

PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

RIC L. BRADSHAW, SHERIFF



LT. ELI SHAVITZ DISTRICT 8 - WELLINGTON

June 10, 2014

Public Safety Committee

Re: Deputy Scott Poritz Nomination

I would like to nominate Deputy Scott Poritz for Wellington's Top Cop.

For the last year Deputy Poritz has filled the Community Policing and Crime Prevention position vacated by Corporal Paul Rubino. This is a unique job that requires skills beyond what is expected of a deputy sheriff. He is my "go-to" person and I'm always sending him unusual or complicated assignments. Here are some highlights:

Village Liaison: Deputy Poritz communicates directly with Village staff for needs, questions, resources, and special events. Special events most often involve road closures and requests for PBSO specialty vehicles or units, all of which Deputy Poritz handles. He will also attend most of these events where his level of responsibility exceeds that of a deputy.

Citizen Observer Patrol: Deputy Poritz is the liaison between our COP Units and their chain-of-command based in Community Services. He is always working to make things better for the volunteers since they are providing a service for free. COP volunteers sometimes have issues after hours and they can always count on Deputy Poritz for assistance. He truly makes things better for them so they will continue to work for PBSO and the community.

Crime Watch: Deputy Poritz is the liaison for Wellington's 12 neighborhood Crime Watch groups. This is the highest number of Crime Watch groups ever and credit goes to Deputy Poritz and the Safe Neighborhoods Office. Deputy Poritz attends most Crime Watch meetings and is on-call for all of the Crime Watch Captains.

Newsletter: Deputy Poritz produces a quarterly newsletter to highlight some of the great work by our Wellington deputies. This quality publication is circulated throughout our district and some of the items are used by Media Relations in their agency-wide newsletter. The most recent edition is included.

Suspect Notepad: Deputy Poritz identified the need to have something for Crime Watch members and other citizens to quickly make notes of a suspect when a crime or suspicious incident occurs. Without some assistance, suspect descriptions were often lacking. Deputy Poritz created the Suspect Notepad which has now been approved for use at PBSO. A sample has been included.

Lastly, I would like to mention that Deputy Poritz works without direct supervision and is never the subject of any complaints. He is an exceptional employee and I am honored to make this nomination.

Respectfully,

Lt. Eli Shaivitz
Executive Officer
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