

# Valor Award

## Alex Thompson, Jr.

Deputy Sheriff  
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
West Palm Beach, Florida



Deputy Alex Thompson Jr. is the son of Alex and Christine Thompson. He graduated from Clewiston High School in 1989 and joined the U.S. Army as an Enlisted Serviceman. During his tour of duty, he was deployed to Desert Storm with the 93rd Military Police Battalion which was attached to the 3rd Armored Division. His duties included convoy escorts, guarding checkpoints on the border of Iraq and Saudi Arabia, and capturing and detaining enemy prisoners of war.

In 1998, Deputy Thompson decided to join the ranks of law enforcement. He started his career at Glades Correctional Institute in the City of Belle Glade, Florida. In 2006, he was hired by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, as a Deputy Sheriff in the Corrections Division. While at the Sheriff's Office, he continued his education by taking various courses such as Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), Instructor Techniques, Firearms Instructor and various tactical and shooting courses to become what some would call "a master of his craft."

Known for his "can-do" spirit and self-initiative, Deputy Thompson has received numerous awards and recognition for service and dedication. On one occasion, he earned the distinguished "CIT Deputy of the Year Award" for saving the life of an inmate who was in crisis mode. On this occasion the inmate had a razor blade and was cutting himself. Using persuasion and CIT skills, Deputy Thompson was able to convince the gentleman to flush the razor down the toilet and exit the cell without further injuring himself or responding staff members.

On August 27th, 2013, Deputy Thompson became a member of the elite Special Response Team, commonly known as "CERT," of which he is still an active member. He often speaks with inmates, ex-offenders, and teens throughout the community of Palm Beach County to deter them from a life behind bars. His message is one of encouragement through self-empowerment, strong work ethic, leadership, education, and personal accountability and responsibility.