

## **OFFICERS OF THE YEAR**

**2012**

### **DETECTIVE MARK SHOTWELL DETECTIVE JAMES JAGGERS**

Throughout 2012, Detectives Mark Shotwell and James Jagers were assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division's Homicide Unit. During the course of the year, Detectives Shotwell and Jagers handled 45 reported deaths that included 6 homicide investigations. They successfully cleared 4 homicide investigations with arrests and participated in two jury trials that resulted with 3 homicide convictions.

Detectives Shotwell and Jagers were named February 2012 Officers of the Month after taking the lead in a multi-agency investigation that required the review of over one thousand documents and the examination of over one hundred pieces of evidence that led to the criminal indictment of an individual that violently took the life of another human being.

In August 2012, Detectives Shotwell and Jagers were named Officers of the Month after utilizing their resources to identify a witness of the slaying of a 22-year old male victim. Their investigation led to the arrests of three dangerous individuals that confessed to the homicide. Also during the month of August 2012, Detectives Shotwell and Jagers attended the parole hearing of three individuals responsible for the killing of Fort Lauderdale Police Officer Walter Ilyankoff on July 22, 1974. The detectives presented well-researched and factual information indicating that the three convicted murderers were not eligible for parole. Parole was denied for the three convicted murderers, and the maximum years allowed by law for their next hearing was set.

In addition to being recognized as Officers of the Month in February and August, Detectives Shotwell and Jagers were named Crime Stoppers Investigators of the month in August and the Broward Crime Commission's 2012 Detectives of the Year.

Detectives Shotwell and Jagers investigative skills and professionalism clearly demonstrated their exceptional level of dedication to our law enforcement profession. They are commended for their outstanding performance and are hereby recognized as the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's 2012 Officers of the Year.