



Date of occurrence: November 12, 2020

Employee Name: Officer Tammy Campbell

Unit/Division: Police Department

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation and Officer of the Month.

Narrative:

On November 12, 2020, the Surfside Police Department received a call from the Miami-Dade Police Department Communications Unit regarding a juvenile in crisis. The juvenile who was home at the time had been communicating with one of her teachers via text message and made comments saying she wanted to hurt herself. Officer Campbell responded to the home and made contact with the parents who were not aware of what their daughter was texting messaging to one of her teachers.

Officer Campbell quickly assumed the lead on this extremely delicate and serious situation. Officer Campbell met with the juvenile, determined she needed help and that this was not the first time she had feelings of doing harm to herself. Officer Campbell utilized her experience as a veteran police officer, training, years of developing CIT (crisis intervention team) skills and her motherly instincts to establish trust and established a good rapport with the juvenile in crisis. This led to the juvenile feeling comfortable and safe with Officer Campbell. Understandably, these situations are extremely difficult for the parents of the child and Officer Campbell again exhibited true professionalism and compassion in assisting them through a very trying occasion.

Due to Officer Campbell's professionalism and skills, she was able to connect with the juvenile and provided the help needed. Officer Campbell is commended for her actions in preventing a very serious situation from possibly becoming tragic. Congratulations to Officer Tammy Campbell as the recipient of the November Officer of the Month award...well deserved!