

# Silent Key

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# Christine Rogers

Broward County Sheriff's Office  
Communications Operator III  
Fire Dispatcher #12622

Christine was a Communications Operator III Fire Dispatcher with Broward County Sheriff's Office for 14 years. Christine passed away on November 11, 2017.

*Those we love don't go away;  
they walk beside us every day.  
Unseen; unheard;  
but Always near.  
Still loved; still missed;  
and very dear.*

Christine is greatly missed by her Broward County Sheriff's Office 911 family.



# George K. Zeilman

Protective Services Communications Center  
Kennedy Space Center  
Emergency Communications Specialist

May 1951 - December 2017

George began his career on Kennedy Space Center in the 1980's. His career spanned over 30+ years working various positions within the security and launch support mission on Kennedy Space Center. George spent the last 16 years in the 911 Protective Services Communications Center on KSC as an Emergency Communications Specialist. Due to his well-rounded security background, the Protective Security field units felt at ease and safe when George was working the Police Radio Console.

George passed away in December 2017 after losing a battle with cancer. He was a beloved father to his son and daughter and loved spending time with his grandchildren (AND his 1969 Chevy NOVA).

George is greatly missed by his work family.



# Tom Sorley

Previously served as  
**Orange County Public Safety Communications Manager**

Tom passed away on February 3, 2018. Tom was an APCO Life Member and most recently served as Deputy CIO and Deputy Director IT Public Safety for the City of Houston, Texas and previously served as Public Safety Communications Manager for Orange County, Florida. He also chaired the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) of FirstNet, was a member of SAFECOM and NPSTC, and served both the Florida and Texas chapters of APCO with distinction.

‘There are so many memories that I have of Tom....some serious, most are humorous and some we probably shouldn’t mention. Its best that I summarize that Tom has had a lasting impact on our industry. He had a passion that most of us share and a knack to put that passion into action with lasting results. He also had a tremendous impact on those around him and truly cared about others I am honored to have called him my colleague but even more honored to have called him my friend.....’

~Matt Stillwell, RPL, ENP



# Talaina Ortman

## St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office

Talaina was hired in 2001 and soon became known as “Little Bit”. Talaina became cross trained to work Fort Pierce Police Department, Port St. Lucie Police Department, and St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office radio as well as 911 Call Taker. Talaina later became a Training Officer. Talaina always had a kind word for everyone; along with her smile and willingness to help out she will never be forgotten. Talaina recently passed in April.

Talaina is greatly missed by her St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office 911 family.



