

It is my pleasure to nominate Officer Kelly Denham for the 2016 DeKorte Award.

Officer Denham is a consummate professional. She has shown true dedication to her position in Community Affairs, Media Relations and Recruiting and is always the first individual who volunteers for any task. Her leadership skills are clearly demonstrated through her actions, and below are just a few of the activities Officer Denham performs on a regular basis on behalf of her community and the Coral Gables Police Department.

In her role within Community Affairs, Officer Denham is continually the go-to person. She is not only an asset to our department but also to the City of Coral Gables' Human Resources division and many other city departments that frequently ask for her assistance. Officer Denham isn't just the individual who writes and distributes community event flyers, she also makes a point of attending events and representing CGPD. Her resolve in keeping businesses aware of criminal activity such as thefts, security, check fraud as well as making community businesses and schools aware of active shooter situations is impressive. In addition to all of the roles she plays year around, her favorite role is that of spearheading the Toy Drive for homeless children. Officer Denham is also the resident real estate agent to homeless cats and dogs. Her devotion to the community is uncanny.

Officer Denham's dedication to her role in media relations is remarkable. She keeps the media outlets well informed and is diligent about media coverage in the City of Coral Gables. She is very well respected and constantly puts herself "out there" in order to protect the integrity of this great city.

As a Recruiter, Officer Denham is aggressive, driven and direct. Her motivation to bring on board the very best candidates is only second to her willingness to continue motivating young police officers to become professional, courteous, and an integral part of a department of knowledgeable and distinctive brothers and sisters in blue.

Officer Denham has been a member of CGPD and the F.O.P. for many years and has always been supportive of both organizations. She is as sympathetic in public settings as she is one-on-one or as part of a group of her subordinates or supervisors.

It is without a doubt that Officer Denham goes above and beyond to accomplish her goals and always assists or leads her peers. It could also be said that Officer Denham is an expert in her field and uses her knowledge and experience to advance the goals of both the City and Police of Coral Gables collectively, to educate others in our community. Officer Denham accepts any challenge because she knows and understands what it takes to succeed.

As a 16-year veteran of law enforcement, it is my honor to work alongside Officer Denham as there are a multitude of other reasons why I feel she epitomizes what the DeKorte Award exemplifies. With that said, I look forward to having Officer Kelly Denham recognized for her work ethic, dedication, passion, and desire for teamwork and collaboration and for the dedication she gives this community.

Officer Kelly Denham exemplifies the true character, dedication and devotion worthy of this award.