



City of Margate Police Department

ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

Joseph Galaska, Chief of Police



*Recognized
June 9th*

TO: Julio Fernandez, Detective

FROM: Joseph Galaska, Chief of Police

DATE: March 14, 2023

SUBJECT: OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2022

Congratulations! I am in receipt of and concur with the determination of the Awards Committee in which they recommend that you receive the Officer of the Year Award for 2022.

This prestigious recognition is awarded to personnel who distinguish themselves over the course of a year through the demonstration of exemplary service to the department and the citizens of Margate.

Throughout the year, you have distinguished yourself on numerous occasions as an integral part of this department, by re-opening "cold cases" for investigation. These cases consist of missing persons, skeletal remains, homicides and one sexual battery case. The majority of these cases are over twenty years old.

Without your dedication and commitment, the victims and families in these cases would likely never have had closure. Successfully closing seven cold cases is unprecedented in the history of the Margate Police Department!

On behalf of the Margate Police Department, I am extremely pleased and exceptionally proud to bestow upon you, one of the most prestigious awards, Officer of the Year.

JG/ljj

cc: Personnel file

cc: City Manager
All Police