

Bulletin

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Date: October 1, 2013

OFFICERS OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2013

On September 12, 2013 at 3:20AM, Officers Edward Carrasquillo and Carol Sawaya were patrolling the residential area. They observed two subjects walking in the 9100 block of Froude Avenue. The subjects were stopped and interviewed. They lived in North Miami, gave conflicting stories as to why they were in Surfside, and had extensive criminal histories including burglary. Their vehicle was located at the dead end on Bay Drive and 92 Street. Both subjects were arrested for Loitering & Prowling.

On the way back to the police station, Officers Carrasquillo and Sawaya noticed two other subjects at 92 Street and Harding Avenue. After stopping and interviewing these two subjects, they admitted they fled the area after seeing the officers stop the first two individuals. They were in possession of change purses and a cell phone. They were also arrested for Loitering & Prowling. Detective Sergeant Patrick McKenna responded from home to the station and re-interviewed all four subjects. One confessed to committing three auto burglaries in the residential area. A victim was located and her stolen cell phone was returned.

Officers Carrasquillo and Sawaya and Sergeant McKenna are recognized for their diligence and commitment to keeping Surfside safe and are recommended as Police Officers of the Month for September 2013.

CIVILIANS OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2013

I would like to recognize Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph, Parking Enforcement Officers Alain Acosta, Angel Melendez, Josue Castro, William Perez, and PSA Andrea Smith-Bustillo for their outstanding effort and professionalism during the Month of September 2013.

The Town recently changed from a four hour parking limit to a 2 hour time limit in the business district. Parking officers now enforce the two hour limit each day for everyone. Parking lots are closed every morning and monitored for construction vehicles. The cars and trucks are chalked daily and cited.

The lack of available parking is a problem and frustrates the visitors, customers, residents, and employees of the business district. Consequently the frustration is taken out on the Parking Enforcement Officers. Despite dealing with this on a daily basis, the team still remains professional, continue their daily assignments, help maintain the Pay Stations, direct traffic, and run errands without complaining.

Over the past several months parking in the business district has been a very delicate subject in Surfside. The above listed individuals have been in the front line of all the problems we have endured. They went above and beyond to help the patrons and the

employees from business district. The positive temperament and the willingness to help others they show daily are remarkable. They also are willing to change their schedule to help with unexpected issues.

The Parking Enforcement team is commended for their professionalism and commitment for the month of September 2013.

HIGH ACHIEVERS – SEPTEMBER 2013

Officer John Gentile
Officer Bryant Luke
Officer Tammy Campbell
Officer Ed Carrasquillo
Officer Tony Mesa
Officer Alberto Knight
Officer Micah Smith
Officer Ian Leonard
Officer Joe Matthews
PSA Andrea Smith-Bustillo
Parking Officer Josue Castro

Good work!

PERSONNEL TRANSFERS

Shift bid has been completed and the squad assignments are posted in Sergeants' office. The new schedule takes effect on Monday, October 28, 2013. If you have any questions regarding the schedule please see your immediate supervisor.

Officer Bobby Gabriel is transferred to Field Training Officer John Gentile on Squad D.

Reserve Officer Carol Sawaya will be hired as a full time Surfside Police Officer on October 21, 2013 and will be assigned to Field Training Officer Edward Carrasquillo. Congratulations and welcome aboard SPD!

96th STREET LANE CLOSURE

On September 23, 2013, FDOT approved closing a lane of traffic on 96th Street between Harding Ave and Bay Drive for a construction project. The lane closure is Monday through Friday 9:00am to 3:30pm for the next two to three weeks. The project includes roadway restoration and improvements to the sidewalk on both sides of 96th Street. Proper signage will be displayed and off duty officers will assist with traffic throughout the day. A thank you to Lt. Matelis for coordinating this project with FDOT, the contractor, and officials from our neighboring Towns and successfully resolving the traffic congestion.

BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING

Over the past month in response to the unavailability of parking spaces for customers in the municipal lots and streets in the business district, SPD has implemented the early morning closing of the lots and enforced the two hour parking limit for spaces during the daytime hours. These temporary measures have been successful. A thank you to the police officers, parking enforcement officers, and Public Service Aide who have worked so diligently each and every day on this issue.



CRIME PREVENTION/ COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

A thank you to the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department Station 21, the Miami-Dade Police Department Aviation Unit, the Miami Beach Police Department K-9 Unit, and the North Miami Police Department Crime Scene Unit for participating during September with our 12th Citizens Police Academy.

Lt. Jay Matelis will represent SPD at the annual Southeast Florida Crime Prevention awards luncheon in Hollywood on October 9, 2013.

The Bike with the Chief Ride is October 16, 2013, at 5:00pm.

The Prescription Drug Drop Off Day is October 26, 10am to 2:00pm in the Town Hall Lobby. Dina Goldstein will manage this event.

Our annual Halloween Safety Night Block Party is October 31, 2013, at 6:00 pm at 90 Street and Dickens Avenue. Sgt. Rory Alberto and Dina Goldstein will manage the event.

DAVID AUDIT

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles has scheduled a DAVID Audit Site Visit with SPD to ensure that we are in compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding for Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 10:00am. Lt. Williams and Communications Supervisor Susie Sperbeck will oversee the Audit.

OCTOBER TRAINING

- Confidential Informants – Detective Dulaney
- Computer Crimes – Detective Lorente
- Police Bicycle – Officers Gentile, Knight, Hernandez, Matthews, Lovellette