



Date(s) of Occurrence: July 27th 2015 - August 7th 2015

Employee Name: Daniel Sanchez

Classification: Community Service Aide (CSA)

Unit/Division: Support Services

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation

Narrative:

During July 2015, CSA Daniel Sanchez was selected by the supervisory staff of the Southeast Florida Institute of Criminal Justice, Surfside Police Department, Bal Harbour Police Department, Bay Harbor Islands Police Department, and the Miami-Dade School Schools Police Department to participate as an Instructor and Subject Matter Expert for the inaugural Police Explorers Academy being hosted by the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department.

Daniel was selected based on his dedication, commitment, and work ethic in his present work assignment as well as his extensive knowledge base with the Police Explorer Program. Daniel served in the Miami Beach Police Department Police Explorer Program for several years prior to his employment with the Town of Surfside where he rose in the Explorer Program to hold a command staff supervisory rank.

The Police Explorer Academy was the first of its kind for the Miami-Dade Schools Police which provided the high school aged (14-18 yoa) participants the ability to gain insight into police work through first-hand experience and promoted personal growth through character development, respect for the rule of law, physical fitness, good citizenship, and patriotism. The Explorer Program allows these students to receive career orientation and experience to foster their interest in a career in law enforcement or a related field in the criminal justice system. The Explorer Academy that Daniel helped supervise included 40 student participants of which two were sponsored by the Town of Surfside.

Daniel was responsible for many aspects of the two week academy and he was required to be in attendance each day at the Academy and he was also required to spend several weeks of preparatory work. His responsibilities included quartermaster duties for uniforms and equipment, planning and supervising field trips to various law enforcement units, conducting drills, uniform checks, escorting the Pride Run, and participating in in-class instruction.

Daniel represented the Town of Surfside to the highest levels of professionalism and commitment to duty. He was commended by the sworn law enforcement officers and Chiefs of Police of the agencies that sponsored students in the Explorer Academy.

On Friday August 07, 2015, the 40 Explorer Cadets graduated the Explorer Academy and command staff of the various agencies, and Miami-Dade Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho were in attendance for this historic moment.

This Explorer Academy would not have run as efficiently and effectively had it not been for the input and participation of CSA Daniel Sanchez. He is being commended for all his efforts in ensuring the Cadets of this Explorer Academy Class received the best possible instruction in law enforcement and in preparing them for the rigors of their assignments in their Police Explorer Posts.