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# Lakeland Police Department

Roger Boatner  
*Chief of Police*

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Dear Board Members of the Florida Crime Prevention Association,

The Lakeland Police Department Crime Prevention Unit would like to nominate Greg Robinson for the Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year for 2010. Mr. Robinson leads the Crime Prevention Unit with an exemplary performance of a practitioner that rises above and beyond the call of duty and expectations in serving the police department and the Lakeland community. His commitment to excellence is a reflection of his dedication.

Mr. Robinson has been serving the Lakeland Police Department and the Lakeland community since February 1996. He was promoted to Supervisor of the Crime Prevention Unit in 2008. He supervises 3 practitioners.

Within the past year Mr. Robinson has had many accomplishments that we believe sets him apart from the rest. He has been a part of the "Start to Finish Mentoring" which is a program that mentors students from kindergarten until the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This program enforces decision making, volunteer work, and school participation. The program also stimulates interest in continuing education and personal skills. The first student Mr. Robinson mentored from kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade is Ronesha Lockwood, who graduated from Lake Gibson High School in spring of 2010.

Mr. Robinson also serves as an Explorer Advisor. Exploring is learning life's career education for young women and men who are 14 and have completed the eighth grade, or ages 15-20. Weekly meetings and training are held, along with local and statewide competitions. Mr. Robinson work right along with the youth through life skills, community projects and volunteering with groups such as Rotary, Open House, Kiwanis Pancake Festival, etc.

Mr. Robinson also serves as a mentor with the Police Athletic League. Mr. Robinson initiated through the Police Athletic League an opportunity to donate your unwanted clean clothing. This summer, a PAL Camp was formed and financed through local businesses in the community, where individuals were able to attend a month long camp, enjoy sessions on prevention, creating a safe haven, and helping youth gain insight into the ethics and ideals of law enforcement. The youth were also educated on developing interpersonal skills that can be used in the workplace and elsewhere. The program focuses on "Lifting Up verses Locking Up", which involves developing life skills, leadership experience, character education and teamwork.

Mr. Robinson also served on the planning board for the 25<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community, Florida State Attorney General's Office that took place in May 2010 in Orlando, Florida. For the past 12 years, Mr. Robinson has served on the planning board of this conference. This conference is a collaborative effort to address issues relating to the disproportionate number of African-Americans who are under the supervision of the criminal justice system. The agenda is designed to showcase successful programs and promote a positive exchange of ideas on the subject. Focal points include plenary sessions, luncheons and break-out sessions for both adults and teens and a teens "listening summit". Numerous crime prevention program models that are transferable to other communities will be highlighted. The 2010 conference attracted over 1,500 participants. Mr. Robinson also served as a leading moderator in two of the sessions. He was also Master of Ceremonies during the Friday Lunch Session. Lastly, Mr. Robinson conducted a workshop on the importance of Crime Prevention and Local Partnerships in the community on Friday afternoon with over 100 students in the session.

Over the past year, Mr. Robinson has visited over 50 local religious organizations to form church watch groups. While the church is concerned about all crime, there is an emphasis on disorder, violence, damage and particularly arson. The protection of people includes the ministers of religion, members of the Churches, visitors to the Churches and surrounding property and local neighbors. With crimes on the rise in our local, state and nation, Mr. Robinson has attended weekly meetings, conducted security surveys, Sunday morning presentations, bible study groups, etc., in forming of the church watch program and groups. The Church Watch Program will enhance the knowledge of parishioners in the Lakeland area.

Mr. Robinson has also conducted "Workplace Violence" training for some of the major businesses and corporations, such as Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Cancer Centers, Radiology and Imaging, Clark and Daughtrey, The City of Lakeland, Marriott Vacations Corporate Office, etc. Mr. Robinson has reached over 4,000 citizen's with the workplace violence training as workplace violence is a growing concern at the local level as well as the state and nationwide.

Mr. Robinson has conducted CPTED surveys throughout the year to include various City of Lakeland locations, such as City Hall, the Commission Chambers, Parking Garages and Parks.

Mr. Robinson was a keynote speaker for the Save Our Sons Summit held in Lakeland in July. There were over 400 young men in attendance.

Mr. Robinson was very instrumental in partnering with City of Lakeland Community Development in organizing the "Enough is Enough" Anti Crime Rally in response to the increase in gun related violence with youth and gangs. The rally took place in July in which many of the neighborhood residents in the Northwest District of Lakeland and Businesses came together.

Mr. Robinson was also a keynote speaker at the Annual Florida Neighborhood Conference that was held in St. Petersburg in June. Neighborhood leaders and community members from throughout the state attend this conference. Mr. Robinson hosted a workshop on "Public Safety" and "Grass Roots Partnership".

Mr. Robinson has many more accomplishments in his dedication to serving as a Crime Prevention Practitioner for the year 2010. We at the Lakeland Police Department believe Mr. Robinson to be a good candidate and we are extremely honored to nominate him for the Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Sharp".

The Crime Prevention Unit

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