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Schmidt honored with Standing Tall award

KEY WEST, Fla. – October 16, 2009 – Diane Schmidt, general manager of The Westin Key West Resort & Marina, was recently honored with the Standing Tall award from the Dade County Police Benevolent Association, which represents the officers of the Key West Police Department.

“The Standing Tall award was given in recognition of Diane’s continued and profound support of the police officers of Key West,” said Sergeant Robert Allen of the Key West Police Department. “Over the past 10 years, we have only given out a handful of these to business and community leaders who have stepped forward and remained supportive of our officers, even during tough times. Diane and her staff are pleasures to work with and are our valued partners in making Key West the wonderful place it is.”

The award was presented to Schmidt during the 2009 Key West Police Department Gala, which was hosted by The Westin Key West Resort & Marina. The gala pays tribute to Key West’s finest law enforcement officers for their outstanding acts of service.

“We are so grateful to the Key West Police Department for their unwavering service and dedication to both our residents and visitors,” said Schmidt. “It is our pleasure to support them in any way that we can.”



Diane Schmidt, general manager of The Westin Key West Resort & Marina, accepts the Standing Tall award from Lieutenant James Benkoczy (left) and Sergeant Robert Allen (right). Photo used with permission from Tom Oosterhoudt.

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About The Westin Key West Resort & Marina

The Westin Key West Resort & Marina is located on the waterfront, one walking block from fabled Duval Street and next to Mallory Square. The Westin Key West Resort & Marina is one of the Conch Republic's top destination resorts, offering deluxe guestrooms and suites, more than 16,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor function space, multiple dining options, heated pool and a 37-slip marina with a complete range of watersports. In addition, the resort operates one of the country's largest private ports, welcoming cruise ships to the destination daily. For more information on the resort, visit westin.com/keywest. The Westin Key West Resort & Marina is owned and managed by Ocean Properties Ltd., and franchised by Starwood Hotels. The Westin Key West Resort & Marina and its sister property, Sunset Key Guest Cottages, A Westin Resort, have been the only accommodations in Key West designated with the AAA Four-Diamond Full-Service award consecutively since 1999.

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