



DIVISION OF INVESTIGATIVE & FORENSIC SERVICES

**IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE
FOLLOWING PROMOTION**

CONGRATULATIONS TO Lieutenant Laura Tapanes

Lieutenant Laura Tapanes began her law enforcement career in 2000 with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. During her time there, she worked uniformed road patrol, served as a DUI operator, field training officer, and was the SRO for the Key Largo School.

In 2008, Lieutenant Tapanes joined the Division of Investigative and Forensics Services as a detective in the Miami Office. With assignments in both the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Fraud and the Bureau of Insurance Fraud, she has investigated numerous large-scale felony cases. Lieutenant Tapanes' investigative efforts have resulted in her being presented with the Prudential Productivity Award in 2014 and an invitation to speak at the 27th Annual Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club Seminar in 2016. Additionally, she has served as a field training officer, lead detective and DFAST team member for the Division.

Lieutenant Tapanes is a certified CJSTC General Instructor, High Liability Driving Instructor, Taser Instructor, De-Escalation Instructor, and holds an Associate in Science in Criminal Justice. She is currently pursuing her Bachelor's in Emergency Management at FIU and ultimately wants to obtain her Master's in Emergency Management as well.



We are pleased to recognize Lieutenant Tapanes' hard work and look forward to her continued growth into greater responsibilities.