

SHERIFF



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Sheriff Edward Bieluch
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
3228 Gun Club Rd.
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Dear Sheriff Bieluch:

I am pleased to offer this letter on behalf of Lt. Robert Anderson for nomination to the National Sheriff's Association Deputy of the Year Award.

Lt. Anderson has provided his knowledge and service to our K-9 Unit and organization for approximately 20 years. His reputation is unparalleled in the field of Law Enforcement K-9s as a trainer, certifying official, expert witness and lecturer. This reputation he has reflects upon your agency and himself every time my staff calls upon his assistance. He provides his time, dedication, and professionalism to ensure our needs are met and resolved.

The K-9 Unit at the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, as with most, was formed before there were state standards in place. Lt. Anderson was instrumental in providing a foundation and direction for our K-9 Unit. Obtainable goals and standards were set with the help of Lt. Anderson. Lt. Anderson also involved himself in the start of our detector dog program. With his contacts he arranged the purchase of our first narcotic detector K-9 for the Sheriff's Office. We utilize the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit throughout the year for additional protection in explosive detection for special events and annual certifying officials. These requests through Lt. Anderson are handled in a prompt and professional manner. His enthusiasm, dedication, and loyalty to educate and advance the use of K-9s in Law Enforcement has impacted not only the Alachua County Sheriff's Office but others within Florida and throughout the nation.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Oelrich
Sheriff

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