



CITY OF CLEARWATER

POST OFFICE BOX 4748, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 33758-4748
CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT, 645 PIERCE STREET, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 33756
TELEPHONE (727) 562-4242

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RELEASE # 12-018

January 30, 2012

Contact: Elizabeth Watts
Public Safety PIO
elizabeth.watts@myclearwater.com
(727) 562-4333

OFFICER OF THE YEAR RECOGNIZED FOR SAVING SEVERAL LIVES; PUBLIC SAFETY & SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED TO POLICE & FIRE

WHO: **2011 Police Officer of the Year:**
William Nahorodny

2011 Public Safety & Service Award Recipients:
Detective Chris Householder (Police)
Lieutenant Mark Smyth (Fire)

Joseph F. Cornelius Family Foundation
Rotary Club of Clearwater

WHAT: Joseph F. Cornelius Family Foundation's Outstanding Police
Officer of the Year Award and the 2011 Rotary Public Safety &
Service Awards

WHEN: February 1, 2012 @ 12:00 p.m.
Award presentations will be at approximately 12:20 p.m.

WHERE: Belleair Country Club
1 Country Club Lane
Belleair, Fla.

WHY: **Officer William Nahorodny will be recognized as the
Outstanding Police Officer of the Year** for his brave actions
when he was the first to arrive on scene of an apartment fire.
Officer Nahorodny rushed into a burning building, forced his way
into several apartments and successfully evacuated all residents.
Officer Nahorodny put his own life in danger to save several others.

This is the 35th Annual Joseph F. Cornelius Family Foundation's
Outstanding Police Officer of the Year award presentation. It is the
Clearwater Police Department's highest honor. The late Joseph F.





POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF CLEARWATER

POST OFFICE BOX 4748, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 33758-4748
CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT, 645 PIERCE STREET, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 33756
TELEPHONE (727) 562-4242

Cornelius, former president and CEO of the Bank of Clearwater, founded the annual award to recognize heroism or exceptional accomplishments. Mr. Cornelius' daughter, Karen Crown, will help present the award.

The Rotary Club of Clearwater is the host for this event and will also present the **2011 Rotary Public Safety and Service Awards to Detective Chris Householder and Lieutenant Mark Smyth**. This award is made annually to a Clearwater Police Officer and Clearwater Firefighter who have made a commitment to service to the community by giving their personal time, talents and efforts to help others.

Lieutenant Mark Smyth is being recognized for providing financial, physical, and emotional support for those in need. He sets up camps for walkers in the Susan G. Komen Tampa Bay 3-Day walk for the Cure and participated in the Susan G. Komen Global 5K Race for the Cure in bunker gear. He also volunteers at events for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Joshua House (a haven for abused, abandoned and neglected children events). He also assists with events in various capacities for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Girl Scouts of America and at his church and children's school.

Detective Chris Householder was selected for his commitment to volunteering countless hours as the Athletic Director for the Tampa Bay Youth Football League and the Trinity Mustangs Football Team. He has a tremendous responsibility, overseeing all operations including schedule, coaching staffs and the cheerleading squads. During the football season he volunteers an average of 25 hours a week and often provides rides for children who do not have transportation.

All awards will be presented during a joint Rotary Club luncheon of the Rotary Club of Clearwater and the Rotary Club of Belleair. The media is invited to attend.

