

## **Sarasota Police Department**

### **Civilian Employee of the Year**

*Rick Hockensmith*

In the first half of 2015, Rick Hockensmith filled in as the supervisor of the MIS Unit. During that time he learned the administrative functions of being a supervisor and completing requests as needed. With only 2 other technicians, there were three people to ensure the continuous internet and phone service for the more than 200 employees of the Sarasota Police Department, both Sworn and Civilian. This is an area that runs 24/7 and is crucial to the communication of information for each patrol shift.

In July 2015, Rick was promoted to MIS Supervisor after the completion of the City of Sarasota's required interview process. He never missed a beat as he continued to take on the management aspect of the unit. He later learned that one of the employees who had been in the Unit for 17 years, was on the verge of retirement. Needing to find a replacement quickly, Rick worked with the personnel office in order to adjust the job description and post the position.

Rick has an incredible task and continues to ensure that the Unit efficiently maintains the phones and computer systems, networks, and software for the entire department. For his dedication to the employees of our agency, the Sarasota Police Department is proud to present Douglas Rick Hockensmith Civilian Employee of the Year, 2015.