

Bulletin

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POLICE CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – JULY 2014 – EA DINA GOLDSTEIN

Over the past two months, Dina Goldstein and Dianna Hernandez coordinated SPD's 6th Police Summer Teen Camp. New instructors and classes were implemented. The teens experienced the My Life My Power anti-bullying course with a nationally known author and instructor. They were visited by the K-9, SWAT, and Crime Scene Squads. They learned of police patrol procedures. They enjoyed trips to the Fire Station, Coast Guard Air Base, and the Police and Fire Aviation Units. They for sure learned much and had a great time. It was the finest teen camp we have ever had!

I praise and thank Dina and Dianna for the tremendous amount of work and effort that it takes to organize, manage, and build this into another highly successful SPD community program. They are the best!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – JULY 2014

Officer Gabriel
Officer Carrasquillo
Officer Matthews
Officer Leonard
Officer Mesa
Officer Luke
Officer Campbell
Officer Arch
Officer Gentile
Officer Lovellette
Officer McGavern
Officer Smith
Officer Ruiz

Good work by most of the patrol officers! Stay proactive and visible.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Kemuel Gambirazio was hired as a Surfside Police Officer on July 21, 2014. He grew up and attended school in this area. He has almost five years of law enforcement experience. He is assigned to Squad A and Field Training Officer Bryant Luke.

Armando Guzman was hired as a Surfside Reserve Police Officer on July 21, 2014. He has thirty years of his law enforcement experience with the Miami Police Department. He has worked in many units including Patrol, Homicide, Vice and Narcotics, Police Accreditation Manager and Training Supervisor at the Police Academy. He was a member SWAT team for 25 years, serving as a Team Leader and Team Commander. Armando is a graduate of

the FBI National Academy; the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police and possesses a Bachelor's in Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Florida International University. He is fluent in English, Spanish and Portuguese. He retired as a Major of Police. He is currently the Chief of Public Safety for Miami Dade College, Kendall Campus.

Daniel Sanchez was hired as the Surfside Police Department's Community Service Aide. The position was previously named Public Service Aide. He was a Recreational Leader with the Town of Surfside. Prior to joining the Town of Surfside, he attended the Miami-Dade College School of Justice where he graduated at top of his criminal justice class with a certification as a Police Service Aide. He was also achieved the rank of Life Scout in the Boy Scouts of America and was a Police Explorer for the Miami and Miami Beach Police Department. His professional goal is to continue college and become police officer for the Town of Surfside.

Police Intern Jessie Ochoa worked the last three months in the Police Department. He completed his FIU internship on July 31 and will graduate with a Bachelor's Degree. He did a great job and we wish him the best of luck in his future.

Marianne Duarte is our newest volunteer at SPD. She is a resident of Surfside, a parent, and a teacher in Miami. She will report to Dina Goldstein.

Please welcome all aboard to the Surfside Team.

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS – JANUARY TO JUNE 2014

The preliminary UCR statistics have been completed for January to June 2014 and have been submitted to FDLE for approval. Overall total index offenses increased to 88 in 2014 as compared to 69 in the first six months of 2013. The previous first half statistics were: 2009 – 84, 2010 – 92, 2011 – 87, and 2012 – 82.

- ^ Homicide decreased from 1 to 0.
- ^ Sex Batteries remained at 0.
- ^ Burglaries were the same at 8 (5 residential, 3 commercial).
- ^ Robberies were the same at 1.
- ^ Aggravated Assaults decreased from 3 to 1.
- ^ Larcenies increased from 48 to 75.
- ^ Auto Thefts decreased from 6 to 3.

^ Arrests decreased from 89 to 78 (not including warrant arrests) from January to June 2013 to 2014.

As you can see the increase in crime is due to the increase in larcenies. Auto burglaries are categorized by UCR as larcenies. There was an increase from 10 to 15 (mostly unlocked vehicles). Shoplifting increased from 2 to 11 (CVS and Publix). Bicycle thefts decreased from 11 to 9. The other increases in larceny were thefts of property from yards, the 96 St. Park, construction sites, and at the Grand Beach Hotel. The new construction draws more workers to Town which not only increases traffic and parking issues but also increases opportunities for crime as will the increase in number of visitors and employees to the new hotels and condominiums. Officers should not only remain vigil and proactive during their patrol for suspicious persons and vehicles but at the same time alert our residents, business persons, and tourists to secure their possessions, lock car doors, set alarms, and



not to leave their property in driveways and yards. Also advise them of our many crime prevention programs and to always call the police immediately for any suspicious activity.

SPECIAL INFORMATION/ COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/ LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

Surfside, Ball Harbor, and Bay Harbor Islands Departments will implement a new Police Explorer Program this summer. The registration date for the program is August 12 at 6:00 pm in the Surfside PD Training Room. Officer Dianna Hernandez is the liaison for the program.

The Surfside Police Department is hosting a regular Women’s Self Defense Classes for residents and police officers from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the training room. Sgt. Julio Torres is the instructor. This class is free of charge. Dina Goldstein will coordinate the dates for the classes.

Cameras have been installed in the 96 Street Park for safety purposes and to deter thefts.

The Surfside Police Department is offering emergency preparedness seminars to condominium associations. Officer Dianna Hernandez is the contact person to schedule a workshop.

The Surfside Police Department is offering free residential and commercial security assessments for residents and business owners. Sgt. Matelis is the contact person to schedule the assessment.

On Fridays afternoons and evenings, SPD will participate in bicycle details with Bal Harbor and Bay Harbor Islands Police Departments for the safety of pedestrians traveling to and from the Suhl and the three Towns. Sgt. McKenna and Sgt. Valino are responsible to staff the positions.

Public Works will need traffic assistance on Harding Avenue and Collins Avenue beginning August 4 to conduct video checks of the water and sewer system. Lt. Williams will be responsible to coordinate and staff the positions.

SPD is hosting Survival Mindset, A Personal Safety Seminar with a nationally known instructor on August 11 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm in the Commission Chambers. The class will teach you to recognize and avoid potentially dangerous situations, learn practical safety measures designed to keep you safe, and learn what sex offenders do not want to know. The class is free to residents. Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein will manage the program.

Police Department will host a Community Blood Drive on August 12 from 1:00-4:00 pm. The bloodmobile will be in the Town parking lot. Contact Dina Goldstein for information.

Community Outreach Specialists from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles will be in the Police Training Room on August 21, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm with the Mobile DMV for driver's licenses. Contact Dian Goldstein for information.

The Bike with the Chief Ride is August 27 at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to participate.

The regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting is August 28 at 10:00 am at SPD.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is August 29 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.

A thank you to Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein and NRO Dianna Hernandez for managing the Police Summer Teen Camp for the past few months and conducting the best camp ever! New instructors and field trips were brought in. All enjoyed the program and the graduation on July 31.

TRAINING

FEMA National Incident Management System – All supervisors

Tactical room clearing – Squad C and D

Self Defense Techniques for Law Enforcement – All sworn personnel

Supervisor MP5's familiarization – All sworn supervisors