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To: Captain Timothy Lalor

Date: 05/31/2021

**Thru: Lieutenant Bernard Faccilonga
Lieutenant Timothy Galloway**

From: Sergeant Morgin Evins

**Re: May 2021 Fort Myers Beach Chamber Deputy of the Month
Nomination, Deputy Derek Matera**

On Wednesday, May 19, 2021, Deputy D. Matera was in the area of 3051 Estero Boulevard; 7Eleven, Fort Myers Beach conducting proactive patrol. While patrolling the area Deputy Matera observed an individual, who was identified as John King, a white male with a date of birth July 13, 1969. Deputy Matera recognized this subject from a previous call for service much earlier in the night. Deputy Matera noted King was now wearing a firefighter's bunker jacket which he was not wearing earlier. Deputy Matera also noted King was in the immediate area of Fort Myers Beach Fire Station 31.

Deputy Matera made contact with King who provided several factious stories of how and where he obtained the bunker jacket. Due to King's medical complaints on scene, Deputy Matera requested FMBFD respond. Deputy Matera made contact with Lieutenant Shaun Jensen of FMBFD Station 31 who confirmed the bunker jacket belonged to one of their members, was stored in the bunker storage room and no one had permission to remove the jacket. Deputy Matera also located medical equipment on King's person which Lieutenant Jensen also confirmed belonged to FMBFD.

FMBFD Battalion Chief responded to the scene and was able to provide surveillance video which depicts King enter the occupied fire station and leave the station wearing the firefighter's jacket.

Without the proactive patrols and the attentiveness of Deputy Matera, this criminal may not have been located which would have caused for a large amount of resources and investigative time due to the seriousness of the crime. Not only to locate and charge the suspect but to ensure the firefighter's had their gear in the event they were required to have an immediate response to a call. At the conclusion of the investigation, probable cause was established for the arrest of King.

I, Sergeant Evins, nominate Deputy Matera for the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce Deputy of the Month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgt. Morgin Evins16-099



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