

2017 Nomination for the Robert DeKorte Memorial Award – Nelson Garcia

I respectfully request to nominate Officer Nelson Garcia for the **DeKorte Award**. Nelson is a very senior officer within the Coral Gables Police Department and, in the face of constant negativity, he relentlessly defends this agency. He believes wholeheartedly that this is the best police department that anyone can work for and he routinely provides his own personal reasons why. He speaks to young and old officers alike regarding this matter and constantly expresses that this agency provides so much for everyone. This type of attitude is not only on display during roll calls, but when he is out recruiting and also during interviews of potential new hires. He is passionate about this place and it shows. His excitement encourages hope when all else may seem lost.

Another thing that sets Nelson apart from others is that he is always reaching out to members that are “in distress” in some way. Officers that are on administrative leave during an investigation will undoubtedly receive phone calls and texts from Nelson wishing them well and seeing if they need anything. This isn’t a one-time occurrence, either. He will routinely check in on these officers as if it is his job, letting them know that they are not alone and they are not forgotten. There is no doubt in my mind, as well as the many others that I have spoken to about this matter, that Officer Nelson Garcia, ID#6853, is most deserving of the DeKorte Award. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sergeant Joe Cramer