



**Date of occurrence:** 2019

**Employee Name:** Tammy Campbell

**Classification:** Police Officer

**Unit/Division:** Patrol

**Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Officer of the Year 2019**

**Narrative:**

The Surfside Police Department FOP Awards Committee is honored to select Officer Tammy Campbell as the Surfside Police Department 2019 Officer of the Year. Tammy Campbell joined SPD in January of 2000 in the position of Communications Operator and became a sworn police officer in August of 2004. Police Officer / Acting Sergeant Tammy Campbell is currently assigned to the Patrol Division. In 2019, Officer Campbell worked in the capacity of acting sergeant for an extended period of time due to a sergeant's military activation. Officer Campbell is a respected and valued member of the Surfside Police Department. Her knowledge and experience as a police officer coupled with her ability to be both a formal and informal leader is a tremendous asset to the Surfside Police Department and community we serve.

Officer Campbell performed exceptionally well while supervising a Patrol squad for numerous months. She shined with all the added responsibility that comes with that position. Her squad members respect her and have trust in her guidance. Her supervisors have confidence she can and will handle any situation that presents itself.

The following noteworthy examples demonstrate the professionalism exhibited by Officer Campbell: On Thursday, July 18, 2019, at approximately 1119 hours, patrol officers were dispatched to 9540 Collins Avenue reference an unconscious male on the construction site that was possibly electrocuted and having difficulty breathing. Acting Sergeant Campbell was the supervisor on duty, immediately responded and notified command staff of the call. Acting Sergeant Campbell proceeded to the top floor of the construction area, where paramedics were attempting to revive the male. Despite paramedics' valiant effort the victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene.

Acting Sergeant Campbell immediately assumed command of the scene, ensuring the witnesses were isolated from other workers, summoned detectives to begin their investigation and confirmed OSHA was notified of the incident.

Shortly after, a second call for service was broadcasted in reference to a suicidal male armed with a handgun. The information received was that a male was on the telephone with a crisis counselor and parked in a black Honda CRV in the area of 94<sup>th</sup> Street and Collins Avenue. Acting Sergeant Campbell heard the broadcast of the suicidal male call and knowing the call with the deceased male was static, quickly coordinated a tactical response to the suicidal male call. The subject vehicle was quickly located. Acting Sergeant Campbell gave clear and direct commands to the dispatcher in order for the phone operator to direct the subject. After a few minutes, the subject began to exit the vehicle. Acting Sergeant Campbell coordinated a safe surrender while maintaining the safety of her officers and the subject a primary focus. The subject was taken into custody without incident. Officers located a loaded firearm in the vehicle. Utilizing her developed skills and Crisis Intervention Training, Acting Sergeant Campbell deescalated a volatile situation, managed a safe surrender and got the distressed subject to the proper facility for help.

The following day, the male visited the police station to retrieve his firearm. Staff learned the subject had additional firearms in his vehicle parked at the police station parking lot. He advised he wanted to retrieve his handgun and sell all of his firearms. Acting Sergeant Campbell once again established a good rapport with the male who subsequently made the decision to surrender all of his firearms to the police department for destruction.

These events are a brief view into actions by Officer / Acting Sergeant Campbell. Her leadership and calmness, especially in a time of crisis, are second to none. Officer Campbell was named Surfside Police Officer of the Month for April and July of 2019 and also nominated for the prestigious 2019 LEO Award in the Uniform Services Category.

Congratulations Officer Tammy Campbell as recipient of the 2019 Surfside Police Department Officer of the Year Award...well deserved!

**Chief of Police:** Julio Yero

**Date:** January 31, 2020