

Bulletin

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Date: April 1, 2014

POLICE OFFICER OF THE MONTH – MARCH 2014

Officer Tammy Campbell was dispatched to a suspicious person call. Further investigation determined that the subject was looking for a juvenile who lives there. Officer Campbell interviewed the subject on scene and he admitted that he was in possession of narcotics.

The subject was arrested for possession of stolen credit cards, possession of narcotics and drug paraphernalia. Officer Campbell also determined that the adult subject was having an inappropriate relationship with the juvenile. Officer Campbell assisted the Criminal Investigations Unit with the interview of the victim and determined that he had been the victim of a sex crime that had occurred in Miami Beach. Additional felony charges are pending on the subject by the Miami Beach Police Department.

Officer Campbell should be recognized and commended for her dedication and commitment to the community. She displayed great investigative skills and teamwork during this incident. Job well done!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – MARCH 2014

Officer Bobby Gabriel
Officer Matthews
Officer Carrasquillo
Officer Leonard
Officer Campbell
Officer Mesa
Officer Gentile
Parking Officer Angel Melendez
Parking Officer Josue Castro

Thanks and good work with the arrests and FIs in the residential area!

CRIME PREVENTION/ COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/ LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The new community initiative program for residents who are dog owners began April 1. SPD will offer tags for the collar of the pets. The dog tag will have the Police Department's telephone number and a registration number. The registration number will enable us to contact the owner of lost or loose dogs without calling Miami-Dade Animal Control. The tag does not replace the County dog tag. This service is free of charge and is managed by Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein.

The Northeast Community Traffic and Safety Committee meeting is April 15, at 10:00 am. Lt. Matelis will send a SPD representative.

The quarterly Departmental Award Ceremony is April 15, at 1:00 pm in the Commission Chambers.

The Third Thursday's event is April 17. Lt. Matelis will be responsible to staff the event.

SPD will host the regional Criminal Investigations Units meeting for intelligence sharing on April 20 in the training room.

The Bike with the Chief Ride is April 23 at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is April 25 at 10:00 am. Residents, business persons, and visitors can meet with the Chief and his staff over coffee to discuss community issues or provide feedback on the Police Department.

SHIFT BID ASSIGNMENTS

The new shift bid assignments are effective April 14, 2014:

Squad A: Sgt. Mckenna; Officers Arch, Mesa, Campbell, and Luke; Communication Operator Sperbeck

Squad B: Sgt. Alberto; Officers Gentile, Colonna, Lovellette, and Hernandez; Communication Operator Burnell.

Squad C: Sgt. Valino; Officers Leonard, Carrasquillo, Matthews, and Gabriel; Communication Operator Villar.

Squad D: Sgt. Pacheco, Officers Ruiz, Knight, and Smith; Communication Operator Filiberto

CIU: Sgt. Torres; Detectives Cruz, Lorente and Dulaney

COMMUNITY POLICING IN SURFSIDE

Community policing is a collaboration between the police and the community. This strategy identifies and solves common problems in the community, and increases people's trust in the police. The problems could be an auto crimes trend, traffic congestion on 96 Street or Collins Avenue, lack of available parking in the business district, or more police presence in the residential area. Community policing is about addressing issues proactively, rather than reacting to situations when they arise. If a community wants something to improve, more people need to be involved, and all parties need to communicate. Strategies used in community policing include problem solving and crime prevention; community engagement; educating the community and the private sector; and creating partnerships with other government agencies, businesses, centers of worship, elected officials, schools and non-profit organizations.

SPD is a community oriented police department and we use these strategies to identify and address problems with the community quickly and consistently. We need all personnel to embrace this philosophy and communicate directly with the residents, businesses, and visitors and not wait for direction from supervisors. This is easily accomplished by getting out of the police cars and for stop and talks with residents, park and walks in the business district, and bicycle patrol in the residential area and on the hard pack. Explain to the public what suspicious activity is; what crime prevention programs we offer; what crimes have



recently occurred and how residents can help deter them; and listen to the issues that are most important to our community and help resolve them.

INTELLIGENCE- LED POLICING IN SURFSIDE

Intelligence-led policing is a collaborative initiative based on improved intelligence operations and community-oriented policing and problem solving. To implement intelligence-led policing, police departments must incorporate intelligence into the planning process to reflect community problems and issues. Information sharing throughout the police department is critical. Most important, intelligence must be contingent on quality analysis of data to combat crime and identify suspects.

SPD practices intelligence- led policing mostly through the Criminal Investigations Unit's procedures of weekly and monthly crime reports, crime trend intelligence, subject flyers, case review, case management, multi-agency intelligence briefings and operations, use of confidential sources, and research investigative tools. With the cooperation of the Police Chiefs of Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands we are in the planning stage to expand this initiative with a multi-agency pilot program using new police analytical software to share criminal information from the different CAD/RM systems. A private company will provide all of the required hardware and software at no cost to the participating agencies. Bal Harbour PD has agreed to host the server and Bay Harbor Islands to hire a regional crime analyst to compile and regularly disseminate the information to the police departments.

NEW RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM CUTOVER

Effective April 15th at 0200 hours, System B EDACS, will be disabled and the new P25 radio system will be switched on. Every radio user in our Department has to change systems in the radio by unlocking the display and then pressing the down button on the front of the radio to the new P25 system as previously instructed during the deployment process. This process must be done to all portable, mobile and control station radio(s). On 4/15/14 at 0200 hours, Miami-Dade County Dispatchers will commence to announce to QSY and any radio that remains on the existing system and talkgroup on System EDACS B, will be unable to transmit or receive audio. The exception is that EDACS dispatch talkgroups will continue to be monitored for the next 72 hours starting on 4/15/14. Any users found transmitting on EDACS, will be directed by the dispatcher to move to their respective P25 talkgroup. All non-dispatch talkgroups transmissions on EDACS, will receive "DENIED" or "CC SCAN" on their display.

FUNCTIONAL VERIFICATION TEST

The new system profile has already been added in the radio. All radios have been tested during the recent upgrade; however, users should verify the radio is operational by moving to the new P25 system and make a functional verification test call prior to the cutover date of 4/15/14 to ensure we address issues you may encounter prior to the official cutover date.

PROCEDURE

Unlock the display and press the down button on the front of the radio to the new P25 system. Please call the Radio Rebanding Hotline at 305-596-8900, if any radio fails to test

properly. Provide the Radio Serial Number that can be found behind the battery on the back side of the radio when you call. This information is necessary so that we can ensure the radio will be functioning in the new Radio System during the activation on 4/15/14. Do not wait till the last minute to perform the operational test. The Radio Rebanding Hotline at 305-596-8900 is currently active and will be manned 08:00 to 17:00 hours until 4/14/14 and 24-7 starting on 4/15/14 until further notice. If you reach the hotline during a non-working time, leave a message with contact information and a representative from the Radio Division will contact you the next business day.

NEW EQUIPMENT

A computer has been installed in the Town Hall lobby for the public to review red light camera violation video. Citizens should be directed to use it if they have questions regarding their violation or before the Special Magistrate hearing.

Two new desktop Control Stations were installed in the Communications Unit for the new County radio system.

REGIONAL TRAINING COMMITTEE

The Police Chiefs of the Bay Harbor Islands, Bal Harbour, Surfside, and Indian Creek are working together to make policing more effective in our area. Topics discussed include sharing intelligence and working under an Intelligence-Led Policing Model, as well as traffic flow, mutual aid, and training.

All Chiefs are in agreement that yearly in-service and supervisor training programs should become more uniformed and unified for our area. A Training Committee will be formed with each Chief assigning a representative/s. We hope to implement standardized training that all agencies attend together to cover mandatory topics such as firearms, building searches, traffic stops, and legal updates. Advanced training for specialized units and supervisors will also be considered. Our goal is to identify all mandatory training needs and combine the instructors, classrooms, and instructional materials so that we respond to incidents in a unified fashion. Once the committee identifies a yearly training schedule, together, the chiefs will decide which agency will sponsor instructors and materials for the various subject matters. This will streamline efficiency and reduce unnecessary area redundancy as it relates to training. Lts. Matelis and Williams and Sgt. Torres will represent SPD on the Regional Training Committee.

CRIME SUPPRESSION TEAM

Sgt. Pacheco, Officer Ruiz, Officer Gentile, and Officer Gabriel have been selected for the crime suppression team. Lt. Matelis will oversee this part time unit and coordinate the training. Congratulations to all!

INDIVIDUAL PATROL OFFICER KIT (IPOK)

The Surfside Police Department issued and trained all police officers with Individual Patrol Officer Kit (IPOK). The kit contains: Combat Application Tourniquet (C-A-T), Emergency Trauma Dressing, Combat Gauze - Hemostatic Dressing, and Black Talon Nitrile Trauma Gloves. The IPOK is designed to provide officers with a compact and durable individual hemorrhage control kit to treat bleeding from penetrating and other traumatic injuries.

These kits are packaged to allow officers to keep a compact bleeding control kit on their person, where it is needed most, for critical emergencies as they await the arrival of the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department. The Dallas and Indianapolis Police Departments also recently issued their police officers similar type kits.

CLEAR (CONSOLIDATED LEAD EVALUATION AND REPORTING)

The Surfside Police Department used the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's dFACTS system (distributed Factual Analysis Criminal Threat Solution) as an informational gathering tool for law enforcement investigations and intelligence. This system was put in place after September 11, 2001 with support from homeland security grant funds. There was no cost to the Surfside Police Department or other State of Florida law enforcement agencies. Effective March 31, 2014, the dFACTS system will be discontinued due to the reduction of grant allocations.

The Police Department researched and attended training for several commercially available systems. CLEAR (Consolidated Lead Evaluation and Reporting) was selected as the superior research investigative system and is more cost effective. CLEAR is also utilized by several major local law enforcement agencies. The Criminal Investigations Unit has used the CLEAR system for several weeks on a trial basis and is more than satisfied with the results. Town legal staff has reviewed the three year agreement which includes a non-availability clause in the event the program is not approved in subsequent budgets.

APRIL TRAINING

Open Source Intelligence – Detective Lorente
Blue Courage – Detective Cruz