



# LIFE SAVING AWARD

*Presented to*

**Officer John Majka and Officer Shawn Nagell**

On July 1, 2014, Marine Patrol Officers Shawn Nagell and John Majka were on duty in separate vessels patrolling the waterways surrounding Longboat Key.

Officer Nagell noticed a 45 foot disabled vessel drifting towards the moored sailboats in the vicinity of Linley street boat ramp. The occupants of the disabled vessel (54 yr old female and a 67 yr old male) advised they were having engine problems. The owner was eventually able to start the motors and avoid a collision with the anchored sailboats; however, within seconds the engines stopped working and continued drifting towards shallow water.

Our second Marine Patrol Officer, John Majka, was also patrolling the area and responded to assist. At this point the disabled vessel drifted onto a sand bar and the occupants jumped out in an effort to free the vessel. As they were pushing the vessel the female walked towards the grass flats and ultimately into deeper water where she panicked and yelled she couldn't swim. Officer Majka observed the female go under water at which time he removed his duty belt, jumped in, and rescued the female.

Officer Nagell assisted everybody into the police boat and transported them to the Linley street boat ramp. Other than the victim swallowing some water, she was fine due to the rapid actions of Officers Majka and Nagell.



**End of Agenda Item**