

Distinguished Performance Award  
September 2010  
Officers Tom Diemer  
Officer Eugene Nelson  
Officer Joseph Miller  
Detective Rob Rettig  
Officer Wade Walcott  
Officer Robert Zaragoza  
Officer Al Clark

On September 14, 2010, officers responded to a 1097 NW 81 Terrace reference to a possible drowning. Upon arrival Officer Diemer and Officer Nelson were notified by a landscaping crew that an employee using a commercial lawn mower had fallen into the lake and was possibly trapped underneath the mower. Both officers entered the water and were soon joined by Officers Miller, Zaragoza, Walcott and Detective Rettig. These officers spent the next several minutes in the lake swimming and diving to the bottom in an attempt to locate the missing man. Officer Al Clark remained on the bank and coordinated the rescue efforts. After approximately 10 minutes the rescue operation was called off and the Plantation Dive Team responded and located the man's body pinned under the mower in approximately 12 feet of water.

Even though the officer's rescue efforts were unsuccessful, their collective heroic efforts are worth of recognition. These officers went above their normal duties in an attempt to rescue a drowning victim. Their decision to enter the water reflects their professionalism and commitment to their duty as police officers. For their efforts, each officer was awarded the Distinguished Performance Award.