



Patrol

# CITY OF VENICE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## *Marine Patrol Officer Paul Joyce 25 Years of Service*

Today we honor Marine Officer Paul Joyce for 25 years of dedicated service to the City of Venice. Paul always wanted to be a Police Officer; he was one of the first Venice Police Department Explorers. His career with the City of Venice began on June 3, 1991 as an employee at the Venice Municipal Airport. On October 1, 1993, Paul transferred to the Police Department as a Criminalistics Specialist.

Paul's work ethic and enthusiasm won him the next available Police Officer position. He became a sworn police officer on April 5, 1999, and since then wore many hats in the department: Patrol Officer, Head Advisor for the Police Explorers, Driving Instructor, Search and Rescue Team, Vehicle Maintenance and Installation Coordinator, and Honor Guard Member.

He is currently assigned to the Marine Patrol Unit and makes a positive impact on the coastal waterways and the citizens that use them. He is the Department's first United States Coast Guard Licensed Boat Captain and was federally sworn by Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE), and became an honorary member of the Venice Sail and Power Squadron in 2014.

Officer Joyce has personally been involved in countless lifesaving marine rescues, from boat and airplane crashes, diver incidents, and even many marine life rescues. He was awarded the very prestigious Officer of the Year Award by the Sons of the American Revolution and just recently received the City Manager's Employee of the Year Award in 2015. He constantly attends training opportunities to stay abreast of current marine related law enforcement trends, and is also a member of the Florida Marine Intelligence Unit (FMIU).

Paul is also very proud and honored to organize and direct the Sarasota County Special Olympics Annual Sharks Tooth Fishing Tournament for the Special Olympic Athletes of our community. The fishing tournament is held in April. The past event celebrated the 15<sup>th</sup> year the Venice Police Marine Patrol planned this event.

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Marine Patrol Officer Joyce consistently validates he is a very important contributor to the agency's success. He is highly motivated, and his persistence and diligent work are commendable. The City of Venice and the Police Department are privileged to have Paul Joyce as a member of their team.

Paul, we thank you for your honorary service, and wish you continued success to fulfill your goals and dreams as you serve our community.