

Meritorious Service Medal

(Sergeant Robert Armstrong)

Sergeant Mark Opitz

Officer Gregory Miller

Officer Sean Carter
Officer Chase Gloeckner

Officer Juan Sanchez

Recipient: *Detective Robert Armstrong*
(Combine with Employee of Year)

Recipient: *Sergeant Mark Opitz*

For many years, Sergeant Mark Opitz has represented the Sarasota Police Department as the

Coordinator/Facilitator of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics. As a result of his efforts, over \$1000 was raised by SPD and several Officers participated in the run for this great cause. For his dedication of time and for representing our agency, the Sarasota Police Department is proud to present Sergeant Mark Opitz with a MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

Recipient: *Officer Greg Miller*

In January 2014, Officer Greg Miller received information of a prostitution house at 5119 N. Tamiami Trail. After several months of surveillance and investigation, Officer Miller learned that the women were advertising the establishment online

under the guise of aroma therapy. With the assistance of surrounding agencies and the Department of Homeland Security, a Search warrant was executed at the location where two subjects were arrested.

For his efforts in eradicating this house of prostitution on the N. Tamiami corridor, the Sarasota Police Department is proud to present Officer Greg Miller with a MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

Recipients: *Officer Sean Carter*
 Officer Chase Gloeckner

On May 10, 2014 and 7 o'clock p.m., Officers Sean Carter and Chase Gloeckner attempted a traffic stop of a 1989 Mercedes during which the vehicle fled at a high rate of speed. These Officers learned that a

residential burglary had occurred in Sarasota County during which a 1989 Mercedes matching the vehicle's description was stolen. The Officers later observed the vehicle again and engaged in a pursuit as the driver attempted to flee at a high rate of speed again. The Officers successfully completed a Precision Immobilization Technique (PIT Maneuver) and disabled the vehicle. The suspect, Jason Weingart, was subsequently arrested on numerous charges.

Officers Sean Carter and Chase Gloeckner demonstrated tremendous investigative ability and poise under pressure during the pursuit. For this, the Sarasota Police department is proud to present Officers Sean Carter and Chase Gloeckner with a MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

Recipient: *Officer Juan Sanchez*

In September 2014, the Department of Homeland Security requested assistance of an SPD Officer to work in an undercover capacity with a confidential informant for an investigation targeting a cocaine

trafficking organization between Naples, Florida and New York. Officer Juan Sanchez immediately accepted the challenge and was briefed on the investigation.

As short time later, Detectives conducted a successful reverse cocaine operation in which four subjects were arrested and \$123,000 seized.

Officer Sanchez was instrumental to the success of this case and performed extremely well in an operation that was outside the scope of his daily Patrol duties.

For this, the Sarasota Police Department is proud to present Officer Juan Sanchez with a MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.