

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: MAJOR DAVID LEMON
AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: April 11, 2026

FROM: SGT. STEVE ST. AMAND
UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

SUBJECT:
NOMINATION: "OFFICER OF
THE MONTH" MARCH 2026

I respectfully request to nominate Officer Julio Gonzalez for "*Officer of the Month*", based on his actions on the following cases during the month of March 2026.

1. Case # 26002101- Domestic Violence Arrest "Battery"
2. Case # 26001912- DWLS W/ Knowledge Arrest
3. Case # 26001840- Firearm possession, Criminal mischief and Warrant Arrest
4. Case # 26001736- Domestic Violence Arrest "Battery"
5. Case # 26001707- Criminal Mischief
6. Case # 26001621- DWLS W/ Knowledge Arrest
7. Case # 26001595- Cocaine Possession + Trespass after warning Arrest
8. Case # 26001579- DWLS W/Knowledge Arrest
9. Case # 26001549- Possession of Suspected Methamphetamine and Paraphernalia

Unlike most nominations, which are often based on a single arrest or incident, this nomination recognizes Field Training Officer Julio Gonzalez for his entire body of work throughout the month of March 2026.

Throughout this period, FTO Gonzalez was assigned a Probationary Police Officer on Alpha Shift. Alpha Shift is widely recognized as the slower shift in comparison to Bravo and Charlie. Call volume is minimal and officers must generate proactive police work through initiative, resourcefulness, and significantly greater effort than other shifts. Despite these challenges, FTO Gonzalez demonstrated an extraordinary level of initiative and productivity.

During the month of March, FTO Gonzalez amassed a total of nine arrests, spanning a wide range of charges, including battery, traffic offenses, weapons violations, drug possession, and warrants. This level of productivity on Alpha Shift is highly uncommon and reflects a work ethic and drive that far exceeds expectations. In over a decade, this level of enforcement activity on this shift is rarely seen. In fact, it is uncommon for any officer within the Coral Gables Police Department to achieve this number of arrests over a one to two year period, let alone within 30 days.

As a Field Training Officer, Julio Gonzalez fully embraces his role in shaping the hearts and minds of tomorrow's officers. His efforts have a direct impact on the type of officers who serve the City Beautiful. Field Training Officers are the backbone of any agency, and FTO Gonzalez's dedication to his craft is highly commendable.

When evaluating officers, key factors such as productivity, commitment to organizational values, knowledge of the law, written communication skills, and decision making are critical. FTO Gonzalez's performance during the month of March is a clear testament to what excellence looks like in all of these categories. His ability to lead by example while maintaining a high level of enforcement activity sets the standard for others to follow.

Based on his outstanding productivity, leadership as a Field Training Officer, and unwavering commitment to public safety, I am honored to nominate Field Training Officer Julio Gonzalez for Officer of the Month for March 2026.

Attachments: 9 Arrest forms:

REVIEWED BY:

DATE



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