

Bulletin

16-05

Date: May 3, 2016

OFFICER OF THE MONTH - APRIL 2016 - OFFICER MICAH SMITH

On April 17, 2016 at 0420 hours, Officer Smith while patrolling the residential area observed a bicycle laying in the roadway in the middle of the 9200 block of Abbott Avenue. Officer Smith immediately advised over the radio to dispatch that he was going to check the area. Back up officers arrived and assisted. Officers had just checked the area 10 minutes prior and the roadway was clear. Officer Smith using this information along with other officers made contact with several homeowners on that block, one of them advised that his bicycle was stolen from his front patio but it was not the one on the roadway. Officers continued to check the homes on that block and observed a second bicycle hidden from sight between a fence and a van parked at a residence in the 9200 block of Abbott Avenue. Officer Smith made contact with the homeowner who advised that neither of the two bicycles belonged to him. As Officer Smith checked the perimeter of that home he noticed a subject crouched in the bushes hiding from him. The subject was detained and read Miranda. Post Miranda the subject stated he had seen the officer checking the area attempted to hide because he was a felon but denied any involvement with taking any of the bicycles. One of the bicycles belonged to a homeowner who had previously been contacted and had noticed his bicycle missing, it was returned to him. The subject who had an extensive criminal past was unable to dispel the officers concerns for the safety of persons or property in the area and was arrested for Loitering and Prowling. Because of Officer Smith's proactive patrolling, investigating and checking the area on foot this career criminal was arrested and taken off the streets before he could commit a crime. Officer Smith should be commended for being proactive and taking the extra step in keeping the Town of Surfside safe.

HIGH ACHIEVERS – APRIL 2016

Officer Colonna
Officer Knight
Officer Leonard
Officer Lorente
Officer Luke
Officer Smith
Parking Enforcement Officer Acosta
Parking Enforcement Officer Castro

NEW PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Hans Smith is the new Parking Enforcement Officer in the Police Department effective Monday 04-25-2016. Hans has worked for the Town of Surfside in the Parks and Recreation Department since June of 2015 as a Recreation Leader 1. Hans will be an excellent match for the Parking Enforcement Officer position and an asset to the Police Department.

SERGEANT'S PROMOTIONAL EXAM

I am anticipating that I will schedule a Sergeant's Promotional Examination in mid-June. The Command Staff has weekly meetings in May with the Assessment Center at the School of Justice to develop the exam. My recommendation is to begin preparing and reviewing the Administrative Directives and the current FOP contract if you plan on taking the test. A formal announcement of the type of testing process and date is forthcoming. Good luck to all!

APRIL SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS

Grand Theft Arrest - April 4, 2016

9449 Collins Avenue

The Grand Beach Hotel management reported to detectives that they suspected four employees who were stealing cash payments made by the guests upon their check-out at the hotel. Detectives gathered evidence provided by the hotel, interviewed three employees, and obtained confessions from all four. They were arrested and each were charged with Grand Theft and Making False Entry on Books of Corporation. They were then transported to TGK.

Loitering & Prowling Arrest - April 5, 2016 - 2250 Hours

600 Block 94 Street

Officers responded to a call of a suspicious male in a backyard in the 600 block of 94th Street. Officers located the male on the property, who stated he was homeless and looking for a place to sleep. The subject was arrested and transported to TGK.

NATIONAL POLICE APPRECIATION MONTH

May is the month where the Nation celebrates Memorial Day and National Police Appreciation 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.

Locally there are several events to honor the men and women of law enforcement.

The Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was established in 1980 to honor fallen officers from every police department and law enforcement agency within Miami- Dade County. In 2001, four black granite walls were erected; etched with the names of the gallant men and women who died serving the citizens of their community. Today, 138 names grace these hallowed walls.

Please show your support for these men and women and honor their heroism and sacrifice by attending this years' service on May 5th at 7:00 p.m. at Tropical Park.

The Eternal Blue Line Flag will be flown over Surfside Town Hall in the honor of the fallen officers for the month of May.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE-LESS-LETHAL SHOTGUNS AND SPECIALTY IMPACT MUNITIONS

Please be advised that Temporary Administrative Directive 16-05 Titled "Less-Lethal Shotguns and Specialty Impact Munitions" is effective immediately.

- Please copy the attached file to your assigned Administrative Directive thumb drive so you have it for reference.
- Training on this Directive, re-fresher training on Administrative Directive -8-03 "Use of Force", and proficiency qualifications for sworn personnel will commence on 04-21-2016.
- We hope to have all sworn personnel complete the training and qualification within the next several weeks.
- The Less-Lethal Shotguns will be issued to Sergeants and Acting Sergeants in each Patrol Squad and to the Administrative Sergeant.
- All sworn personnel are to review the attach Temporary Directive as soon as possible, while on-duty, to familiarize yourself with the Directive prior to the training.
- This Less-Lethal Shotgun will be assigned to Sergeants and Acting Sergeants upon successful completion of the training and qualification and available as a Less-Lethal weapon option.
- Be advised that the less-lethal shotguns will be assigned to personnel and may be used utilized while you are on a call. Personnel using the Less-Lethal Shotgun will give a verbal warning/notice to personnel prior to deploying the Less-Lethal Shotgun.

TRAFFIC/PARKING IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATION MEETING

The Town of Surfside hosted a Traffic/Parking Improvement Recommendation meeting for residents on Tuesday April 19th at 5:00 p.m. at Surfside Town Hall, in the Commission Chambers.

The meeting included a presentation on the current traffic mitigation systems, traffic calming devices and enhanced loading zones. Recommendations will also be discussed about modified traffic patterns between Collins Avenue and Harding Avenue and expanding the use of on-street parking. The goal of the meeting is to present considerations for these topics and allow for needed feedback from the public. The meeting will start promptly at 5:00pm and parking is available in the municipal parking lot just north of Town Hall on 93rd Street.

Approximately seventy (70) residents attended the meeting. Florida Department of Transportation representatives were also in attendance. Staff made a presentation of the traffic and parking mitigation actions that have been implemented and proposed.

SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

Community Service Aide Daniel Sanchez and the Intracoastal Police Explorers assisted with a community event at Greynolds Park on May 1, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Police Officer Assistance Trust and the Law Enforcement Officers Under Authority Ministry are hosted a Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Prayer Breakfast on May 3rd at 8:30 a.m. at the Big Five Club in Miami. NRO Hernandez attended and represented the Surfside Police Department.

The North Miami Police Department honored and remembered those who served with a Memorial Ceremony on May 3rd at 9:00 a.m. at the North Miami Police Department Headquarters. Chief Allen attended.

The Monthly Crime Stoppers' Board of Directors meeting will be on May 4th at 10:00 a.m. in Doral. NRO Hernandez will attend.

The Miami Beach Police Memorial Ceremony is May 5th at 10:00 a.m. at the Miami Beach Police Department Headquarters. NRO Hernandez will attend and represent the Surfside Police Department.

The Miami-Dade Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony will be on May 5th at 7:00 p.m. at Tropical Park. Chief Allen, Captain Yero, Lieutenant Bambis and Officer Ruiz as the representative of the Surfside Police Department Honor Guard will attend.

The 2016 Annual Police Chiefs Training Day is May 10th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Miami-Dade College North Campus. Captain Yero will attend.

The Miami-Dade County LAN Meeting for the South Region hosted by the Miami Police Department will be on May 12th at 10:00 a.m. in Miami. Sergeant McKenna will attend.

The supervisory staff meeting is May 12th at 5:00 p.m. in the training room.

Bay Harbor Islands Police Department is sponsoring a Bicycle Safety Rodeo on May 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center. NRO Hernandez will be representing the Surfside Police Department and assisting with the event.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is May 18th at 2:00 p.m. Sgt. Alberto will assign a detective to attend.

The Southeast Florida Crime Prevention Association will be on May 18, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. The location is to be determined. NRO Dianna Hernandez will attend.

The City of Miami and the Office of Emergency Management is hosting a Hurricane Preparedness Seminar on May 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 am. Captain Yero will attend.

The Dade County Police Benevolent Association will honor Dade County's finest law enforcement officers at their twenty-third annual Law Enforcement Awards Gala on May 21st. Officer Lorente will participate as a member of the honor guard in a special tribute to fallen officers.

The Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting is hosted by the Southeast Florida Fusion Center on May 26th at 10:00 a.m. at the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Training Center in Doral. The Criminal Investigations Unit will attend.

The 31st National Conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community will be from May 25, 2016- May 27, 2016 in Miami. NRO Dianna Hernandez will represent the Surfside Police Department and assist on May 25th.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is May 25th at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is May 27th at 10:00 a.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 Parks and Recreation Department is having their annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Veterans Park. Officers Luke and Lorente will participate as members of the Surfside Police Departments Honor Guard.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN APRIL

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres

Sniper Training- Sgt. Torres

Crisis Intervention Team Training- Sgt. McKenna, Det. Carrasquillo, Ofc. Matthews

Critical Incident Management Training- Sgt. Pacheco and Detective Cruz

Less Lethal Shotgun Training- Sworn Personnel

TRAINING IN MAY

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres

Sniper Training- Sgt. Torres

Fair and Impartial Policing-Ofc. Gentile

Marijuana Impaired Driving Detection- Ofc. Lorente

Speed Measurement- Ofc. Gambirazio