had a direct impact on reducing criminal activity as well as improving quality of life issues in many Village of Wellington neighborhoods.

In addition to their narcotics investigations, these street crime unit deputies have been credited with apprehending numerous burglary suspects, stolen vehicles/suspects and fugitives from justice.

As a result of their investigations, these deputies have executed numerous search warrants that have resulted in numerous firearms and large amounts of narcotics being seized as well as one bullet proof vest that had previously been stolen in a burglary to a PBSDO deputy's residence. Many of these investigations have identified people who have proven to be suspects in other criminal investigations and as a result, these street crime unit deputies have helped solved additional crimes throughout Palm Beach County.

None of these four deputies reside within the Village of Wellington, but they have each dedicated themselves to providing the highest level of law enforcement services possible while striving to make the Village of Wellington one of the safest communities in Florida. Their individual and collective work ethic is unsurpassed and to select one member out of the four to be considered as Top Cop would be impossible. I know that it is unusual to request that four deputies receive the Top Cop award, but I ask that consideration be given to the extraordinary results that this team has accomplished since being assembled in November of 2013. Much of these results have been a result of personal sacrifice as the street team does not have a set schedule and they are constantly subject to last minute schedule changes due to crime trends and operational needs.

This makes it very difficult to maintain a normal family life as all four of these deputies have young children at home and on many occasions they have had to change personal family plans to accommodate village needs.

In addition to their duties as street crime deputies, they also act as support units for road patrol. They assist with calls for service and back up as needed which directly results in improved response times for calls for service. When there are calls for service pending and no road patrol deputies available, the street crime unit deputies will respond when available so the calls do not have to hold and Wellington residents do not have to wait for service.

Based on the achievements, leadership, dedication and work ethic that D/S Rohman, D/S Kummerfeldt, D/S Bates and D/S Safford have provided to PBSO District 8 as well as the Village of Wellington, I feel that they should be awarded "Top Cop" of District 8 for 2014.

D/S Robert Rohman #8059

Current Assignment: PBSO District 8 Street Crime Unit

Number of years in law enforcement: 9 Years

Number of years assigned to District 8: 5 Years

Special Assignments: Street Crime Unit – Bicycle Certified

Military: N/A

Marital Status: Married

Children: 2

D/S Rohman does not live within the Village of Wellington

D/S Kent Kummerfeldt #8054

Current Assignment: PBSO District 8 Street Crime Unit

Number of years in law enforcement: 9 Years

Number of years assigned to District 8: 5 Years

Special Assignments: Street Crime Unit – Bicycle Certified

Military: N/A

Marital Status: Married

Children: 2

D/S Kummerfeldt does not live within the Village of Wellington

D/S Scott Bates #8781

Current Assignment: PBSO District 8 Street Crime Unit

Number of years in law enforcement: 7 Years (Plus numerous additional years as a reserve deputy)

Number of years assigned to District 8: 7 Months

Special Assignments: Street Crime Unit – Bicycle Certified

Military: N/A

Marital Status: Married

Children: 2

D/S Bates does not live within the Village of Wellington

D/S Ricardo Safford #8885

Current Assignment: PBSO District 8 Street Crime Unit

Number of years in law enforcement: 8 Years

Number of years assigned to District 8: 7 Years

Special Assignments: Street Crime Unit – Bicycle Certified

Military: N/A

Marital Status: Married

Children: 1

D/S Safford does not live within the Village of Wellington