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Miami Beach Police Receives Noteworthy Honors *-- Recognized by Miami-Dade Chiefs and LEO Foundation --*

Miami Beach, FL: The Miami Beach Police Department (MBPD) received significant honors this past weekend at the annual Law Enforcement Officers Charitable Foundation (LEO) Awards Dinner.

“These members reflect the very finest work of our Department and are worthy examples of all the great work Miami Beach Police does for the City of Miami Beach,” said MBPD Chief Daniel J. Oates.

Sergeants Phil Elmore and Roger Martinez received the LEO Uniformed Services Award for saving the life of a suicidal citizen who was about to jump to his death from a high-rise building. Sergeant Colin Prfrogner received the LEO Crime Prevention & Community Policing Award for his volunteer work in numerous and extremely worthy youth programs throughout Miami Beach.

Alongside these extraordinary MBPD members, additional members were nominated for their outstanding work and achievement. Analyst Samarlee Avecillas was nominated for the LEO Support Services Award for her excellent body of work in 2015 as a crime analyst for the Department. Detective Juan Sanchez was nominated for the LEO Specialized Services Award for his exceptional contributions to special victims and his invaluable liaison work with the LGBT community. Sergeant Andy Lozano was nominated for the LEO Uniformed Services Award for his outstanding apprehensions of numerous dangerous suspects and versatile leadership in resolving so many important criminal investigations in 2015. Furthermore, Officer David Alvarez was recognized as one of the 12 Miami-Dade “Officers of the Month” during 2015.

Other noteworthy nominations by Miami-Dade Police Chiefs and the LEO Foundations included Officers Julio Blanco, Kendrick Brailsford, Reggie Horton, Tom Fleischhauer and Ralph Vera, as well as Detective Luis Estopinan.

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