



Nomination Contact Information

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Officer Bill Gonsalves
FCPA Awards Committee
C/O Naples Police Department
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Dear Officer Gonsalves,

I would like to nominate Master Officer William "Chip" Wells, St. Petersburg Police Department, for the FCPA Lifetime Achievement, for his exceptional and consistent dedication to crime prevention over his 30 years in law enforcement.

I have had the pleasure of being Officer Wells' supervisor in the Community Awareness Division of the St. Petersburg Police Dept. and have seen firsthand the dedication and pride he takes in his crime prevention work. He oversees the business security and education for the department, conducting Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CEPTED) surveys throughout the city at private businesses, churches, schools, and city buildings. He generates such detailed reports, that his work has become an integral part of the legal department's Nuisance Abatement cases.

Officer Wells is an accomplished and dynamic speaker, who regularly addresses groups (including schoolchildren) on a variety of crime prevention topics to include: workplace violence, internet safety, identity theft, investment fraud, personal safety, retail theft prevention, domestic violence. At times we may call on Officer Wells to develop a specialized presentation for the public. For example earlier this year, we had a man who was preying on realtors, posing as a buyer only to kidnap and rob them. The cases received national attention. Officer Wells quickly put together a presentation, specifically addressing realtor safety, and was able to present it to an auditorium of more than 150 realtors. He was featured on several TV/radio/newspaper outlets. Not only did he disseminate accurate information and tips for their safety, but it was an excellent way for our police department to build positive relationships in the business community.

Officer Wells is also responsible for the design of all printed materials on crime prevention and enforcement operations that our officers disseminate to neighborhoods. His computer graphic abilities also extend to designing our department certificates used for our internal award presentations. If that weren't enough, with his exceptional computer skills he is also our department webmaster. Late last year he built a brand new updated website for our Department, with several hundred pages, photos, and interactive capabilities.

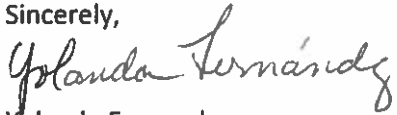
Officer Wells also administers our Eagle Eye program, where residents and business owners can register their security cameras so that the police officers have a contact point for possible crime video captured in any area of the city. He also administers our CodeRed emergency phone alert system.

Outside his work in the police department, Officer Wells found the time to serve as President of the Suncoast Crime Prevention Association. Suncoast is the oldest crime prevention association in the State of Florida and is made up of crime prevention practitioners and volunteers from eight counties in West Central Florida. During his time with Suncoast, he led the organization to achieve several milestones, including being honored by the Florida Crime Prevention Association as the best Crime Prevention Organization in the State.

Moving from Suncoast to serve as Secretary of the FCPA, Wells was instrumental in producing a state-wide newsletter for the organization, as well as keeping the minutes and other documentation during pivotal growth years for the FCPA. He served on the FCPA board for 9 years, and has served in the role of FCPA President for the last 4 years. Wells continues to serve the crime prevention community by challenging the organization to be bigger and better than ever to meet the needs of the public.

Because of Officer Wells' passion to serve the community and disseminate the crime prevention message throughout 30 years, I believe he is a worthy recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, and hope you will consider his nomination.

Sincerely,



Yolanda Fernandez

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Biography

- Officer Wells has been a member of the St. Petersburg Police Department for the last 30 years and has been part of the Crime Prevention Unit since 1997.
- He was the recipient of the St. Petersburg Police Department's Officer of the Year Award in 2002. He was the first crime prevention officer to ever be awarded this honor.
- In 2004, Chip was chosen the Florida State Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year by the FCPA.
- Chip has been a member of the Suncoast Crime Prevention Association for almost 18 years. He was served the organization as secretary, treasurer, board member, vice-president and was the association's president for 6 years.
- Chip is a past instructor for the Florida Attorney General's Crime Prevention Training Institute (FCPTI) and was one of the original instructors for the Florida Regional Community Policing Institute (RCPI) at St. Petersburg College. There he taught community policing, building partnerships with the community, workplace violence, the dynamics of domestic violence and CPTED.
- He was an adjunct instructor for the Security Officer Program at St. Petersburg College and designed and taught their "Introduction to Crime Prevention" and "Risk Analysis" classes.
- He is a member of the American Society of Industrial Security and has been called upon to teach workplace violence prevention at their regional conferences.
- He is a member of the Florida Design Out Crime Association and the International CPTED Association.
- He joined the FCPA board in 2006 as the region 6 director. He later became the secretary of the association and is our current president. He has held that position for 5 years.
- In 2013, NCPC and FINRA brought Chip to Washington where he was taught about investment fraud. He returned, trained the board and since then, the FCPA has done investment fraud prevention seminars for over 1,000 people.
- He holds a certification as an International Crime Prevention Practitioner, a Florida Crime Prevention Practitioner, and a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Practitioner from the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville.