

Bulletin

11-10

Date: 10/03/2011

OFFICER OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2011

On September 4, at 4:20 am while proactively patrolling the residential area, Officer Micah Smith discovered an open car door at 89 Street and Abbott Avenue. He also observed a suspicious male and female leaving the area. Officer Smith initiated contact with the individuals who gave conflicting stories and could not dispel his alarm for their presence in the area. In an effort to further investigate the suspects' stories Detective Marian Valino was called in to investigate. Detective Valino was able to obtain a confession that they had burglarized that vehicle and three others in Surfside that evening. Both suspects were arrested and charged with four auto burglaries. Micah Smith is commended for his proactive patrol and dedication to keeping the community safe. Marian Valino is commended for her positive attitude, work ethic, and investigative skills. I am very proud of both officers and recognize them for their continued excellent police work and commitment to the Town of Surfside.

HIGH ACHIEVERS – AUGUST 2011

Alvarez	38 traffic citations	12 traffic warnings	6 arrests	6 reports
Gentile	31 traffic citations	10 traffic warnings	1 report	
Smith	21 traffic citations	12 traffic warnings	3 arrests	3 reports
Matelis	33 traffic citation	20 parking citations	10 traffic warnings	11 comm events

Thanks and keep up the good work!

NEW DISPATCHER

Please welcome aboard our new dispatcher, Jorge Villar.

NEW POLICE CARS

The new police cars are expected October 11. The vehicles will then be equipped and striped.

IN CAR LAPTOP PROGRAM UPDATE

An agreement to return our laptops and a new lease has been authorized with Dell for upgraded laptops. The new laptops are expected October 12. The Town Commission approved our original laptops to be donated to Bay Harbor K-8.

ISLAND BEACH BASH

Our annual parade and beach party is October 14, 6-9:30pm. Surfside, Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, and Indian Creek Village will sponsor the event to raise awareness of the dangers of drugs. Proceeds raised from the event will benefit the Surf/Bal/Bay PAL and Bay Harbor Islands K-8. Officer Matelis will coordinate the event for Surfside. This is our fourth year with this outstanding event. All are welcome to attend.

EYE ON SURFSIDE

The monthly Eye on Surfside crime prevention meeting is October 18 at 6pm. Contact Dina Goldstein for additional information.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP OFF DAY

SPD will host a National Take Back Initiative on October 29 to surrender expired, unwanted and unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications. A collection box will be placed outside dispatch. Contact Dina Goldstein for further information.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY NIGHT

Halloween Safety Night is October 31, 6-8pm. The PD will block off 92 Street and distribute candy and glow sticks to the children. All are welcome to attend with your families. Contact Dina Goldstein for further information.

SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY

The ceremony was a fine tribute to all who lost their lives ten years ago. A thank you to all from Surfside and to the other agencies that participated and assisted. Special thanks to Officer Matelis and Dina Goldstein for organizing the event!

10th CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Our 10th Citizens Police Academy has been underway for a month. MBPD, MD Fire Rescue, NMPD Crime Scene, and Sgt. Alberto, Detective Knight, and Reserve Officer Jimenez instructed during the first four classes. Thanks for taking part and giving back to the community!

BIKE WITH CHIEF

The date for the Bike Ride with the Chief in October for October will be announced. All personnel are welcome to ride and get to know our residents.

PUBLIX

The store manager of Publix, Dewayne Berger, advised that their north beach store in Miami Beach will be closing on October 9. Renovations to that store are expected to last twelve months. Mr. Berger is concerned about the additional customers and vehicles that will be coming to Surfside. Publix has 95 parking spaces in their garage and 20 in their employee lot on 94th Street. Mr. Berger wants to make all of his parking spaces available to customers and is requesting to buy 40 monthly parking permits for his employees to park in the Town lot on 94th Street. We will accommodate this request because not all 40 employees will be using the lot at the same time. In addition, Publix is exploring the possibility of hiring a valet company to park customer vehicles in their employee lot on 94th Street. The reason they are considering valet parking is that shoppers will not be able to take the carts outside their property lines across 94th Street.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK

Officer Loxley Arch represented SPD at the annual Domestic Violence Walk and Expo to increase community awareness about domestic violence issues and raise funds for victims and families of domestic violence on October 1 in North Miami Beach. October is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

CRIME PREVENTION EXPO

The Crime Prevention Expo was held on October 2 and was very successful. Thank you to all the agencies that participated; to Reserve Officers Mike Auch and Rolando Baldomero for volunteering their time; to Sgt. Torres, Parking Enforcement Officers Acosta and Fernandez for participating; and to Officer Matelis and Dina Goldstein for organizing the event.

NEW FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Bal Harbour PD has purchased new pieces of equipment for the fitness center. The old equipment will be donated to the Alternative School - Miami McArthur South.

TRAINING

Courtroom Testimony – Ofc. Hernandez

Elder Abuse Investigation – Ofc. Mesa

Diversity Centered Leadership – Sgt. Alberto

Police Ethics – Officers McGavern, Hernandez, and Alvarez; Dispatchers Gabriel and Villar; Parking Enforcement Officers Acosta, Fernandez, and Perez