



CITY OF DORAL
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Council

LTC No.: 120-2017

To: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Edward A. Rojas, City Manager

Date: October 18, 2017

Subject: **Vigilant Solutions “Best in Force” Award 2017**

This Letter to Council (LTC) is to provide the Mayor and City Council-Members information on Vigilant Solutions “Best in Force” Award, being awarded to the City of Doral Police Department during the International Association Chiefs of Police (IACP) Annual Conference in Philadelphia. The award is being presented on Monday, October 23rd, 2017. In addition to the award, Vigilant will be putting out a press release about the award and donating \$5,000.00 to our fallen officer’s fund; Police Officer Assistance Trust (POAT).

Currently there are over 1,000 agencies and 30,000 users utilizing Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) and Law Enforcement Archival and Reporting Network (LEARN) solutions for solving crimes. In addition, 217,751 agency-to-agency license plate readers (LPR) currently have data sharing relationships in the United States, enabling agencies to assist one another in solving all types of investigations. At present, there are over 17 million unique vehicles of interest being shared among law enforcement within LEARN. This data sharing network is the largest LPR data sharing network in the United States, if not the world.

On August 14, 2017, Gladys Gonzalez, Information Technology Director, and Cathy Jewett, Police Lieutenant were provided with Vigilant Solutions Award Nominations Questionnaire forms. These forms were obtained from Mr. Gavin Hutchins, Trinity Innovative Solutions in order to nominate our agency for the Vigilant Solutions “Best in Force” Award. (attached) The award recognizes all U.S. law enforcement agencies regardless of size, for their exceptional use of the Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR), and the Law Enforcement Archival and Reporting Network (LEARN) solution in solving crimes.

The completed form was submitted on August 17, 2017, and on October 6, 2017, The City of Doral Police Department notified by Mr. Greg Skelly, Vigilant Solutions, that our agency was selected for the "Best in Force" award. Mr. Skelly stated departments nationwide were nominated and their committee selected the City of Doral Police Department because of our commitment to Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) and the benefits achieved.

Vigilant Solutions prepared a press release about the award, which highlights our innovative use of Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR). No information will be released on any open cases, only references will be made to specific success stories. (attached)

Finally, Vigilant Solutions will be donating \$5000.00 to our fallen officer fund; Police Officer Assistance Trust (POAT). The Police Officer Assistance Trust (POAT), is dedicated to the law enforcement community of Miami-Dade County by providing assistance to the officers and their families in the times of hardship and personal crisis. The responsibilities of POAT are twofold. First, to provide financial assistance to officers disabled in the line of duty, suffering from chronic or terminal illness, or the victim of some other catastrophic circumstance. POAT has paid, and will continue to pay, health care costs that insurance does not cover and other expenses when the need arises. In all cases, financial assistance is given when all other means have been exhausted. Secondly, POAT provides educational assistance to the spouses and children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in Miami-Dade County.

POAT has also been called upon to assist the families, as well as the agency involved, when officers have been killed in the line of duty, and other deaths involving law enforcement officers and their immediate family members. The assistance provided is primarily financial, but has included making funeral arrangements, counseling, and handling insurance and other matters for the family.

If you should need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact my office, or Police Chief, Donald De Lucca.

c: Albert P. Childress, Deputy City Manager
Donald W. De Lucca, Chief of Police
Brian Sliman, Deputy Police Chief