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*Two police sergeants received the prestigious LEO Foundation Award
at the foundation's 15th Annual Gala*

Pinecrest, Fla. – Pinecrest Police Sergeants Michael Gorsline and Ivan Osoreo received the prestigious Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Foundation Award at the foundation's 15th Annual Gala on March 7th. This is the first time two finalists from Pinecrest both were recipients of the LEO Award in separate categories.

Sergeant Gorsline's LEO Award was in the category of Crime Prevention/Community Policing. When Sergeant Gorsline took over the Crime Prevention Unit, Pinecrest had six active Neighborhood Crime Watch groups. Since that time, Sergeant Gorsline has helped to establish 13 new Neighborhood Crime Watch groups. Each new Neighborhood Crime Watch group was started with a block party hosted by the Village, which was coordinated and attended by Sergeant Gorsline. What is most impressive about the incredible work that Sergeant Michael Gorsline has completed in such a short time is that he performs this crime prevention function in addition to his patrol shift supervisor duties, which includes a full complement of assigned patrol officers. Sergeant Gorsline's accomplishments in 2014, although numerous, fail to adequately represent the tremendous success he is having in establishing mutually beneficial relationships with Pinecrest residents. He has successfully rallied a supportive community to become more involved in crime prevention, at levels never before seen since the Village's incorporation in 1996.

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Sergeant Osore's LEO Award was in the category of Uniform Services Division. He was assigned to a special event at Pinecrest Gardens April 12, 2014. He responded to a medical emergency in the women's restroom after hearing a transmission on the Pinecrest Gardens park employee's radio. Upon arrival, Sergeant Osore observed a woman lying on the floor in the last stall. Her niece told him her aunt fell while using the restroom, and that she suffers from renal failure and heart problems. Sergeant Osore could not locate a pulse and it didn't appear the woman was breathing. Her lips were slightly cyanotic and she was clammy to the touch. Sergeant Osore repositioned her, and then had a park attendant retrieve an AED. Sergeant Osore initiated chest compressions and the woman started to breathe again. Once the AED arrived, Sergeant Osore connected it and allowed the AED to analyze her. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue arrived and provided further medical attention to the woman before she was transported to Baptist Hospital. The Director of Pinecrest Gardens made the following statement when recounting the events of that day in an e-mail message to the Village Manager, "We all know our staff is trained and capable, but when you see someone save a life so effortlessly, and in complete control from start to finish, it is a sight that overwhelms you."

About the LEO Foundation

The LEO Foundation was established in 1998 as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Its mission is to honor the dedicated and courageous men and women of the law enforcement community of Miami-Dade County, as well as to provide funding for the Police Officers Assistance Trust (POAT) and other charitable organizations. The LEO Foundation works in conjunction with the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police whose members include federal, state and local law enforcement and prosecuting officials.

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