



Date of occurrence: February 1, 2018

Employee Name: Sergeant Julio Torres
Officer Tammy Campbell

Unit/Division: Police Department

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation

Narrative:

On Thursday, February 1, 2018, Officer Tammy Campbell was dispatched to a call regarding a sick/injured male across the street from the Grand Beach Hotel. Officer Campbell responded to the area and could not locate anyone. Officer Campbell proceeded to 95th Street and Collins Avenue and saw a male laying on the ground who appeared to be homeless. Officer Campbell quickly noticed the subject had a screwdriver in his hand and began waving it around in a threatening manner. Officer Campbell then requested backup officers respond in emergency mode as she drew her taser and ordered the subject to drop the screw driver. The subject refused to comply at which point Officer Campbell continued to give loud verbal commands to the subject to comply.

Officers from multiple agencies including command staff members, Surfside police detectives and off-duty detail officers responded to assist. Not knowing if the subject was in possession of additional weapons, Sergeant Torres snuck up from behind him, grabbed his arm and redirected him on his stomach. The subject was handcuffed without incident and baker acted. There were no injuries to the subject or any officers involved.

Officer Tammy Campbell displayed courage and used great restraint while dealing with this potentially dangerous situation. Officer Campbell's demeanor while transmitting on the radio during this high stress situation was calm and professional. Sergeant Julio Torres was courageous by placing himself in harm's way when he engaged the subject and took him into custody, not knowing if additional weapons were involved. Officer Tammy Campbell and Sergeant Julio Torres are commended for their courage, restraint, professionalism and dedication to the community. Congratulations to Sergeant Julio Torres and Officer Tammy Campbell as recipients of Officer of the Month...well deserved!