



MARGATE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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NATURE OF INCIDENT: Traffic Fatality

DATE: 06-20-08

CASE NUMBER: Coconut Creek Police Department 2008-16354

PIO: Detective Efrain Suarez (954)935-5424

INCIDENT: It is with deep regret that the Margate Police Department announces the tragic loss of one of its police officers. Officer Michael Thomas McQuade, 36, was off-duty when he was killed when his motorcycle collided with another vehicle on June 20, 2008 at approximately 11:30 am in the City of Coconut Creek. Officer McQuade was a four and a half year veteran of the Police Department. A US Marine Captain until May of 2002, Officer McQuade held various positions within our agency. He served in the Marine Patrol Unit, the Honor Guard and the Special Response Team (SRT). He was also a Field Training Officer, a Firearms Instructor, a Department Armorer and had previously served as the Departments Training Coordinator.

Officer McQuade received Officer of the Month honors in May of 2004 and March of 2005. He received the Administrative Excellence Commendation in November of 2004 and has numerous Letters of Recognition and Commendation. He was highly respected and well liked by his peers and his tragic and untimely death will be felt by all members of our agency. He will be sorely missed. He is survived by his wife, Melissa, a Miramar Police Officer, and his parents, Thomas and Ann.

The Coconut Creek Police Department is conducting an investigation as to the cause of the crash.

Details concerning funeral arrangements will be announced at a later time.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire McQuade family.

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