

2012
Lifetime Achievement Award

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Mrs. Laura Passanesi is a Community Programs and Crime Prevention Practitioner and is married to a Detective with the Environmental Protection Unit; they both currently work for the Martin County Sheriff's Office. Together, they have three (3) boys; one in middle school, one holds down a full time job, and one serves in the military.

Laura Passanesi has been employed in the field of law enforcement for the past 30 years. She began her career as a dispatcher with the Fort Meade Police Department, a small police agency in Central Florida. She left the Police Department and went to work for the Polk County Sheriff's Office for 15 years before moving to Martin County. Laura has been employed with Martin County for the past thirteen years.

Laura has followed her career goal by working in the Crime Prevention field since 1988. Her objective is, was, and always will be to assist citizens. As a Crime Prevention Practitioner she attends many Home Owners Associations and Neighborhood Watch meetings. She is currently on the board of the Florida Crime Prevention Association and has been associated with the Florida Attorney General's Office since 1993.

Laura continues to serve as the Treasurer of the Florida Crime Prevention Association and has been since 2002. Her dedication to her profession has

kept her a member of the State Association since 1991. She served as a Peer to Peer Trainer for the National Crime Prevention Council.

While employed with the Martin County Sheriff's Office some of her current duties include Convenience Store Inspector, Car Seat Technician, Citizen's Academy Coordinator, member of the Board of Directors for the Martin County Interagency Coalition, Secretary to the Martin County Sick Leave Pool. She had also worked in the Accreditation Unit, as Senior Advisor for the Sheriff's Office Explorer Post #887 and was a member of the Board of Directors of Martin Volunteers.

There is no job too big or too small that Laura Passanesi will not tackle. She is a reliable resource for the Martin County Sheriff's Office.