

Life Saving Award
Officer Ernesto Gonzalez
Officer Laurie Graber

On July 24, 2011, Plantation Police Dispatch received a 9-1-1 call reference a two-year old girl found floating and unresponsive in her grandmother's swimming pool. Quick thinking and quick acting Plantation dispatchers had paramedics and police officers enroute to the drowning in approximately 37 seconds.

Officers Ernesto Gonzalez and Laurie Graber arrived at the grandmother's house within three minutes of being dispatched. They took over CPR from the grandmother who was performing CPR on the child. The officers were able to get her to expel water from her lungs as she labored with her breathing.

When paramedics arrived at the house, the officers quickly moved the little girl to the area where the paramedics were arriving. The paramedics were able to start treatment and then be enroute to Plantation General Hospital within three minutes. The little girl was treated at Plantation General where she was conscious and alert. The paramedics on scene called the police department to commend the officers for their quick response and their life-saving CPR efforts.

It is for these reasons Officer Ernesto Gonzalez and Officer Laurie Graber have been awarded the department's Life Saving Award.