**Award of Distinction (Public Safety Investigator Warren Sarasota Memorial)**

**Plaque and $100 Amazon Gift Card**

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Investigator Warren has been with the Sarasota Memorial Public Safety Department since July 2019. He is one of the most professional, positive, and dedicated officers in the Sarasota Memorial Public Safety Department. His commitment to serving his community every day and willingness to help everyone however possible has made him highly regarded within the Sarasota Memorial Public Safety Department.

He originally started in the patrol division filling in any shift needs requested by the department. There have been numerous occasions when the department has requested changes to his work schedule, and he has always been willing to accommodate these changes to accomplish the needs of the department.

In 2021 Inv. Warren transferred into the Investigations Unit and began following up on missing property, thefts, drug diversion, and video investigations for the Sarasota Memorial Healthcare System. Inv. Warren has spent countless hours working on cases that have led to exoneration or conviction of subjects involved.

This year specifically we would like to commend Inv. Warren for his dedication to “Protecting Those Who Heal” in the community. Inv. Warren was investigating a missing belongings report, this started with hours of video review across multiple cameras, then led to identifying a potential suspect in the case. When investigating further it was determined the suspect had prior theft convictions. During this investigation Inv. Warren reassured the victim multiple times that we were working on the case and would provide updates as they became available. Inv. Warren stayed focused on the investigation and remained patient while reviewing evidence, specifically the hours and hours of camera footage. This focus and dedication to the investigation eventually led to the closing of the case with identifying a suspect. This provided the victim with closure of what transpired while they were at the hospital!

Due to his overall professionalism, attention to detail, and his continuous hard work in the investigation’s unit, Public Safety Investigator Matthew Warren is hereby awarded the 2023 IAHSS West Central Florida Chapter award of Distinction. Congratulations!