



Date of occurrence: 2010

Employee Name: Public Service Aide Elinor Joseph

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Recommendation for Police Civilian of the Year 2010

Narrative:

Elinor Joseph is the Surfside Police Department's only Public Service Aide. Due to budget cuts over the past several years, many civilian and sworn positions were eliminated. Although the positions are no longer in the budget, these same responsibilities must still be completed daily. PSA Joseph has stepped up to the plate each time without complaint and taken on more and more tasks.

PSA Joseph begins each day monitoring the school bus stops to ensure the safety of our children. From there he responds to the business district to enforce parking violations from several thousand construction workers who park daily in Surfside and work in Bal Harbour. PSA Joseph will also deploy the electronic sign to deter speeders throughout the Town.

His next stop in his day is the Property and Evidence Room. Since the layoff of the full time property clerk, PSA Joseph has taken over his duties of maintaining the daily critical functions of the operation of this unit.

PSA Joseph then checks the fleet for repairs. He also ensures that the vehicles, radios, and speed measuring devices are in working order and calibrated. He changes his hat one more time to provide dispatcher relief, another position that he is trained for.

PSA Elinor Joseph's best qualities are his outstanding work ethic, his positive disposition, and his willingness to help others. He is an excellent team player and an even better person and certainly provides outstanding or exemplary support to the Surfside Police Department in achieving its mission.