

Bulletin

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OFFICERS AND CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – OCTOBER 2014

On October 15, 2014, Parking Enforcement Officer Josue Castro observed a subject fleeing from Publix with a bag. Officer Castro followed the subject and radioed a description and direction of travel. Officer Tammy Campbell responded and chased the subject onto the beach at 94 Street. Officer Joseph Matthews who was working off duty also responded and attempted to take the subject into custody. A struggle ensued and Officer Matthews deployed his Electronic Control Weapon and handcuffed the subject. \$144 worth of stolen items was recovered. The subject has an extensive criminal history. Good teamwork by all and congratulations!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – OCTOBER 2014

Officer Gabriel
Officer Carrasquillo
Officer Luke
Officer Ruiz
Parking Officer Acosta

Thanks for the good work!

NEW POLICE CAPTAIN

I am pleased to announce Julio Yero as the new Captain for the Surfside Police Department. As you are aware, I was interested in an experienced police commander with expertise and experience in law enforcement operations including patrol functions, criminal investigations, internal investigations, and special events. Captain Yero has all this and more. He is a recently retired Lieutenant with the Miami Beach Police Department who has held command positions in the Patrol Division, Criminal Investigations Division, Internal Affairs Unit, and has managed staffing and logistics for many Special Events including the Super Bowl, Pro Bowl, Spring Break, Memorial Day Weekend, Fourth of July and New Year's Eve celebrations in Miami Beach as well as leading a contingent of Miami Beach Police Officers as a security detail in Washington, DC for President Obama's Inauguration. He has supervised the Homicide Squad and investigated many murders as well as several high profile death penalty cases and police officer involved shootings. He was also the Commander of the Hostage Negotiations Team for the past seven years and worked closely with the SWAT Team on numerous critical incidents.

Most importantly, I sought a sound, decisive leader with a strong work ethic who will be accountable and hold others accountable. Captain Yero has these qualities and comes from a law enforcement family and has family residing in Surfside. He began his career as a Surfside Police Officer. Please welcome him home.

TRANSFER

Sgt. Julio Torres is transferred temporarily to supervise the D squad from November 20, 2014 to January 18, 2015.

HIGH HOLIDAYS DETAIL

In September 2014, South Florida experienced several events including the murder of a Rabbi and much anti-Semitic vandalism and graffiti just before the High Holidays. The community was frightened and concerned because of these incidents. I met with the congregants of the Shul and told them that the Surfside Police Department would increase visibility and patrol around the synagogues and the neighborhoods to ensure the safety of residents and patrons during the High Holidays. The Patrol Division was directed to increase police presence and be proactive in September and October.

All members of the Patrol Division did an outstanding job as no further incidents occurred and many praised the police for their presence and professionalism. I would also like to commend and thank all personnel in Patrol for their tremendous and concerned effort over the past month. Well done!

LEO AWARDS

The annual LEO Awards nominations to honor and recognize deserving sworn and civilian personnel are due this month. The categories are:

- Uniform Services
- Investigative Services
- Crime Prevention/ Community Policing
- Specialized Services
- Safety Award
- Support Services

Please forward your nominations through the chain of command by the end of the month.

POLICE SELF-DEFENSE COURSE

Beginning in November, Sgt. Torres will implement an open mat self-defense techniques course in the training room. The classes will meet once a week from 6 pm-8 pm. The attire is shorts, t-shirts and no jewelry. The classes are open to all police personnel. Please email Sgt. Torres if interested in participating ASAP. We will need a count of participants before setting the dates.

SPECIAL INFORMATION/ COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/ LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Surfside Police Department is implementing a new community initiative. We are collecting cell phones and donating them to a local domestic violence shelter. It is important to delete all your personal information from the cell phones including stored phone numbers, call history and text messages. Make sure that the service is disconnected to avoid any fees. Also be sure that the phone works and that the battery stays charged. A working charger must accompany the cell phone donation. If the phone doesn't work or you don't have the charger, please recycle the phone. The drop off location is at the Communications Unit of the Police Department. For further information please contact Neighborhood Resource Officer Dianna Hernandez.



SPD's 13th Citizens Police Academy held classes in October on Crime Scene Investigation, SWAT, and the Criminal Justice System. The Academy meets every Tuesday from 6 pm – 9 pm. EA Dina Goldstein and NRO Dianna Hernandez are in charge. Please stop by and introduce yourself to our residents and business persons attending. This month, participants will visit the Firearms Range and Driving Range as well as a graduation ceremony.

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 Community Center on Thursdays. Sgt. Julio Torres is the instructor. This class is free of charge. Dina Goldstein will coordinate the dates for the classes.

Some cities have reported their residents becoming victims of fraud or robbery when meeting with customers or sellers to conduct online transactions. The Surfside Police will offer residents a safe place to conduct their transactions at the police station. The premise is to conduct business in a safe environment to deter crime.

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.

NRO Hernandez will represent SPD at the annual career day at Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial High School in Miami on November 5 at 8:00 am.

Officers Luke and Ruiz will serve as the police honor guard at the Veterans Day on November 11 at Veterans Park.

Commission of Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation representative will meet with Chief's Office on November 17 at 1:00 pm. This is the first step to prepare for our second re-accreditation.

The Bike with the Chief Ride is November 19, at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to participate.

Lt. Williams will attend the Construction Impact Coordination meeting on November 20 at 8:00 am.

The regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting is November 20 at 10:00 am at SPD in the training room.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is November 21 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.

The annual Miami Beach Police Athletic League food distribution event is November 25 at 9:30 am. The Chief's Office and NRO Hernandez will represent Surfside.

TRAINING

Building Searches and Active Shooter (multi-agency) – All sworn personnel
Miami-Dade Ordinance Update – NRO Hernandez

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

I wish all of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving!