

PALM BEACH COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF RIC L. BRADSHAW



INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
4250/Road Patrol

TO: Wellington Public Safety Committee.

DATE: August 18^h, 2021

FROM: Sgt. James Benedict *[Signature]* 7649

SUBJECT: Wellington Top Cop

I would like to nominate Deputy Bradley Shouse ID# 34287 for the Wellington Top Cop. Deputy Shouse is a shining example of the kind of Deputy you want in the Village of Wellington. He is hard working, polite, friendly, professional, and most of all compassionate. Deputy Shouse is assigned to Wellington nights' road patrol. He is assigned to the Wellington Mall from 5:30 until it closes. From the moment he arrives at the mall he begins walking. He is seen throughout the mall making the patrons as well as the employees feel safe. He takes the time to stop into all the stores and speak to employees making them feel like one of them. I have received positive comments from many stores telling me what a wonderful and friendly deputy he is and they love having him at the mall. I witness him assisting patrons as well with directions to a store or engaging in a positive conversation in these times is much needed.

Deputy Shouse is hard worker and a stress free deputy for a sergeant. He is the kind of Deputy that never complains and always has a smile on his face. Serving the Village of Wellington there are times when special attention needs to be given to a particular issue. I inform my squad of these issue to complete and without fail Deputy Shouse takes it upon himself to complete these task with the utmost professionalism and thoroughness. Deputy Shouse pays attention to detail and goes that extra mile to assure the Palm Beach County Sheriff's office is represented well and The village of Wellington is getting the service they deserve.

Deputy Shouse is extremely well like by all of his peers and superior officers. Deputy Shouse has a friendly calming effect and is proficient in utilizing de-escalation training techniques. He is the first one to show up on another deputy's scene to assist in any way possible no matter what the task is. A few examples of what he means to the Village of Wellington are: First: Deputy Shouse was patrolling 10300 Forest Hill Blvd Wellington, FL 33414 (Wellington Green Mall) and came across a Hispanic male slumped over a curb and appeared to be unconscious by the entrance door of the mall food court. Deputy Shouse administered a sternum rub to the male to see if he would respond and this yielded negative results. Deputy Shouse escorted him to the ground and laid the male in a recovery position. Deputy Shouse observed the male's breathing became so shallow it was almost undetectable and could not find a pulse. The male's lips began to turn blue indicating lack of oxygen circulating the body. Deputy Shouse began CPR on the male. Shouse continued CPR until fire rescue arrived. While administering CPR in front of the crowd with adults and children, Deputy Shouse notice a capsule laying on the ground filled with suspected Heroin. Deputy Shouse recovered the Heroin preventing any further injuries. When fire rescue arrived the male was not breathing and had no pulse. Fire rescue immediately put the male on a breathing machine. The male was in such bad shape fire rescue had to administer 2 doses of Narcan. The male was transported to Wellington Regional Medical Center still unresponsive. Shortly after arriving at the hospital the male began reviving. The point of this was that

Deputy Shouse showed he cared by remaining at the hospital with the male monitoring his recovery while calming and assuring his family that arrived. The male had a full conversation with Deputy Shouse and appeared to be making a full recovery. Deputy Shouse's quick actions made it possible for the male to survive the incident as well as portray a positive, compassionate and professional image for the Sheriff's Office to the large crowd that gathered. Deputy Shouse consistently shows compassion and a great respect for all human life every day. It does not surprise me Deputy Shouse would save a life, it is who he is.

Secondly Deputy Shouse responded to a domestic disturbance. When he arrived the husband had left the area. The deputy Shouse spoke to the wife, calmed her down and established it was verbal only. The wife stated her husband was upset and had been drinking heavily. Deputy Shouse after clearing the call remained because he was concerned for the wife as well as the husband. Shortly later Deputy Shouse could hear a male's voice screaming. Deputy Shouse followed the sound to a lake behind the residence. The male was screaming for help and was out in the middle of the lake approximately 50 yards from shore. The lake was surrounded by tall bamboo grass approximately 6 feet tall and it was close to 40 degrees outside. The deputy Shouse grabbed his ropes, stripped off his gear and entered the lake in an attempt to save the man's life. The man was too far from shore and went under. I had to order Deputy Shouse out of the water. He was willing to risk his life for the husband knowing the wife was 7 months pregnant. Deputy Shouse was unable to save the man despite his great efforts. Deputy Shouse showed great courage and dedication to his profession as well as the community he serves. These are just two examples I could list many more.

Deputy Shouse is a family man with a wife and two children. The way he carries himself and the love he has for his family shows he is the same man in or out of uniform. Deputy Shouse should be an example to all deputies.

Deputy Shouse is the kind of Deputy that can break down the barriers between citizens and law enforcement. He had a huge heart and a small ego and it is apparent from the minute to meet him. The word public servant is not used as much anymore, but that is the best way I can describe him. Watching him work every day I am proud to be his supervisor and when I looked up the definition for top cop there were three words written Deputy Bradley Shouse.