



## July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, City Council Recognition FPCA Rocky Pomerance and Civilian of the Year Awards

The Marco Island Police Department (MIPD) and its Accreditation and Grants Manager Katie Hofmeister were nominated and selected for awards from the Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA).

The MIPD received the Rocky Pomerance Law Enforcement Excellence Award, which recognizes member agencies for developing and implementing an innovative approach to policing. This award has been named in honor of Rocky Pomerance, who has been recognized as exemplifying the image of an innovative and visionary leader who furthered the mission of the Florida Police Chiefs Association and the law enforcement profession within Florida. The Marco Island Police Department was awarded this honor for their outstanding efforts during “Operation PAC the Sleigh”. “Operation PAC the Sleigh” was created as a testament to community-oriented policing principles and focused its goals on 3 pillars- Providing, Assisting and Contributing (PAC) to community members in need during the Holiday Season. Through their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas First Responder Style, Pickleball with the Police Toys 4 Tots Fundraiser and Marco Lake Toy Run, the MIPD was able to not only provide tangible resources to families but create a lasting impact on the community through collaboration and forming trusting and quality relationships. We would also like to thank the community partners who contributed to “Operation PAC the Sleigh” including:

- Marco Island Fire Rescue
- Island Country Club Charitable Foundation
- Naples Therapeutic Riding Center
- City of Marco Island Parks and Recreation
- Marco Island City Hall
- Marco Island Raquet Center

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MIPD Accreditation and Grants Coordinator Katie Hofmeister received the Civilian Employee of the Year award which recognizes a non-sworn employee of a police department who performed with true dedication and interest in their assigned position. In every police department, there are unsung heroes whose commitment and support are essential to the smooth functioning of its operations. They work tirelessly behind the scenes, without seeking recognition. Katie exemplifies this mantra in her consistent high-quality service to the public and department. Katie has been with the MIPD for nearly 4 years in a variety of roles including Administrative Assistant, Records Clerk, Social Media and Public Education Specialist and her current role as Accreditation and Grants Coordinator. Beyond her professional skills, she embodies the values of teamwork, compassion, and dedication to public service that are the cornerstone of the Marco Island Police Department. Katie’s positive attitude and willingness to go the extra mile sets a standard of excellence, inspires others, and is felt profoundly within the department every day. Katie is a true asset to the department, and we are grateful to have her part of the City of Marco Island team.