

# Bulletin

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## RECOGNITION

### Officer of the Month - January 2010

On Friday, January 8, 2010, at approximately 3:00 AM Sgt. Rory Alberto was patrolling the residential neighborhood when he alertly observed a subject in the passenger side of a vehicle parked on the street in front of 8901 Dickens Avenue. Sgt. Alberto watched the subject exit the vehicle and walk towards the front door of listed location then head to the backyard. Sgt. Alberto kept the subject under surveillance for a brief time before stopping him. When questioned as to what he was doing in the area the subject was unable to provide a valid explanation. Sgt. Alberto had an officer make contact with the owner of the vehicle and he advised that no one had permission or consent to enter his vehicle. The subject was arrested and transported to the station to be interviewed by detectives. It was determined that the subject had unlawfully entered two vehicles.

I would like to commend Sgt. Alberto for leading by example and actively patrolling the residential neighborhood. Due to his alertness and keen observation a subject who had committed two vehicle burglaries was arrested without incident and removed from our streets. This arrest is an excellent example of what can result from proactive police work. Congratulations Rory!

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Officer Marian Valino for successfully completing her police probationary period!

### High Achievers - January 2010

G. Fernandez	90 traffic citations	13 traffic warnings	5 arrests	
T. Arboleda	71 traffic citations	24 traffic warnings	4 arrests	3 FICs
M. Moreno	50 traffic citations	31 traffic warnings	1 arrest	
J. Gentile	42 traffic citations	32 traffic warnings	2 arrests	
M. Smith	39 traffic citations	11 traffic warnings	3 arrests	3 FICs

### LEO Award Finalists

Ofc. Jay Matelis is a finalist for the annual LEO Crime Prevention Officer of the Year. Ops. Asst. Dina Goldstein is a finalist for the LEO Support Services Civilian of the Year. Winners will be named on March 6. Congratulations to both and good luck!

### CPA Award Nominee

Det. Frank Colonna has been nominated for the Florida Citizens Police Academy Coordinator of the Year.

## **CRIME UPDATE**

### Residential Burglary Trend

We have had two residential burglaries between January 24 (8866 Carlyle Avenue) and January 28 (8950 Harding Avenue). Both points of entry were pried doors and time periods were similar 1800-2300, 1130-2100. Jewelry was stolen from Carlyle and jewelry, cash, purses, and a bicycle taken from Harding. Detectives are following up on prints from Carlyle. Officers should increase patrol in the residential area and remind residents to watch out for neighbors and report suspicious activity immediately. Supervisors are responsible to assign details each day. Abandoned buildings/homes should be checked and reported to Code Compliance to secure.

### MAGTF

Officer Les Ruiz was assigned to an operation with the Miami Dade Police Department Multi-Agency Gang Task Force in Miami Gardens and Opa-Locka on January 29. Officers arrested 18 gang members and seized three firearms.

## **FEBRUARY TRAINING**

T. Pedre, M. Valino – Speed Measurement

A. Knight - Rapid Action Tactics

R. Williams, L. Arch, J. Pacheco, M. Smith, J. Matelis, F. Colonna, J. Matthews - Weapons Retention

R. Williams – Accreditation

J. Matelis – Crime Prevention

F. Colonna – Citizen Police Academy

### Surfside To Host International Association of Chiefs of Police Training

In our ever-changing and increasingly complicated world, the role of the supervisor becomes progressively more complex. Global, national, and local events including terrorism; school shootings; cuts in federal and local funding; and changes in the generational, ethnic, and gender composition of the workforce create challenges for the supervisor that are greater than ever before. Accordingly, every supervisor must view development as an ongoing process to ensure that individuals and agencies remain relevant and effective. At the conclusion of the course, participants should be able to do the following: - Learn how to apply leadership concepts in the law enforcement context - Apply motivational tools to improve officer attitudes and performance - Identify the typical dysfunctions of a team and how to overcome them - Apply teamwork, networking, and brainstorming skills to problem solve - Apply advanced leadership concepts such as followership and attribution and motivation through goal setting - Develop a plan for future supervisory and leadership development.

The following personnel are scheduled to attend Advanced Supervision Skills in the training room, February 17-19, 2010. Class hours: 0830-1700hrs (Day 1 sign in at 0800hrs). Attendance is mandatory.

- Jose Valino
- Jose Pacheco
- Loxley Arch
- Susie Sperbeck
- Richard Williams

### Mandatory Re-Training

The following officers must complete the listed on-line courses in order to meet FDLE mandatory retraining requirements and maintain their certification. The deadline for completion of this assignment is Friday, February 26, 2010. This training is to be done on-duty and officers should be given sufficient time. Each course contains several modules and in order to successfully complete the training each module must be taken in sequence. Officers are NOT required to complete all three courses in the same day. There is an exam at the end of each course that the officer is required to pass. Once the officer passes the exam he must print, sign and date the exam document and submit it to Sgt. Williams. It is your responsibility to see that this training is completed and to forward all exam documents to Sgt. Williams.

Detailed instructions for taking these on-line courses will be provided to each officer.

Sgt. Pacheco  
Sgt. McKenna  
Det. Torres  
Det. Matthews  
Ofc. Luke  
Ofc. Gentile  
Ofc. Fernandez

### Courses

Discriminatory Profiling and Professional Traffic Stops  
Juvenile Sexual Offender  
Domestic Violence

### FCIC Certification - Detective Joe Matthews

Some FCIC certifications are about to expire. Refresher courses will be scheduled for the First and Second Platoon. The courses are not mandatory and you make take the certification test on your own. Contact Detective Matthews for more information.

## **CRIME PREVENTION**

### Self Defense Awareness and Familiarization Exchange (S.A.F.E.)

The PD will be offering S.A.F.E. class (crime prevention class) in the training room for women on February 23, 6-8pm. Ofc. Matelis will be the instructor.

### Seniors In Surfside (S.I.S.)

The Surfside Police Department is offering seniors the opportunity to participate in the Reassurance Program. The Reassurance Program is a service that contacts participants once or twice a week to check on their well-being. This service is provided free of charge. If you are aware of any residents in need of this service contact Ofc. Jay Matelis.

## **QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES**

### 96 Street Park

At times, especially Friday afternoon, the park has been overwhelmed with children from Surfside and surrounding Towns. Some teenagers have been disruptive and threatening to the Parks and Recreation personnel. Supervisors will monitor the park and assign an officer on Fridays. Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands PD will also participate on the Friday details.

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Unleashed dogs on the beach and hardpack

Citizens have complained of dogs running loose on the beach and hardpack during the early morning hours. Please enforce.

Wrong Way Parking

Over the past month, officers have issued written warnings to vehicles parked the wrong way in the residential neighborhoods. Beginning February 8, parking citations will be issued to violators.

Trucks behind Publix Supermarket

Trucks are not allowed to block Abbott Avenue behind Publix or leave their engines running while waiting to unload. Publix management is aware of the issue. Please enforce.

Abandoned Buildings/ Houses

There is an increase in the number of abandoned buildings and houses due to foreclosures. Officers should check them for vagrants and report to Code Compliance if they are not secure. A list of the properties has been distributed.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Cub Scout Pack Visit

Thank you to Sgt. Rory Alberto for overseeing the local Cub Scouts visit to the Police Department.

Family Fun Day

Thank yous to Sgt. Pat McKenna, Detective Julio Torres, Ofc. Jay Matelis and Reserve Officers Felix Jimenez, Mike Auch, Don McGavern, and Rolando Baldomero for participating at the annual Surfside Family Fun Day.

Surf Bowl I

Our first annual Surf Bowl flag football game was on January 30. Everyone enjoyed it and the refreshments after the game. The Red Team took home the trophy with a close victory. Sgt. Loxley Arch was the MVP after battling through injuries to his nose, arm, knee, calf, and ankle and making some outstanding defensive plays to stop the Gold Team. Thanks to Hector, Assistant Chief Di Censo, Sgt. Arch, and Detective Matthews for arriving early and staying late to set up, breakdown, and load and unload the truck.