

Bulletin

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Date: September 3, 2015

**OFFICER OF THE MONTH- AUGUST 2015- SERGEANT PATRICK MCKENNA,
OFFICER CRAIG LOVELLETTE AND OFFICER JOSEPH MATTHEWS**

While conducting a traffic detail in the 9200 block of Collins Avenue, Sergeant Mckenna and Officers J. Matthews and C. Lovellette observed a blue vehicle traveling northbound at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was stopped for the traffic infraction and the driver was asked to produce a driver's license. The driver stated he lost it in a night club and did not have it on him. The driver produced a United States Employment Authorization Card as a form of identification. A records check for his Florida driver's license revealed it was suspended. The tag on the vehicle was checked via records and found to be stolen from the city of Hialeah. The vehicle VIN was checked and it was discovered to be reported stolen vehicle from Plantation, Florida. During an inventory search of the vehicle a black backpack was recovered in the trunk area containing several tools, masks, a knife, and an ASP baton. Another black backpack was discovered in the trunk with various costume jewelry and other miscellaneous items. The subject was charged with Grand Theft of MV, Possession of a Stolen Tag, and Possession of Burglary Tools. Detectives will follow up this investigation as it pertains to the possibility that a burglary may have occurred. The subject is currently on probation for fraud charges out of Broward County.

These officers, with the utilization of a proactive traffic detail, not only apprehended an individual in possession of a stolen vehicle, but may have prevented a burglary as prepared as this subject appeared. I commend Sergeant Mckenna for his ongoing direction and operation of proactive details with his squad. I further commend Officers Matthews and Lovellette for their investigatory prowess in the arrest of a felon with means to continue his crime spree. Good teamwork by all and congratulations!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – AUGUST 2015

Officer Gabriel
Officer Lorente
Officer Lovellette
Officer Luke
Officer Matthews
Officer Mesa
Parking Enforcement Officer Castro
Parking Enforcement Officer Melendez

HIGH HOLIDAYS DETAIL

The Surfside Police Department will increase police presence with assigned details for high visibility during the High Holidays in the areas of The Shul 9540 Collins Avenue, Young Israel 9592 Harding Avenue, Hechal Shalom Sephardic Congregation 310 95th Street and Magen David Sephardic Congregation 9348 Harding Avenue. The enhanced patrols will be concentrated before and after services when congregants from the surrounding area and neighboring communities are walking to and from these locations. In addition, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands Police Departments will assign officers to the same area.

HIGH HOLIDAYS DATES

THE SHUL SERVICE TIMES

Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 13, 2015	6:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	
Monday, September 14, 2015	8:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 15, 2015	8:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	

Yom Kippur

Tuesday, September 22, 2015	6:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, September 23, 2015	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Sukkot

Sunday, September 27, 2015	6:30 p.m.	11:30 p.m.	
Monday, September 28, 2015	9:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 29, 2015	9:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	

Shmini Atzeret / Simchat Torah

Sunday, October 4, 2015	6:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	
Monday, October 5, 2015	9:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 6, 2015	9:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	

SPD/FDOT GRANT

The Surfside Police Department was awarded a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation for \$17,325.00 to educate and enforce bicycle and pedestrian safety violations in the business district.

TROPICAL STORM ERIKA

I would like to thank staff for their effort for the preparation for Tropical Storm Erika. The Town Emergency Operations Center was quickly implemented. The staffing was assigned. Communications and equipment were checked and double checked. Water and snacks were stored. Vehicles were fueled and the Town tanks were filled. The landfall team was ready to go. Non-essential staff were deployed to answer emergency hotlines. Town employees and residents were kept up to date with information through the website, email blasts, and Code Red. Construction sites and buildings/ houses under renovation were ordered to secure equipment and debris. Hotels removed their chairs from the beach. Town staff had people in place to secure the Town buildings.



Daily meetings were conducted with the Miami-Dade Emergency Operations Center, local Chiefs of Police and with the Town Department Heads. Traffic lane closures and MOTs were denied. Everything went smoothly and efficiently. We were fortunate to miss the storm but this was a good practice run for all. Thanks again for the good work!

SHIFT BID

The new shift bid will become effective October 12, 2015. The shift bid process will commence this week in order to have it completed well in advance and allow everyone to plan their schedules accordingly.

UNIFORM CRIME REPORT

Attached are the Uniform Crime Reports for January to June 2015 and the eight preceding years. Surfside experienced a significant decrease in overall crimes and non-violent crimes particularly in burglaries and thefts for the first six months of the year. Violent crimes did increase as we had four aggravated assaults this time period in 2015 and one aggravated assault this time period in 2014. These crimes were domestic violence related. There was also a decrease in arrests from 75 during the first six months of 2014 to 67 during the first six months of 2015. Violent Crimes consist of homicide, sexual battery, robbery, and aggravated assault. Non-violent crimes are burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft.

	INDEX TOTAL CRIMES	% CH	VIOLENT CRIME	% CH	NONVIOLENT CRIME	% CH
2007	90	-4.3	13	-50	77	23.1
2008	72	-20	13	0	59	-23.4
2009	84	16.7	12	-7.7	72	22
2010	92	9.5	8	-33.3	84	16.7
2011	87	-5.4	3	-62.5	84	0
2012	82	-5.7	8	166.7	74	-11.9
2013	69	-15.9	5	-37.5	64	-13.5
2014	88	27.5	2	-60	86	34.4
2015	60	-31.8	5	60	55	-36

PARKING ENFORCEMENT SCHEDULE CHANGE

Alain Acosta

- Sunday and Monday: OFF
- Tuesday thru Saturday: 0700-1500hrs

William Perez

- Monday thru Friday 0700-1500hrs
- Saturday and Sunday: OFF

Josue Castro

- Monday: 1100-1900hrs
- Tuesday: 1100-1900hrs
- Wednesday: 1500-2300hrs
- Thursday: 1500-2300hrs
- Friday-Saturday: OFF
- Sunday: 0900-1700hrs

Angel Melendez

- Wednesday and Thursday: OFF
- Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 1500-2300hrs

SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Dade County PBA will present its Seventh Annual "Fallen Officer Tribute" in memory of those who gave all. In honor of these heroes who gave their lives in the line of duty while serving the residents of Miami-Dade County, September has been declared "Fallen Officer Tribute Month." On September 2, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., the opening ceremony and press conference will be held in the lobby of the Stephen P. Clark Government Center. Detective Cruz will attend as a member of the Honor Guard.

The 14th Citizens Police Academy class begins on September 8th and will conclude on November 17th. Thirty-six applicants are signed up for the eleven week program which will take place on Tuesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. EA Dina Goldstein and NRO Dianna Hernandez will coordinate the academy. Please stop by and introduce yourself to our residents and business persons attending.

The supervisory staff meeting is September 10th at 5:00 p.m. in the training room.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is September 16th at 2:00 p.m. Sgt. Matelis will assign a detective to attend.



The Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting is September 17th at 11:00 a.m. at the Golden Beach Police Department. The Criminal Investigations Unit will attend.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is September 25th at 10:00a.m. 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 Dade County Police Benevolent Association is hosting a celebration of the feast Day of Saint Michael the Archangel, Patron Saint of Police Officers on September 25th at 11:00 a.m. in Miami Beach. Officers Ruiz and Lorente will attend as members of the Honor Guard.

The Prescription Drug Drop Off Day is September 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Lobby. Dina Goldstein will manage this event.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is September 30th at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN AUGUST

- Managing the Accreditation Process-Lt. Bambis
- ASP/Baton Training- All Sworn personnel
- Taser and OC Recertification- All Sworn personnel
- SWAT Training-Sgt. Torres
- De-Escalation Training- All sworn personnel, Parking Enforcement Officers, CSA Sanchez
- Firearms Qualifications-Officer Campbell, Detective Cruz and Reserve Officer Melendez
- Expandable Baton Re-Certification- All Sworn Personnel
- Conducted Electronic Weapon Re-Certification- All Sworn Personnel
- Aerosol Deterrent Spray Re-Certification- All Sworn Personnel

TRAINING IN SEPTEMBER

- SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres
- Sniper Training- Sgt. Torres
- Familiarization with the Colt M4 / Heckler & Koch MP5 weapon systems, Ballistic Shield Work

Monday, September 7th
Delta Squad 1930 to 2100 Hours

Wednesday, September 9th
Alpha Squad 1700 to 1830 Hours
Charlie Squad 1930 to 2100 Hours

Monday, September 14th
Bravo Squad and Command Staff 1000-1100 Hours