



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 12, 2015**

ITEM TITLE:

Congratulations to the recipients of the "Robert DeKorte Memorial Award." Sergeant Antonio Aleman, recipient for 2012; Sergeant John Baublitz, recipient for 2013, and Officer Danny Smith, recipient for 2014.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The Robert DeKorte Award is the largest and most coveted award given by the City of Coral Gables to a Police Officer. The award consists of a \$500 cash award, 40 hours of annual leave and the Officer's name engraved on the Robert DeKorte Memorial Plaque, which is displayed in the lobby of the Police Station. The recipient is selected by members of the Coral Gables Police Benevolent Association and Fraternal Order of Police Executive Committees, after receiving nominations at large from Officers of the Police Department.

The Robert DeKorte Memorial Award is given annually in memory of Robert DeKorte, a 19-year veteran of the Coral Gables Police Department, who was killed in the line of duty on January 21, 1972, while attempting to apprehend two subjects as they were committing an armed robbery at a local liquor store.

The late Commissioner, Mrs. Rebyl Zain, proposed that an award be given each year to the Officer who best exemplifies courage, dedication and devotion to duty. This officer must also exhibit courtesy and a positive police image to the public and help promote brotherhood and morale in the Department, as Bob DeKorte was always a friend to all.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. (3) **Nomination Memos: Ofc. Danny Smith, Sgt. John Baublitz, Sgt. Antonio Aleman**