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New Horizon Award

This award is for any Crime Prevention Practitioner or Crime Prevention Unit who is either new to Crime Prevention or has revamped an old Crime Prevention Unit. The recipient of this award will be one who has shown the most vision and growth in the Crime Prevention field for the past two (2) years, between **October 2012 and September 2014.**

Eligible:

- Any new law enforcement crime prevention practitioner
- Any new or revamped law enforcement crime prevention unit

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, or is in the process of obtaining it, is eligible for this award.
- 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 to include:
 - Name, rank and years of service in crime prevention
 - Description of the outstanding work accomplished in the **last two (2) years between October 2012 and September 2014**
 - Community group or area served by the Practitioner
 - List of the programs and responsibilities of the Practitioner during this time frame.
- **Nomination to include at least one (1) letter of recommendation from the Practitioners Chain of Command or organizational structure.**

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Award Information

Name of practitioner/unit: Sarasota Police Crime Prevention Unit
Rank: Officers First Class, 3 CPO's
Years of service: 6.5
Area served by unit: Sarasota City

Accomplishments: The Sarasota Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit had grown from one to three crime prevention officers and one volunteer coordinator. Some of the accomplishments have been:

- Revamping of the Citizen Volunteer Program.
- Retraining officers and partnering with other agencies for Project Lifesaver.
- Partnering with the Coalition of City Neighborhoods for Neighborhood Crime Watch.
- Development of a Community Outreach at the Sarasota Farmers Market.
- Development of the Citizens Police Academy.
- Development of Business Watch.
- Partnership with Ringling College of Art for the development of our brand (Blue + You) and our department website.
- Community outdoor movies at the police department.
- Development of a Bicycle Safety & Security Initiative.
- Unintentional injury prevention of children through partnership with SafeKids.
- Programs addressing Senior Safety with the CarFit and SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together).
- Auto, Bike, and Ped. Safety through partnership with FDOT/CTST.

Summary

Summary: In 2012, Chief DiPino saw an immediate need for more community outreach and increased the unit from one to three officers and then later added a civilian volunteer coordinator.

The most common of the Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) duties are Neighborhood Crime Watch; Residential and Commercial Security Assessments; Senior Crime Prevention; Children's Injury Prevention; and Bicycle, Pedestrian, & Vehicle Occupant Safety. Each CPO was assigned a district (3) in which they would facilitate crime prevention initiatives /programs to the neighborhoods, businesses, and community groups. The CPOs were tasked with developing additional programs to improve private / public partnerships and community outreach. Neighborhood Crime Watch was updated and is facilitated to all requesting neighborhoods and the Coalition of City Neighborhoods. A Business Watch Program was developed and made available to any commercial business in Sarasota. A Citizens Police Academy was developed to educate and demonstrate the diverse functions of the police department and has graduated 3 classes. A partnership with the Ringling College of Art and Design developed a new brand (Blue + You) and website for SPD. A community outreach program was developed at the Sarasota Farmers Market providing the merchants, customers, and market patrons with crime prevention and safety information.

Our Crime Prevention Unit is now a multifaceted organization of educational, community connected, and proactive programs utilizing social media that range from prevention of crime, prevention of injury, and connecting the agency to the community.