



Category G

Lifetime Achievement Award

This award recognizes any Crime Prevention Practitioner who has spent the majority of their career in the Crime Prevention field and has proven their dedication to the area of Crime Prevention and the FCPA's crime prevention ideals.

Eligible:

- Any law enforcement employee
- Any business employee
- **Nominee must hold the designation Florida Crime Prevention Practitioner**
- **Nominee must be a member of the Florida Crime Prevention Association**

Nomination Criteria:

- Any law enforcement employee, business employee, employed full time, either sworn or non-sworn, and who holds a Florida Crime Prevention Practitioner designation and is a FCPA member in good standing is eligible for this award.
- The nomination can be made by any member of the agency or business employing the Practitioner, or by someone having knowledge of the Practitioners work.
- Nomination must include:
 - Name, rank and years of service in crime prevention
 - Description of the outstanding work accomplished during the Crime Prevention career
 - Community group/area served by the Practitioner
 - List of the programs and responsibilities of the Practitioner during their career.
- **Nomination to include at least one (1) letter of recommendation from the Practitioners Chain of Command, organizational structure OR by another Practitioner having knowledge of the nominees work.**



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A copy of the "Award Nomination Categories" page and the "Nomination Contact Information" page must accompany EACH nomination.

Award Nomination Categories

Check one:

☐ Category A

Outstanding Crime Prevention Organization

☐ Category B

Outstanding Crime Prevention Program

☐ Category C

Crime Prevention Volunteer of the Year

☐ Category D

Crime Prevention Unit of the Year

☐ Category E

Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year

☐ Category F

New Horizon Award

☒ Category G

Lifetime Achievement Award

☐ Category H

President's Award (*This award is presented by the FCPA President for outstanding commitment to the area of crime prevention. No nominations are accepted. See Category H, page 12, for additional information about this award*)



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Nomination Contact Information

Name of Person or Group Being Nominated

Name / Agency / Business Name: **Stacey Payne, Community Relations Manager**

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Mike Scott
Office of the Sheriff



State of Florida
County of Lee

Dear Award Nomination Committee Members,

As Commander of the Lee County Sheriff's Office Public Services Division, I am proud to nominate Manager Stacey Payne for the Florida Crime Prevention Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

This award represents all that Stacey exemplifies in not only her duties and responsibilities here at the Sheriff's Office; but in the organizations in which she is a member, and the education classes she instructs in the State of Florida and around the nation. For sixteen years she's been educating and empowering citizens in communities across Lee County; and continues using her experience and expertise to train other law enforcement personnel across the country.

Her extensive training history, which encompasses four full pages, along with her leadership skills and unique management style as a "team" player allows the Crime Prevention Unit to run like a well oiled machine. She is dedicated to her fellow colleagues and those who she supervises, working side by side with each one of them as opposed to sitting on the sidelines watching them work. This has earned her great respect amongst her peers, co-workers and management.

Stacey has spent the majority of her law enforcement career dedicated to the area of Crime Prevention and practicing the FCPA's Crime Prevention ideals. I can't think of any one more deserving of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement award then Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Relations Manager, Stacey Payne.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Capt Joe Poppalardo". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "J" and "P".

Captain Joe Poppalardo
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Nomination for STACEY PAYNE, Lee County Sheriff's Office
Lifetime Achievement Award
FCPA 2014 Awards

As Community Relations Manager for the Lee County Sheriff's Office, Stacey currently oversees the Crime Prevention Unit, Senior Services and Project Lifesaver Unit, Do the Right Thing program, the Citizens Academy and the agency's Fraud Line.

Stacey began her career at the Sheriff's Office in 1996 as a Fiscal Officer in the Finance Department. In 1998, she was selected to transition into the Crime Prevention Unit as a Crime Prevention Specialist and very quickly earned the respect of her supervisors. It didn't take long before Stacey was promoted to Manager of the Unit where she continues to lead a dozen employees into the most critical era of Crime Prevention thus far.

As a direct result of her desire to educate every citizen in our community about the importance of practicing crime prevention in the 21st century, our Crime Prevention Unit continues to expand and remains on the cutting edge of innovative and newly developed public service programs. On her own initiative and with very little direction, Stacey has developed and created a multitude of instructive and informative programs that most agencies simply do not have. Although our programs are diverse and many, the programs listed below are being utilized in our community because of Stacey Payne.

- In 2006, the Lee County Sheriff's Office was selected to be a model site for CASE (Communities against Senior Exploitation) Partnership. This program was designed to combat telemarketing and other elder fraud through alliances made between prosecutors, law enforcement and faith communities. As the only law enforcement agency in the **country** chosen to become an affiliate in the program, Stacey was selected by the Sheriff to lead and represent our agency in this partnership. She was asked to make a formal presentation about CASE to the Florida Sheriff's Association which resulted in a unanimous vote by the FSA to endorse the program as a statewide initiative with LCSO as the pilot agency for Florida. Our CASE program continues to be a model program for other law enforcement agencies around the nation.

- With the increase of identity thieves and scammers targeting the elderly, Stacey single handedly created the sheriff's office Fraud Hotline in 2006. The fraud line has grown from receiving several hundred phone calls the first year it existed to now totaling 4,000+ calls per year from citizens reporting on frauds, scams and ID theft. Each caller receives assistance, information and guidance on how they can protect themselves from becoming a victim, however, if they have already been victimized, instructional material will be mailed to them providing step by step direction on how they should move forward. One full time member of the Sheriff's Office and three volunteers man the phone line every day.

In addition, and as a result of the number of calls coming in to the fraud line, three (3) comprehensive community presentations were developed (2012/13) regarding frauds, scams and identity theft and have been presented to thousands of Southwest Floridians including funeral homes, hospital case managers and executives, etc.

- With one in four residents of Lee County sixty-five and older, Stacey saw the need for a Crime Prevention/Community Service program targeting our elderly population. With a heart for seniors and concern for their welfare, she created a Senior Services Unit designed to assist seniors suffering from abuse, neglect, and distress. Many of our residents live alone with little to no assistance from family members, neighbors and friends and most often do not know who to contact for help. In an effort to reach these folks, Stacey implemented a referral card specifically designed for road patrol deputies to carry with them should they encounter a senior in need and requiring assistance beyond their scope. Two (2) senior service specialists now work full time conducting home visits, working in partnership with Adult Protective Services and other community organizations for the aging. To date, hundreds of seniors have benefitted from this unique program.
- As a sidebar to this program, Stacey implemented the "We Care" program so that our clients who need continued follow-up could receive this through weekly phone calls provided by hand picked VOICE (Volunteer Observers Impacting Community

Efforts) volunteers. “We Care” participants receive one on one personal contact via the telephone in an effort to provide a measure of comfort to isolated seniors.

- Stacey was instrumental in bringing the Project Lifesaver program to the Sheriff’s Office, which now services nearly 40 clients. She developed our policies and procedures for this lifesaving program, and continues to help train our first responders on how to use the equipment should they need to locate and rescue “at risk” individuals with cognitive disorders who tend to wander from their caregivers.
- Stacey was a driving force in the creation of a new community wide non-profit organization called LEAPP – Lee Elder Abuse Prevention Partnership. As a co-founder, developer and current co-chair of this coalition she works with business owners, law enforcement officials, government agencies and others to educate the community about elder abuse. She has assisted in the development of community events designed to bring awareness to this horrible crime.
- Stacey has developed many Crime Prevention programs that are too numerous to include in this document but most recently (2011) created our Seniors Driving Safely Program. This program promotes safe driving and crash prevention strategies for at risk drivers. In addition to this “classroom setting” seminar, she also spearheaded the local development of the national CarFit program, a hands on educational program where trained technicians work with participants to make sure they “fit” their vehicle for maximum safety and comfort.

These two programs work hand in hand, and since January of 2012, have allowed our Crime Prevention Practitioners the unique opportunity to share safe driving tips with nearly 1,000 older adults.

- Stacey is also responsible for bringing the SAFE (Self Defense Awareness and Familiarization Exchange) program to women of all ages in our community. This participative program teaches women the basics of self defense and ways to reduce

threat risks. Since its inception in 2002, more than 1,600 female children and adults, ranging in ages from 13 to 90, have taken part in this two hour class.

- In response to the increase our nation has seen involving workplace violence and shootings, Stacey saw the need to educate and train business owners and employees on how to respond to a violent threat. She created our Workplace Violence Prevention program that is now taught to community members by all five our Crime Prevention Specialists. Requests for this program continue to rise.
- Stacey also put in place a program that brought our Crime Prevention Practitioners and the victims of residential and business burglaries together by providing personal follow up on each criminal report filed and offering assistance through security surveys and Neighborhood Watch programs. In addition, she began and continues to produce a Quarterly Newsletter that not only highlights the successes of our agency, but specifically provides safety and security tips, fraud alerts and other crime prevention aspects like aging issues and elder crime.
- In 2013, Stacey was chosen by Sheriff Mike Scott to represent our agency at the table of the Governor's Purple Ribbon Task Force. This task force deals with the needs and services of those with Dementia/Alzheimer's disease, especially in the event of a natural disaster, such as a hurricane. This appointment was a result of Stacey's extensive knowledge relating to individuals who suffer from memory impairment issues.
- Stacey was once again appointed by Sheriff Scott in 2013 to sit on the Safe Mobility for Life coalition. This *statewide* coalition was created to tackle problems associated with the aging and transportation.
- Understanding the value of education, Stacey pursued her Bachelor's in Business Administration from Hodges University while working full time at the Sheriff's Office and raising two boys. She successfully completed the Bachelor's program

and received her diploma which proudly hangs in her office as a sign of encouragement to those following in her footsteps.

Certainly, these listed accomplishments do not completely cover the significant career Stacey has had over the last 18 years as a member of law enforcement. These should however, give a glimpse of the positive, life-changing impact she has made in the field of Crime Prevention, making her most worthy of the Lifetime Achievement Award!

Stacey is an Instructor for the following organizations

2001-Present - National S.A.F.E. Instructor, National Self-defense Institute
2006-Present - National C.A.S.E. (Communities against Senior Exploitation)
Instructor, Florida Crime Prevention Association
2006-Present - National Crime Prevention Instructor, Florida Crime Prevention Association
2008—Present - National Elder Abuse Prevention & Investigation Instructor, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center
2009—Present - State Crime Prevention Instructor, Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute, Florida Attorney General's Office

Stacey's Member Experiences

1993-1996 - Member of the Pilot Club of Cape Coral which is a part of Pilot Club International—a world wide service organization focusing on brain related disorders.

2005 - Region 9 Director, Florida Crime Prevention Association
Member of the Board of Directors representing Region 9 of Florida which consists of all law enforcement agencies, county and city, in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, Desoto, and Glades counties.

2006-Present - Public Information and Marketing Officer, Florida Crime Prevention Association. In addition to this position, she is also the FCPA Senior Training Officer and chairs the Vendor Committee. She also sat on the Training Committee for the 2009 Training Conference.

2010-Present - Co-Chair, Lee Elder Abuse Prevention Partnership— a coalition among Lee County human service providers and agencies.

Licenses and Certificates

1998, Crime Prevention Commercial Applications
1998, Community Policing
1999, Basic Crime Prevention
1999, Crime Prevention Residential Applications
1999, Florida Crime Prevention Practitioner
1999, Conflict Resolution
1999—2007 Florida Crime Prevention Association's Annual Training Certification
2000, First Response to Violent Crimes
2004, Clandestine Laboratory Investigations
2004, FCPP Update Certification
2004, Homeland Security Comprehensive Assessment Model Assessor Certification
2004, Missing and Abducted Children
2004, Buffer Zone Protection Plan Assessor Certification
2005, Anti-Terrorism Intelligence Awareness Certification
2005, Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Training Certification
2005, Understanding Sexual Predators: Predicting and Preventing Attacks
2005, IS-700 National Incident Management System Training
2005, Leadership and Supervision for Support Staff
2005, Prepare Florida
2005, National Preventing Crime Training Certification
2006, Communities against Senior Exploitation Model Site Certification
2006, Effective Media Skills for Law Enforcement
2006, Project Lifesaver Emergency Responder Search Specialist
2006, Project Lifesaver Instructor
2006, Investigating Gypsy and Traveler Crimes
2006, FCPP Update Certification
2007, National Crime Prevention Council Training Certification
2008, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's Elder Abuse Train-the-Trainer Certification
2008, Traumatic Brain Injury Prevention Train-the-Trainer Certification
2008, Global Terrorism, Domestic Extremism & the Dark Side of the Sunshine State Training
2008, Safe Catch Bank Robbery Prevention Certification
2008, Reverse Mortgage Fraud Prevention Certification
2008, Elder Abuse Prevention Certification
2008, Southern States Crime Prevention Training Certification
2009, Elder Case Management Investigation to Prosecution
2010, Developing Effective Elder Justice Community Collaborations
2010, Tennessee Crime Prevention Coalition Training Certification