

Life Saving Award
Officers Jan Geerlings, Mitchell Fraska III, Michael Brutto

On January 19, 2009, at approximately 12:28 am, a 911 call was received from the security guard at the Plantation Palms apartment complex located at 600 NW 101 Avenue in reference to an occupied vehicle that had just driven into the lake near the front of the complex.

Officers Geerlings, Fraska and Brutto responded to the scene and found the vehicle partially submerged and still occupied by an unresponsive female driver. The three officers quickly entered the water, forced entry into the vehicle and quickly removed the driver just before the vehicle became fully submerged.

The driver, who was initially unresponsive due to an adverse reaction to a prescription drug, was transported by Plantation Fire Rescue to Westside Regional Medical Center for evaluation.

Officers Geerlings, Fraska and Brutto were awarded the Life Saving Award for their quick actions and disregard for their own safety in saving another person's life.