

3. PRESENTATION(S)

- a. Recognition of Police Auxiliary Lieutenant Steve Walters for 20 years of service to the Police Department and the community upon his retirement

## MEMORANDUM

MAY 7, 2009

TO: CITY MANAGER JUDIE ZIMOMRA

FROM: POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM TOMLINSON

RE: POLICE AUXILIARY LIEUTENANT STEVE WALTERS RETIREMENT

It is with great appreciation for Police Auxiliary Lieutenant Steve Walters and his participation with assisting the Sanibel Police Department for twenty years that I reluctantly accept his retirement from service effective May 1, 2009.

In 1989 the Sanibel Police Department initiated a volunteer unit of police officers, who served as a supplementary force, these volunteers constituted the Sanibel Police Department Police Auxiliary. The Auxiliary Officers were utilized to assist sworn personnel in a variety of activities in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Police Department, City of Sanibel, and State Law.

Auxiliary Officers are "any person employed or appointed, with or without compensation, which aid or assist a full-time or part-time law enforcement officer and who, while under the direct supervision of a full-time or a part-time law enforcement officer, have the authority to arrest and perform law enforcement functions.

These volunteers engaged in a time consuming and intense training program in accordance with FDLE Criminal Justice Standards and Training Requirements for police officers; and was followed by an additional local field training program in accordance with Sanibel Police Department policies and procedures.

Steve Walters was one of the first volunteers for the Police Auxiliary Program and became a certified police officer within the State of Florida, February 6, 1989. He attended the South West Florida Criminal Justice Academy, where he successfully completed the equivalent training received by a full time police officer. Steve Walters also received specialized training in Weapons of Mass Destruction, Incident Command, open water diving, Police Motorcycles also became a member of the Department's Dive Team.

In 1990 Steve was appointed Lieutenant of the Police within the Sanibel Police Auxiliary Program and proactively managed and organized the Auxiliary personnel for all special events.

As a member of the Police Auxiliary Steve volunteered for numerous events and was never, absent from an event that included the use of Auxiliary Officers. These events include, Taste of the Islands, Luminary, Fourth of July Fireworks, Bailey Fest, Traffic Details, Islands Night and Edison Lights Parade. Steve also actively patrolled the islands during times that normal patrol staff was short staffed or additional personnel were required, including numerous surveillance details, one of which ultimately lead to the arrests of the Dinner Set Burglars.

DATE: April 29, 2009

TO: Chief Bill Tomlinson

FROM: LT. Steve Walters

This letter is to serve as official notice as to my intent to retire my services for the Sanibel Police department as of May 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. My 20 years of service has now brought me to the point in my life where it is time to finally slow down and pursue things in a more relaxed nature. My service time with the department has been most enjoyable, learning and experiencing and I will definitely miss the camaraderie and working relations with all of the Officers, Staff and personnel through the years.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Walters". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely".

Aux. Lt. Steve Walters