

Bulletin

OB Number # 10-01**Date: 1/6/2010****OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2009**

Officer Jay Matelis has been selected as the Police Officer of the Year for 2009. As the Department's Neighborhood Resource Officer, he addresses quality of life issues, traffic concerns, crime issues, and oversees community events and programs for the department. In addition to these duties, he is also a consistent monthly high achiever in performance and productivity. During 2009, he completed 859 traffic citations, 467 traffic warnings, 53 arrests, 43 FI cards, 33 incident or crash reports, and participated in 23 community events.

In only seven months as the NRO, Officer Matelis has implemented and managed many community programs and events. These events include attending county crime watch and crime prevention meetings; participating as an instructor in the Citizens Police Academy; supervising the Police Explorer Program; coordinating the Moonlight MADDness Parade and Beach Party (Mothers Against Drunk Driving); teaching special classes at the local schools; directing the Halloween Safety Night; leading the Junior Police Academy; establishing the Bike to School Program; coaching the Town Employees Physical Fitness Boot Camp; directing the Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) and the Self Awareness Familiarization and Education (SAFE) programs; assisting at the Miami Beach Police Department PAL Thanksgiving Charity; and creating the first annual Department Holiday Season Toy Drive and Party.

Officer Matelis is an exceptional example of a professional, respectful, and proud police officer. He is the type of officer who can do it all from arresting criminals, to enforcing traffic problems, being a role model for children, to teaching crime prevention programs. His greatest asset is that he is always available to volunteer his time and expertise to help others and he truly cares about the community. Congratulations Jay!

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR 2009

Dina Goldstein is a civilian employee assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit as the Operations Assistant. She is quiet, solid, professional and extremely critical to the administrative support of the police department. Dina is the crime analyst for the police department. She creates information flyers for distribution to other agencies and the public, attends crime analysis and criminal investigations meetings as well as completing the weekly, monthly, bi-annual, and annual departmental crime reports. She reviews each crime report and creates a case file with background information for the detectives. She enters all crime reports in the case management system for assignment, tracking, and follow-up investigation by the detectives.

In addition to this position, Operations Assistant Goldstein has volunteered and taken on other responsibilities such as managing and entering resident information into the emergency telephone notification alert system, compiling the monthly patrol officer statistics, inputting all traffic citations into the records management system, and administering the Town parking permit program. Dina also volunteers her time for community events such as the Moonlight MADDness

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Parade and Beach Party, Holiday Toy Drive, Charity Car Wash, and Surfside Third Thursdays and has assisted with crime prevention programs such as the Citizens Police Academy and Survival Mindset for Women.

Her work ethic, dedication, and commitment are without question. She is always willing to learn and take on other challenges and looks for ways to improve the organization. Operations Assistant Dina Goldstein has high standards, sets an example for fellow employees, and is one of our most valuable persons in the Police Department. Congratulations Dina!

TOWN EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Public Service Aide Elinor Joseph been selected as the Town Employee of the Quarter. PSA Joseph has many duties that cover a wide area within the police department. With the recent budget cuts and layoffs within the department, he has been given even more responsibilities. He completes each without complaint and always asks if he can do more. His duties as a PSA are taking reports, writing parking tickets, handling traffic details, answering calls for service, programming and deploying the electronic sign, and other administrative functions important to the support of the department. PSA Joseph also inventoried the 500 plus parking meters in the Town and reprogrammed them to the new rates and hours.

Due to layoffs, PSA Joseph has also been given the duties of part-time dispatcher and the property and evidence unit manager. He quickly learned the jobs and has excelled in both positions. He is always willing to change his days or hours for the good of the organization. PSA Elinor Joseph is a consistent first-rate employee and a gentleman who treats the public with respect and always represents the Town in a professional manner. He is certainly an extraordinary asset to the daily operation and mission of the Surfside Police Department. Congratulations Joseph!

HIGH ACHIEVERS DECEMBER 2009

J. Matelis	45 traffic citations	12 traffic warnings	3 reports	
	2 FICs			
M. Valino	42 traffic citations	21 traffic warnings	1 arrest	2
	reports			
E. Carrasquillo	38 traffic citations	73 traffic warnings	2 arrests	4
	reports			
G. Fernandez	35 traffic citations	14 traffic warnings	1 arrest	
	11 reports			

HIGH ACHIEVERS 2009

J. Matelis	859 traffic citations	467 traffic warnings	53 arrests	
	43 FICs			
T. Arboleda	581 traffic citations	409 traffic warnings	50 arrests	32 FICs
	79 reports			
G. Fernandez	553 traffic citations	232 traffic warnings	21 arrests	37
	FICs 110 reports			
M. Smith	487 traffic citations	233 traffic warnings	23 arrests	13 FICs
	87 reports			
M. Valino	412 traffic citations	362 traffic warnings	33 arrests	12 FICs
	59 reports			
J. Gentile	272 traffic citations	470 traffic warnings	43 arrests	37 FICs
	64 reports			

Thanks for the outstanding effort!

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

For SPD, 2009 was another successful year although with some difficult challenges. We achieved accreditation from the Florida Commission for Law Enforcement Accreditation in October and were also recognized by the Florida Police Chiefs Association for the turnaround of a troubled police department to a superior agency with the Excellence in Policing Award in June. Our challenges were the elimination of unfilled positions and the layoffs of several employees. However with your taking on of additional responsibilities, the department quickly adjusted and we are now a much leaner and more proficient organization. With your commitment, respect and credibility were brought back to the department; crime prevention and community events were increased and enhanced; and significant improvements in the quality and the performance of our personnel were achieved. In 2010, we can look forward to further advancement with ongoing training, building teamwork, and developing leaders. Thanks again for your support and effort over the past year.

2009 CRIME STATISTICS

Preliminary reports for 2009 crime statistics show an increase in Part One Crimes from 2008-2009 (lewd and lascivious 1-11, burglary to structure 20-23, burglary to conveyance 28-32, fraud 24-31). Aggravated assault/battery remained the same at 10. There were decreases in grand theft 34-30, robbery 2-1, and grand theft auto 13-10.

PARKING AND SPEEDING BLITZ

The quarterly crash report has shown most car accidents in the business district or on Collins and Harding Avenues. In order to reduce crashes, beginning January 4, supervisors will assign daily and enforce double parkers in the business district and laser/radar details on Collins and Harding Avenues. Results will be compiled by supervisors after a two week period.

CHARITY CAR WASH

Surfside and Bal Harbour PDs will sponsor a charity car wash to raise funds for the North Shore Kiwanis Club on January 16, 9a-1p in the 94 Street lot. The funds will be used to send children to camps. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Surfside PD will participate in the annual Parks and Recreation Department Family Fun Day at the 96 Street Park on January 31, from 1p-4p. Sgt. P. McKenna, Det. J. Torres, and Ofc. J. Matelis will assist with K-9, SWAT, and crime prevention demonstrations.

JANUARY TRAINING

P. Krutules - Enhancing Support Staff Skills

Sgt. R. Williams - Accreditation

T. Pedre and M. Moreno - Laser/Radar

A. Knight, M. Moreno, M. Valino, C. Lovellette, E. Carrasquillo, I. Leonard, J. Matelis, J. Torres, and

G. Fernandez – Police Ethic

Asst. Chief Di Censo – Event Security Planning

All personnel – First Aid

PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE UNIT AUDIT

Sgt. Williams and PSA Joseph conducted an audit of the property and evidence locker on January 5 and 6.

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POOL VEHICLES – SGT. WILLIAMS

Any officer, who needs to sign out a pool vehicle due to, patrol, vehicle repairs, etc, will notify the on duty supervisor. The supervisor can look on the dry erase board located in the squad room to see which vehicle(s) are available. Only a supervisor after determining the vehicle status for upcoming shifts can assign a vehicle. The supervisor will log the entry on the vehicle sign out log located in the squad room as well as make the change on the dry erase board. If we follow this procedure we should always know where our vehicles are. Officers are reminded that pool vehicles do not have sun pass transponders. The following pool vehicles are available for use. Vehicles 211 and 82 (white unmarked), will be used first if available over a marked vehicle when a take home vehicle is sent for repairs.

- 321
- 322
- 211
- 82

SURF BOWL FLAG FOOTBALL GAME

We are planning a flag football game with the Town employees on January 30, 1p-4p in Haulover Park. All are welcome to attend or come by and watch with your families. We will have refreshments. Contact Asst. Chief Di Censo if you wish to participate on the team.

CHOOSE TO LOSE 2010

The Town will sponsor a fitness and weight loss program from January 15 to April 15. Participants may have their fitness, weight, and fat percentage tested in the training room on January 12 or 14, 10:00am -12:30 pm.