

# BROWARD COUNTY POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION



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### **LOCAL RESTAURANT RAISES FUNDS FOR INJURED DEPUTY**

**Plantation** – When Tom O’Connell heard what happened to Deputy Maury Hernandez on the morning of August 6, he knew he had to help. O’Connell, a former police officer and owner of O’Connell’s Bistro in Plantation, scrambled to put together two fundraisers that netted over \$5,000 for the injured deputy.

O’Connell decided to donate a portion of all proceeds earned from the date of the shooting until October 15 to Maury and his family. Next, he organized a car wash to raise additional funds. The car wash was held on September 22, with manpower and services donated by Top Shine Mobile Detailing, Broward Sheriff’s Office Explorers, North Miami Beach Police Department Explorers as well as students from Plantation High School, South Plantation High School, South Bay High School and Piper High School. Volunteers washed both civilian and police cars during the course of the day, and many more people simply offered a donation.

In all, the net total raised for Deputy Hernandez was \$5,459.41. Those funds were donated to the Broward County PBA’s HOPE Fund, which exists to assist law enforcement personnel in need. The HOPE Fund will distribute all funds directly to Hernandez. Tom O’Connell will make a formal presentation of the donation at a dinner with Maury and Sheriff Lamberti on November 14 at O’Connell’s Bistro, 8320 West Sunrise Blvd., Plantation. Media is welcome.

The Broward County Police Benevolent Association is a non-profit organization providing labor relations assistance and collective bargaining services for its members. The PBA's mission is to promote professionalism in law enforcement and to protect the rights and privileges of individual law enforcement officers and civilian employees, as well as to keep citizens informed of the challenges facing law enforcement today.

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