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On Sunday April 18, 2010 former Winter Haven Chief of Police, Mark LeVine, died at his home in Lakeland. Chief Buddy Waters says:

“It is with sincere sadness and regret that I report the untimely passing of Chief Mark LeVine (Retired) on Sunday, April 18, 2010 after succumbing to two-year, courageous battle with cancer. Chief LeVine proudly served the citizens of the City of Winter Haven, City of Lake Wales and Miami Beach since 1974 as a law enforcement officer, and he also served as a training coordinator and law enforcement instructor at Polk State College. He will be missed by his Law Enforcement families.

When a fellow colleague is taken from us, no matter the circumstances, we feel an emptiness in our hearts. There is little one can say that eases the sorrow and burdens of losing a loved one and friend. May God’s love strengthen and comfort each of you who had been blessed to serve with such an outstanding officer and chief. Chief Mark LeVine will be missed.

On behalf of the members of this department, we extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the LeVine family and friends. They are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later time.”

One of Chief LeVine’s trademarks was a quote from Mark Twain. He ended all e-mails with “Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.”

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