

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: MAJOR S. MASINGTON
AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: JANUARY 7, 2009

FROM: SERGEANT JOHN BAUBLITZ
UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

SUBJECT:
AWARD/HONOR NOMINATION
OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008

I am nominating Officer Antonio Aleman for Coral Gables Police Department's 2008 Officer of the year. Officer Aleman was the recipient of October's 2008 Officer of The Month for his actions involving case 08-008506. Officer Aleman is one of and most likely the top producing officers during the year 2008. Officer Aleman's colleagues, supervisors and the State Attorney's Office consider him to be an expert in the field of DUI arrests. Officer Aleman is extremely important to the FTO program and is considered to be an effective Field Training Officer. Also Officer Aleman participates in the Coral Gables Mobil Patrol program and is respected by the civilian volunteers. These are just some of the reasons Officer Aleman is deserving of 2008' Officer of the year.

On October 9, 2008 Officer Aleman observed three vehicles involved in a competitive race traveling southbound on South Dixie Hwy at 4:20 am. Officer Aleman was concerned that the actions of the drivers were putting themselves and other motorists at great risk. Officer Aleman attempted to affect a traffic stop on one of the vehicles involved when his concerns became a reality as one of the vehicles abruptly cut off Officer Aleman causing him to take evasive measures to avoid an accident. Officer Aleman's quick actions avoided an accident with the offender's vehicle but caused him to strike the center median and a traffic sign. Almost immediately, after being run off the road, Officer Aleman issued a BOLO for the three vehicles which lead to one of the vehicle being pulled over and the driver being apprehended. Responding Officers checked the area reference the BOLO and found one of the other vehicles in a parking garage. The information obtained from the vehicle in the parking garage along with the information obtained by Officer Aleman from the offender in custody helped identify the other two drivers involved. With the assistance of Accident Investigator Robert Thomson Officer Aleman was able to contact and interview the other two offenders involved and placed both under arrest. All three offenders were charged with reckless driving, participation in an unlawful race and leaving the scene of an accident with injury. Officer Aleman demonstrated several outstanding qualities during this incident including his proactive nature, his ability to think quickly, be accurate under a stressful situation and his investigative skills.

During the year 2008 Officer Aleman responded to 553 calls as the primary officer, 355 as the backup officer, wrote 111 incident reports, 13 accident reports, completed 7 field contacts, issued 309 citations and made 62 arrests. Consider if Officer Aleman worked 4 days a week for the entire 52 weeks in the year or 208 days he made 1 arrest every 3.35 days or more than 1 a week.

This also means Officer Aleman issued 1.49 citations a day and 5.94 citations a week. The total of incident reports and accident reports is 124 which are very impressive for any officer but even more impressive for an officer that works the entire year on the Midnight Shift. Officer Aleman's total number of calls for the year is 908 which prove he was consistent, dedicated and motivated every night he came to work.

The Coral Gables Police Department is fortunate to have officers who are recognized as experts in different fields of law enforcement. Officer Aleman is such an officer where DUI arrest is concern. Officer Aleman is constantly sought out for his knowledge of DUI incidents by his supervisors, colleagues and other officers from the surrounding jurisdictions. I have personally witnessed the respect given Officer Aleman before and during court from prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges. Officer Aleman's professionalism and stature in the law enforcement community regarding DUI arrest should make every City of Coral Gables Employee proud.

The Coral Gables Field Training Program has many excellent Field Training Officers but few have the respect and confidence to produce well trained officers as does Officer Aleman. Officer Aleman is constantly assigned probationary officers and very few probationary officers go through a total riding assignment with out being assigned to him. If a probationary officer is having problems in officer safety, report writing, radio procedures or any patrol function the answer to improve on the deficiency is to assign that probationary officer with Officer Aleman. Field Training Officer is one of the most essential positions for the success of any agency as well as a new officer. Officer Aleman's contributions to the Field Training Unit should not be overlooked or underappreciated.

The Coral Gables Mobil Patrol is a highly respected and very successful citizen program. Officer Aleman also participates in this program and is not only respected by the civilian participants, but they consider him a friend. Routinely four or more civilians respond to the station to ride the nights Officer Aleman is working. Officer Aleman holds roll-call, assigns them areas to patrol and informs them of the latest crime trends. Officer Aleman continually checks on the participants and keeps them enthusiastic about their assignments. Officer Aleman's passion for this program is building essential and long lasting relationships with members of our community. Officer Aleman brings honor and respect to our agency through his hard work and dedication to this program.

If the above was not enough to make Officer Aleman deserving of Officer of The Year, he is the Crime Scene Technician for the Midnight Shift, CIT certified, a training instructor for the department and a member of the prestigious Honor Guard Unit. Officer Aleman considers being part of the Honor Guard Unit as one of his most important Duties. Representing the Coral Gables Police Department during the joyful occasions and the most solemn is a duty he does not take lightly. There are very few officers that are as productive as Officer Aleman, very few that reach the level of respect Officer Aleman has gained throughout the law enforcement community and fewer that give as much of themselves for the betterment of this department. I can say with certainty that Officer Aleman is the best candidate and most deserving of Coral Gables Police Department's 2008 Officer of The Year.

Reviewed by:

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