



# STUART POLICE DEPARTMENT

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City of Stuart Commission  
121 SW Flagler Avenue  
Stuart, FL 34994

Re: Employee of the Month Nomination

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

The purpose of this letter is to nominate Captain Derek Ortado, of the Stuart Police Department, for Employee of the Month.

Captain Ortado began his career with the Stuart Police Department on October 13, 2003. He quickly rose through the ranks from a Patrol Officer to being promoted to Sergeant in 2011 and to Captain in 2017. During his time at the police department, Captain Ortado has held the position of narcotics detective, Assistant Team Leader, and Detective Sergeant, as well as the Stuart Police Department Emergency Management Coordinator. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Emergency and Disaster Management, as well as a Master's Degree with Honors in Criminal Justice, both from American Public University.

Captain Ortado was appointed the City of Stuart Emergency Management Coordinator in June 2018. He had a large task to complete, as the entire system was revamped. Information had to be updated in the Emergency Management book which is multiple pages long. He is a stickler for specifics, and I know that every page in the Emergency Management book was addressed. I'm also sure everything is spelled correctly, and I'd be surprised if it weren't.

During the recent pending threat of Hurricane Dorian, Captain Ortado's expertise came into play as the City's Emergency Management Coordinator. He was well-prepared and gave great direction with the erroneous tasks at hand. The logistics alone, in a major incident such as a pending category 5 hurricane, were daunting at the very least, but Captain Ortado handled it with ease. He coordinated the safety and welfare of the City employees who were activated during the storm. His professionalism in a potential time of crisis was a standard that was set very high. I was also impressed with his preparation and knowledge of how to handle Emergency Management incidents. The City clearly chose the right person to operate in this position.

Captain Ortado is a great asset to the Stuart Police Department and the City of Stuart as a whole, and I am proud to have him on my team!