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## **FIVE CLEARWATER OFFICERS PROMOTED TO SERGEANT; COMMUNICATIONS SENIOR OPERATOR PROMOTED TO SUPERVISOR**

**Clearwater, Fla.** – Clearwater Police Officers John Connor, Joel Morley Jr., Michael Ogliaruso, Michael Walek and Stephen Wannos were promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant during a ceremony at police headquarters this afternoon. “These five new front-line supervisors have demonstrated the leadership skills that will help us continue to strengthen our intelligence-led and neighborhood policing philosophy” said Clearwater Chief of Police Anthony Holloway.

Sergeant John Connor was hired in 1998. He has served as a Patrol Officer, Community Policing Officer and for the last eight years as a Training Officer, instructing both new and seasoned department personnel on law enforcement tactics and techniques. Throughout his career, Connor has received several awards and citations. He volunteers a tremendous amount of time and effort as one of the coordinators for the department’s annual charity softball game.

Sergeant Joel Morley, Jr. was hired in 2001 and has served as a Patrol Officer, Community Policing Officer, Field Training Officer and Corporal. He is the Assistant Team Leader for the department’s SWAT Team. Morley has received several awards and recognitions. Morley’s knowledge and training ability have been recognized as great assets to the department.

Sergeant Michael Ogliaruso was hired in 1996 and has served in various capacities including Community Policing, Field Training Officer, Corporal, Traffic Homicide Investigations, Sex Crimes Investigations and Detective in the Robbery Unit. Ogliaruso has been influential in several cases and has added to the overall success of the Robbery Unit. He is also the Emergency Response Team (ERT) Assistant Commander.

Sergeant Michael Walek was hired in 1997. Throughout his 14-year career, he has worked as a Patrol Officer, Community Policing Officer, Vice and Narcotics Detective and Homicide Detective. He has also received several awards and recognitions. Sergeant Walek was





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instrumental in the seizure of a known drug house that was later turned into quality, affordable housing.

Sergeant Stephen Wannos was hired in 1998 and has served as a Patrol Officer, Community Police Officer, Vice and Narcotics Detective, Corporal and has been an Acting Patrol Sergeant since June. He has received several awards including the Joseph F. Cornelius Award (Officer of the Year) and the Combat Cross. He has been commended for being resourceful and thorough when conducting investigations and demonstrating effective leadership skills.

The five Sergeant promotions take effect October 8, 2011.

Senior Communications Operator Tracy Squitieri was also promoted to Police Communications Supervisor. Squitieri was hired in 1990 and has received several commendations and recognitions during her career.

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