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Dear Wellington Public Safety Committee:

It is with great pleasure to nominate Deputy Sandra Horne for consideration for the 2017 Village of Wellington's Top Cop Award in recognition of her outstanding leadership and tireless efforts in assisting the citizens of Wellington.

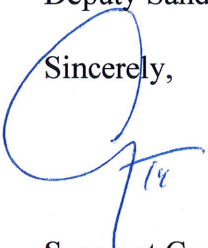
While working in the Village of Wellington as a uniformed Deputy, Deputy Horne is known as a go-getter who takes initiative in her duties. Deputy Horne's vast knowledge of the residents in her area of responsibility is evident by the quality of the work that she produces. In the performance of her duties, Deputy Horne consistently exhibits an all-out personal effort. Along with her duties involving road patrol cases in the Village, Deputy Horne acts as the Villages liaison when dealing with the elderly citizens suffering from Alzheimer and Dementia.

After responding to several missing elderly Alzheimer patients in the past ten months in the Village of Wellington, Deputy Horne took it upon herself to check on the elderly citizens in her zone to be sure they were being cared for and watched over by family. Deputy Horne when working stops by and sits with the elderly in their residence and talks with them and sometimes takes them on walks in her zone. She has developed a close bound with the elderly and their families.

On May 5, 2017, at approximately 3:40 pm, Deputy Horne responded to 8866 Via Brillante Drive in the Village of Wellington, to check on one of her regular Alzheimer patients, identified as Beverly Asnien. Upon her arrival, she observed several newspapers stacked in the driveway. She canvassed the neighborhood asking neighbors if they had seen Mrs. Asnien. Deputy Horne attempted to look through the windows of the residence but didn't observe Mrs. Asnien. Fearing something was not right, Deputy Horne telephoned Mrs. Asnien's son, who gave Deputy Horne the pass code to the garage door. Deputy Horne made entry and searched the residence. After checking all rooms, she observed a bathroom door ajar and hair sticking out. She made entry and found Mrs. Asnien lying on the floor barely breathing. Her tongue was thick and her lips were severally chapped.

Fire rescue responded and transported Mrs. Asnien to Wellington Regional. Doctors advised Deputy Horne Mrs. Asnien had been lying on the floor for close to five days and was close to death if she wouldn't have been discovered. This exemplary job performance demonstrates her dedication to the Sheriff's Office and more importantly to the citizens of Wellington. It is my honor to recommend Deputy Sandra Horne as the 2017 Top Cop of the Village of Wellington.

Sincerely,



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