

Bulletin

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OFFICER/CIVILIANS OF THE MONTH – APRIL 2015

On April 12, 2015, Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein and NRO Dianna Hernandez organized a Dog Safety Expo at Haulover Bark Park. Dina and Dianna enlisted Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Station 21, Miami-Dade Police Intracoastal District, and Miami-Dade Parks to participate in this first time event. They also gained support from businesses, pet stores, veterinarians, and the Human Society to donate services, treats, and toys.

Community Service Aide Danny Sanchez and Administrative Aide Donna Natale-Planas assisted Dina and Dianna with the considerable effort to make this a fun and successful event. Parking Enforcement Officer Josue Castro was the DJ for the event and kept the crowd entertained.

This wonderful affair included pet adoptions, health and wellness for animals, dog CPR, K-9 demonstrations, search and rescue and venom unit presentations, raffles, and dog obedience training.

All of the above personnel are thanked and commended for creating this idea, following through with the significant amount of planning and preparation and work, and for making this event a popular, worthwhile and successful experience.

HIGH ACHIEVERS – MAY 2015

Ofc. Lorente
Ofc. McGavern
Ofc. Gabriel
Ofc. Smith
Parking Ofc. Castro

MAY IS POLICE MEMORIAL MONTH

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.

The National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, which is sponsored by the Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, is one in a series of events which includes the Candlelight Vigil, which is sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and seminars sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.). National Police Week draws in between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees. The attendees come from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world. This provides a unique opportunity to meet others that share a common brotherhood. In that spirit, the Fraternal Order of Police DC Lodge #1 sponsors receptions each afternoon and evening during Police Week. These events are open to all law enforcement personnel and are an experience unlike any other.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Lieutenant John Bambis was hired April 20, 2015 with the Surfside Police Department. John is a recently retired Major of Police with 25 years of law enforcement experience. He will oversee the Support Services Division which includes Parking Enforcement, Communications Unit, Property and Evidence, Fleet, Equipment, Red Light Camera Safety Program, Training, and Accreditation. John is a welcome addition to SPD and his leadership and expertise will certainly improve the Department's efficiency and effectiveness.

Reserve Police Officer Pamela Hidalgo successfully completed the Field Training Program on April 29, 2015. Most impressive is the fact that Pamela completed the three and half month extensive program on her own time as well as working her regular job. Congratulations!

Parking Enforcement Officer Angel Melendez graduated on May 1, 2015 from the Miami-Dade College School of Justice Police Academy. Angel attended the police academy full time for the past five months and at the same time worked the evening shift and weekends as a parking enforcement officer. Congratulations and we hope to have Angel as Reserve Police Officer soon!

Effective May 1, 2015, Community Service Aide Danny Sanchez in addition to his regular duties as the Department's only CSA will be given the extra responsibilities of Quartermaster. Danny will manage uniforms and equipment. Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph will continue to oversee the Property and Evidence Unit as well as supervise the Parking Enforcement Officers. A thank you to both for stepping up to administer these critical areas of the Police Department!



SPECIAL INFORMATION/ COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/ LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

Command staff from the Chief's Office will attend the Law Enforcement Memorial Prayer Breakfast at the Police Memorial site on May 5th at 8:30am; Miami Beach Police Memorial Ceremony at Police Headquarters on May 7th at 10:00am; Miami-Dade Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Tropical Park on May 7th at 7:00pm

The annual Law Day is at the Miami Dade Justice Center is May 6th at 10:00am. The Chiefs Office will attend.

The supervisor staff meeting is May 12th at 5:00 pm in the training room.

The Florida FDOT Local Area Network Traffic Study meeting is May 13th at 10:00am at Miami-Dade Police Department.

The regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting is May 14th at 10:00 am at the Aventura Police Department.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is May 20th at 2:00 pm. Sgt. Matelis will assign a detective to attend.

The Town of Surfside's Memorial Day Ceremony will be at Veteran's Park will be on May 25th at 10:00am. The Chief's Office and Police honor Guard will attend.

The annual US Attorney Law Enforcement Coordination meeting is May 26th at 10:30am at the Federal Courthouse Building in Miami. Chief Allen will attend.

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

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is May 29th 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.

Officer Don McGavern will participate in the Bicycle Safety Rodeo and Bike with the Chief in Bay Harbor Islands on May 30th.

TRAINING

Leadership in Police Organizations – Captain Yero
Police Ethics- Sergeant Torres