



# CITY OF CLEARWATER

POST OFFICE BOX 4748, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 33758-4748  
CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT, 645 PIERCE STREET, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 33756  
TELEPHONE (727) 562-4242

POLICE DEPARTMENT

## RELEASE 10-013

January 19, 2010

Contact: Elizabeth Watts

Public Safety PIO

[elizabeth.watts@myclearwater.com](mailto:elizabeth.watts@myclearwater.com)

(727) 562-4333

## CLEARWATER POLICE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR RECOGNIZED; PUBLIC SAFETY & SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED TO POLICE & FIRE

### WHO: Police Officers of the Year:

Officer Scott Durivou

Officer Eliad Glenn

### 2009 Public Safety & Service Award Recipients:

Sgt. Ben McBride (Police)

Assistant Chief Scott Magness (Fire)

Karen Crown, Joseph F. Cornelius Family Foundation Representative

Dewey Williams, Rotary Club of Clearwater President

**WHAT:** Joseph F. Cornelius Family Foundation's Outstanding Police Officer of the Year Award and the 2009 Rotary Public Safety & Service Awards

**WHEN:** January 20, 2010

12:00 p.m.

MEDIA NOTE: Award presentations will be at approximately 12:20 p.m.

**WHERE:** Belleair Country Club

1 Country Club Lane

Belleair, Fla.

**WHY:** Officers Scott Durivou and Eliad Glenn will be recognized as **Outstanding Police Officers of the Year** for their brave actions on March 2, 2009 when they faced an armed adversary who attempted to end their lives. Officers Durivou and Glenn responded to a domestic where they encountered an armed suspect. The suspect fired at the officers and Officer Durivou struggled with the suspect in an attempt to disarm him. When Durivou was not able to obtain control of the gun, Glenn fired to stop the immediate threat as the suspect attempted to fire his





# CITY OF CLEARWATER

POST OFFICE BOX 4748, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 33758-4748  
CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT, 645 PIERCE STREET, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 33756  
TELEPHONE (727) 562-4242

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

weapon again. This is an example of the inherent dangers police officers face every day with every call. Officers Durivou and Glenn were selected for this award because of the quick actions and courage they demonstrated with just a moment to think and react. Their actions undoubtedly saved one another's lives.

This is the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Joseph F. Cornelius Family Foundation's Outstanding Police Officer of the Year award presentation. It is the Clearwater Police Department's highest honor. The late Joseph F. Cornelius, former president and CEO of the Bank of Clearwater, founded the annual award to recognize heroism or exceptional accomplishments. Mr. Cornelius' daughter, Karen Crown, will help present the award.

The Rotary Club of Clearwater is the host for this event and will also present the **2009 Rotary Public Safety and Service Awards to Sergeant Ben McBride and Assistant Chief Scott Magness**. This award is made annually to a Clearwater Police Officer and Clearwater Firefighter who have made a commitment to community involvement by giving their personal time, talents and efforts to help others.

Sgt. McBride was selected for his involvement with disadvantaged youth in the community, including creating the Good Act Program, helping with an annual holiday gift distribution for displaced children and being a mentor throughout his 24-year career. "Ben has made remarkable accomplishments and serves as a positive role model for the youth in the Greenwood community," said Police Chief Sid Klein.

Asst. Chief Magness is recognized for his work with the international charitable organization, "Global Hands of Healing." Each year, he travels to Central America to train the local "bomberos" (firefighters) and provide medical supplies and services for the residents. "Scott's hard work and dedication at home and abroad benefits our local citizens and those less fortunate in Central America," said Fire Chief Jamie Geer.

All awards will be presented during a joint Rotary Club luncheon of the Rotary Club of Clearwater and the Rotary Club of Belleair.

#####

