

Officer Laurie Graber
Law Enforcement Professional Award
Broward Domestic Violence Council

Officer Laurie Graber was selected to receive the Law Enforcement Professional Award from the Broward Domestic Violence Council in October 2011. Officer Graber was nominated by her supervisor, Sergeant Steven Geller.

In his nomination letter, Sergeant Geller noted that Officer Graber had "...excelled in providing considerable assistance in cases of domestic violence" and that she "... goes above and beyond in helping families get their lives back on track. In each unique situation, she responds with the intent of helping to improve the families well being" and "...her greatest asset is the resource that she possess from within." Officer Graber's ability to work with offenders, victims and particularly children was cited as Officer Graber's strength.

There were six officers nominated for the award. The Broward Domestic Violence Council utilizes a unique selection method. In order to avoid any conflict of interest, the council asks the members of a Victimology class from Florida Atlantic University to do the actual selection. There were 75 students in the class this year, and they spent an entire class reviewing all the nominations and the criteria for each award before selecting Officer Graber as the most deserving of this year's award.

Following the impartial and exhaustive review, Officer Laurie Graber was selected as the winner of this year's award. Congratulations to Officer Graber who represents the Police Department's commitment to ending domestic violence.