

PALM BEACH COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

RIC L. BRADSHAW, SHERIFF



Lt. Eli Shaivitz
District 8 / Wellington

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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,

Lt. Eli Shaivitz
Executive Officer
District 8 – Wellington