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CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER 2012

Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein has been selected as Civilian of the Month of December for managing the 11th Citizens Police Academy, the Holiday Toy Drive and Party, and the Town's Feral Cat Program. Dina was also chosen as the Town's Employee of the Quarter. These programs and projects as well as others are additional responsibilities to her regular duties that she volunteers her time and effort. Great work!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – NOVEMBER 2012

Gentile 31 traffic citations 3 arrests 4 reports
Ruiz 21 traffic citations 2 arrests 6 reports
Melendez 693 parking citations
Castro 580 parking citations
Good work!

FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY

Lieutenant Rory Alberto will be attending the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia in January and will return in April. Chiefs and Command Staff Officers from all fifty states as well as the armed forces and international police departments have been selected to attend the most prestigious law enforcement academy in the world. We wish him the best of luck! Lieutenant Richard Williams will take over Lt. Alberto's duties. Staffing, overtime, days off, notifications, control of persons, complaints, etc. must be approved through Lt. Williams. Lt. Williams will meet with the sergeants and squads as soon as possible to get up to speed.

NEW FIREARMS

We have received the new Glock pistols. The holsters and lights are expected this month. Lt. Williams will keep you up to date on the distribution and the training.

JUVENILE OFFENDERS

- **Status Offenders:** Status offenders are youth who are taken into custody for behaviors that an adult could not be arrested for. These include runaways, truants, curfew violators, and possession of tobacco/alcohol. These youth may not be held securely for any length of time.
- **Separation:** Remember that youth must be sight/sound separated from any adult offenders, inmates or trustees. This is true even if they are arrested with an adult sibling or a parent/guardian.
- **Six-hour Clock:** Under the JJDP Act and Florida State Statute, law enforcement agency may hold a delinquent youth securely up to six hours. The six hours begins when the youth first enters a secure area and ends the last time they are removed from the secure area. Taking a youth out of the secure area for bathroom breaks,

food, medical attention, interview, or a drive-around does not stop the clock if the youth returns to a secure area afterwards. *Even if the parent/guardian is aware or is present*, if the youth is in secure the clock must continue.

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

In response to the school shooting in Connecticut, Sergeant Julio Torres will coordinate an active shooter course and walk throughs at the Bay Harbor Islands K-8 School for the department. Bay Harbor Islands, Bal Harbour, and Indian Creek PDs will also participate in the training.

ANTI-BULLYING EVENT

Officer Dianna Hernandez will participate in the Parks and Recreation Department's anti-bullying event on January 17, at 6:30pm in the Community Center.

BLOOD DRIVE

Dina Goldstein will organize a community blood drive on January 29, 12:00pm-5:00pm in Town Hall.

BIKE WITH CHIEF

The Bike with Chief Day is January 30, at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

JANUARY TRAINING

Honor Guard – Officer Bryant Luke

YEAR IN REVIEW

Personnel highlights for 2012 included Rory Alberto and Richard Williams promoted to Lieutenant and Jay Matelis promoted to Sergeant. Elinor Joseph was also promoted to Parking Operations Manager. Lt. Alberto was selected to attend the FBI National Academy – a first for Surfside PD. The Department was re-accredited for the next three years, thanks to Lt. Williams. Last year's Officer of the Year was John Gentile and the Civilian of the Year was Dina Goldstein. LEO Awards winners were Dina Goldstein, Jay Matelis, and Diana Dulaney. Dina Goldstein and Jay Matelis were awarded the Crime Prevention Unit of the Year for South Florida. Officer Tammy Campbell was recognized as the Miami-Dade Officer of Month. Police Officer Alejandro Lorente, PSA Andrea Smith-Bustillo and Parking Officers Angel Melendez and Josue Castro joined the Police Department.

We conducted our 11th Citizens Police Academy, 5th Halloween Safety Night, 4th Summer Teen Camp, 4th Island Beach Bash, and 4th Holiday Toy Drive and many other crime prevention and community events in 2012. Six Dodge Chargers and a beach Polaris were purchased. Almost 5000 traffic citations and 5000 traffic warnings and over 15,000 parking citations were issued. Officers made more than 200 arrests and 400 suspicious persons stops and investigated over 250 traffic crashes and 250 criminal cases during the year.

I would like to thank and praise all personnel for their professionalism, hard work, and dedication to the community for the past year. I also wish all a safe, happy and healthy 2013!