

CAT. E – CRIME PREVENTION PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR
CORPORAL PAM HIBBS, BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Corporal Pam Hibbs joined the Brevard County Sheriff's Office 22 years ago and has spent the last 6 years in the Crime Prevention Unit where she has been instrumental in the success of over 30 community outreach programs from "Coffee with a Cop," to home and business security surveys, to "Shoe Fit" for under privileged youth. Corporal Hibbs integrates her experience from the road and investigations to make her a very engaging crime prevention practitioner.

Corporal Hibbs has a special place in her heart for the children of Brevard County. She helps youth who might not get a new pair of shoes for school, but through their "Shoe Fit" program they can start school with a new pair of shoes. She coordinates the Agency's *Shop with a Cop* every year where in 2017 they received over 800 applications for only 200 available spots. Corporal Hibbs reviewed every application personally, selecting the most deserving children. Then organized the shopping trips, volunteers and gift wrapping. Corporal Hibbs expanded the program to include gifts for the siblings of the children selected to *Shop with a Cop*. Corporal Hibbs also provides crime prevention education and community outreach to the kids of Brevard through the various crime prevention programs that are geared towards kids, participating in the Kids Safety Fair and taking every opportunity to talk with the kids and their parents. Corporal Hibbs goal is to promote strong and trusting relationships between these kids and law enforcement by relating to them on their level.

In addition, to these programs Corporal Hibbs educates the community on making good choices when it comes to drinking and driving through the use of their "Choose Your Ride" car that has made a big impact on the community. One quick look at the "Choose Your Ride" car delivers a strong crime prevention message that if you drink you must decide which "ride" you want to take.

Corporal Hibbs' primary responsibilities include administering crime prevention outreach programs and presentations. In 2017, she provided crime prevention education at over 312 events and conducted over 103 residential and business safety surveys. Corporal Hibbs presents on a wide range of topics and to a diverse group of people. She conducts programs covering Active Shooter, Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse, Frauds & Scams, Grandparents Raising Grandkids, Opioid Abuse & Prescription Fraud, Senior Safety and Social Media Safety to name just a few.

Using her experience and training to identify the core needs of the citizens she serves. Corporal Pam Hibbs then does everything in her power to make a positive impact on each and every person she meets.

It is my privilege to recognize Corporal Pam Hibbs as the 2018 Florida Crime Prevention Association's Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year award winner.