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Dear Nomination Committee,

I would like to enthusiastically nominate Deputy Karl Martin for the 2015 FCPA Lifetime Achievement Award.

Deputy Martin is a 27 year veteran of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and will continue to serve with the Sheriff's Office until his retirement in February of 2018. Once he retires, Deputy Martin's influence on crime prevention will be solely missed and he will leave behind a lasting legacy.

Deputy Martin started his career in 1988 and was assigned to the Corrections Bureau. Deputy Martin transferred out of corrections to road patrol in 1996. Once assigned to the Village of Wellington contract, Deputy Martin was proactive from the start by volunteering to attend certification classes to become a child safety seat technician and having the only child safety seat fitting station in the western communities. He also participated with the newly created bicycle unit, patrolling the communities and business parks relentlessly. He created a community wide program called "Eyes of Wellington", participated in local school events and was named the Village of Wellington's "TOP COP" two times. It was in the fall of 2000 when Deputy Martin had an opportunity to travel to San Diego California to attend a week long Community Policing Conference. This experience motivated him to seek a position within the Sheriff's Office as a crime prevention officer upon his return and where he still is currently assigned.

Deputy Martin was named the Crime Prevention Liaison for the Sheriff's Office when crime prevention duties were de-centralized in 2007. Deputy Martin coordinated with several district Crime Prevention deputies to help the Sheriff's Office continue the numerous countywide crime prevention programs and proactive messages to the public and business communities.

In May of 2009 the Crime Prevention Unit was re-centralized under the umbrella of the Community Services Division and Karl has remained a key person in the organization, continuing training and the execution of new and innovative Crime Prevention programs throughout the county.

It is not uncommon to see Deputy Martin going above and beyond his normal schedule to help other agencies or units with their programs. Further, he assists with children's programs such as handing out school supplies and taking underprivileged children shopping for toys during the holidays with the agency's "Shop with a Cop" program.

Deputy Martin holds and maintains designations with the Florida Attorney General's Office as a Crime Prevention Practitioner, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Specialist and Convenience Store Inspector. He is the current FCPA Region 7 Director overseeing members in Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties. He is also the Vice President of the Palm Beach County Crime Prevention Officers Association and an active member with the local chapter of ASIS and FLDOCA. Deputy Martin also assists local planning committees in Palm Beach County by reviewing new construction plans and making security recommendations.

One of Deputy Martin's major achievements is the creation of a program called the Palm Beach County's Sheriff's Office Business Partnership Program (BPP). The goal of the BPP is to educate the business owners, managers and employees of the vulnerability of the crimes that could occur in their workplace, to themselves, or to their patrons. The BPP is a unique online program that establishes a formal network of communication between businesses in a specific area or industry, their employees and the Sheriff's Office regarding crime related problems. BPP is also the database for all trespass affidavits and trespass warnings issued throughout the county. Deputy Martin also instructed road patrol deputies at numerous lineups and attended Community Policing quarterly training in order to ensure successful implementation of this program. Only through Deputy Martin's tireless efforts was this program brought to fruition and continues today with much success.

Deputy Martin has been instrumental in creating, maintaining or implementing many programs such as Bank Robbery Prevention, Blueprint Reading, BPP Business Partnership Program, Combat Auto Theft (CAT), Child Identification Fingerprinting, Citizen Academy's, Convenience Store Inspections, Fleet Watch, Frauds and Scams, House of Worship Security Training, Identity Theft, National Night Out, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) Children Safety Programs, Neighborhood Watch, Operation ID, Radio Disney and Morning Joe Radio Talk Shows, Security Assessments, Shop-with-a-Cop, South Florida Fair Agency Information Booth, Volunteer in Crime Prevention, Workplace Violence Training and many more. He continues to present new ideas and introduce new products such as: SmartWater CSI, Electronic Informational Kiosk, and FlashCAM.

Deputy Martin is passionate about the county he serves and his assignment. Due to his willingness and dedication, the crime prevention programs that the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office participates in are extremely successful and well received by the agency and the community he serves. It should be noted that in 2013 the PBSO Crime Prevention Unit received the "Unit of the Year" award. Deputy Martin's crime prevention efforts go above and beyond what is expected of him. He continues to represent the agency and the community in a positive and professional manner. His enthusiasm for his job speaks for itself with the achievement's he has accomplished.

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Deputy Karl Martin for the 2015 Florida Crime Prevention Lifetime Achievement Award.

Sincerely,



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