FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #31 NAME 2010 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #31, held its Annual Police Officers Award Banquet on Friday, February 4th, 2011. Officers throughout the year were rewarded for their individual efforts, however Officer John Graul was chosen as the 2010 Officer of the Year.

Officer John Graul has been with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department for over 14 years and is currently assigned to the Patrol Division.

During 2010, John Graul was awarded Officer of the Month two times. He received the award in August of 2010 for apprehending a burglar that committed 53 burglaries prior to Officer Graul's arrest. He also received the award in October after apprehending a convicted burglar that was responsible for several additional burglaries in his assigned district.

Officer John Graul was also issued a duty citation in October of 2010 for his efforts in the apprehension of an armed carjacker fleeing from the City of Miami Police Department.

Throughout 2010, Officer John Graul took a proactive approach to address crime patterns in his assigned area, which led to 43 felony and 23 misdemeanor arrests. Officer John Graul took it upon himself to learn his assigned district and become familiar with its crime trends and patterns. As a result, there was a 7% reduction of Part 1 Crime in his area and shift, which also contributed to an overall 10% reduction throughout the district in which Officer John Graul worked.

Officer John Graul's hard work and dedication to serving the residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale have earned him the distinction of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Officer of the Year for 2010.

Join us in congratulating Officer John Graul on a job well done!

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