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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Passing of Police Sergeant Marc Wilbur**

It is with great sadness that Police Chief Matthew P. Doughney announces the untimely passing of Police Sergeant Marc Wilbur, forty-three (43) years of age, a twelve (12) year veteran of the Avon Park Police Department. Sergeant Wilbur passed away yesterday while on duty at Florida Hospital, Sebring at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Sergeant Wilbur has been employed with the Avon Park Police Department as a Police Officer since November 1996 and he was promoted to Sergeant in May of 2007. Prior to serving the citizens of our great State, Sergeant Wilbur faithfully served the citizens of the State of Massachusetts as a Police Officer with the Falmouth Police Department. Since 1993 Sergeant Wilbur has faithfully served the citizens of the State of Florida as a Police Officer with the Frostproof Police Department and as a Deputy Sheriff with the Seminole County Sheriffs Office. Sergeant Wilbur dedicated his life to serving others and his career spanned a total of nearly twenty (20) years.

During his tenure with the Police Department Sergeant Wilbur was instrumental in the development and training of the Police Departments K-9 program. A distinguished K-9 Handler, Sergeant Wilbur was a Certified K-9 Instructor and during his assignment to our Departments K-9 Unit, he received numerous awards with his canine partners for their teamwork, attentiveness and dedication.

At the time of his untimely passing Sergeant Wilbur was assigned to the Patrol Division where he supervised his Squad of Patrol Officers as well as the field training of newly hired Police Officers. Sergeant Wilbur's unwavering dedication to the community coupled with his with his passion for Law Enforcement have left a legacy for other members of the Law Enforcement profession to follow.

Sergeant Wilbur is survived by his father, Willard, his brothers Jeffrey and Michael and his son Adam. Please keep the Wilbur family in your thoughts and prayers. Additional information will be released regarding services for Sergeant Wilbur.