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TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: April 17, 2012

SUBJECT: Detective Daniel Erben - MDCACP March Officer of the Month

This Letter to the Mayor and City Commissioners is to announce that Miami Beach Police Detective Daniel Erben was selected by the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police as their March 2012 Officer of the Month.

Detective Erben was off-duty at a marina area of the Towers of Quayside in unincorporated Miami-Dade County when he observed a vehicle drive over the seawall and into Biscayne Bay. Detective Erben and his friends immediately rushed over to investigate and offer their assistance. The vehicle was observed upside down, drifting away from the seawall and almost completely submerged. Detective Erben leaped into Biscayne Bay and swam to the driver's door and pulled it open. He then went underwater and felt around for passengers. He felt what he believed to be a leg and resurfaced for air and went back down. He was able to pull the unconscious driver out of the water. His friends were able to throw an inflatable vessel into the water and help him pull the driver onto the inflatable vessel. Their initial assessment revealed that the 81 year old driver was unconscious, not breathing, and unresponsive. Detective Erben directed the rescue efforts and initiated chest compressions until Miami-Dade Fire Rescue arrived on the scene and took over the rescue effort.

Please join me in commending Detective Erben's heroic efforts to save this life.

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