

Bulletin

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Date: January 4, 2017

CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER 2016- EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF DINA GOLDSTEIN

Over the past month, Dina Goldstein managed the 8th annual Police Department's Holiday Toy Drive as she has the previous seven years. This event requires much time, effort and commitment. The collection begins with advertisements for donations of new toys. The needy children are vetted and individually invited to attend the Toy Giveaway Party on December 23, 2016. Hundreds of toys were donated, purchased and stored. This year 79 children were in attendance along with their families.

The Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department participates each year and arrived at Town Hall on the fire trucks with flashing lights and siren and Santa and Mrs. Claus on board. Town personnel are recruited to assist with the event for registration, the set-up, decoration, refreshments and cleanup of the Commission Chambers and the training room. Other Town personnel play the parts of Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elves. Police Officers are needed for the escort, street closure and traffic direction. Parking Enforcement Officers are necessary for room security. A professional photographer depicted the memorable event with amazing pictures. Plaques to recognize sponsors are ordered given to the sponsors. A pre-event meeting is held to give out assignments, duties and responsibilities. Numerous thank you letters are composed and mailed out. All of this is overseen and coordinated by Dina.

The event was spectacular and enjoyable for all. It was a very special day for the children and the parents who attended. I thank and praise all who helped but Dina certainly deserves the most credit and recognition. This has become another of her events that makes Surfside look great. Dina is a special person who enjoys giving back and I can't thank her enough for another amazing job well done!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – DECEMBER 2016

Officer Lorente

Parking Enforcement Officer Smith

DECEMBER SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Gas Leak

12/16/2016-12/17/16: 8900 block of Harding Avenue.

From 10:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m. officers were on scene of a gas leak. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue and Hazmat responded along with TECO Peoples gas to locate the source. Two lanes of traffic were closed. The gas line was sealed. There were no injuries or evacuations.

Accident Involving Bicyclist

12/18/2016: 8900 block of Harding Avenue

A bicyclist riding northbound on Harding Avenue was struck by a vehicle making a southbound turn from 89th Street. The bicyclist was treated by Miami-Dade Fire Rescue and transported to Mt. Sinai Hospital for a broken wrist.

Fraud

12/20/16: 102 Street Collins Avenue

Surfside officers assisted Bal Harbour PD with a subject who attempted a Fraud at the Bal Harbour Shops and then fled on foot into their residential area. The subject was apprehended a short while later without incident.

Resisting with Violence and for a Bench Warrant

12/23/16: 9500 block of Harding Avenue

Police officers responded to Starbucks regarding a subject who had been previously trespassed and warned to stay away from Starbucks. The subject attempted to punch one officer and the second officer deployed her Taser. The subject was arrested for Resisting with Violence and for a Bench Warrant.

FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM

Probationary Police Officer Marianne Durante completed the two week orientation training and was assigned to Phase 1 of the Field Training Program effective Monday 01-02-2017 with FTO John Gentile on Squad D.

FDLE AUDIT

The FDLE audit will take place on January 11th at 11:00 a.m. The audit will include a standard 30-40 question audit sheet and the auditor will be physically looking at records to include criminal histories, use of purpose codes, destruction protocols, storage of information and security protocols. Lt. Bambis will oversee the audit.

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY OVERTIME

The Pedestrian and Bicycle safety awareness and enforcement is set to commence the week of January 3, 2017. Officers are to patrol the entire area of 87th to 96th Street on Collins Avenue and Harding Avenue. Officers should make contact with violators and educate them. Brochures will be expected to be distributed for awareness and educational purposes. The overtime will run this week from Thursday until Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. daily. Sergeant McKenna will assign one officer for two days a week. When responding to overtime email, please detail the date and times requested. The schedule will alternate to a Monday thru Wednesday schedule for the following week and continue in that manner until complete. You are responsible to turn in your overtime slips to Sergeant McKenna. The worksheets need to be completed online. Please print a copy of the worksheet before you submit it and turn it in to Sergeant McKenna with your overtime slip. Please respond for this week only. Please contact Sergeant McKenna with any questions or concerns.

SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Surfside Police Department will host a community blood drive on January 11th from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The blood mobile will be in the Town Hall lot.

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

Florida National University will host a Human Trafficking Awareness Walk on January 18th beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the campus in Hialeah. Officer Lorente will represent Surfside at the event.

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

The Surfside Police Department will host the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on January 18th at 10:00 a.m. The Criminal Investigations Unit will attend.

The North Miami Avenue Church of God will host its 33rd Annual Service of Appreciation for First Responders on January 22nd at 11:00 a.m. An on duty officer will be assigned to attend.

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

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is January 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.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN DECEMBER

Traffic Control for Civilians- PEO Smith

Taser/OC/Baton Recertification Training – Sworn Personnel

Crisis Intervention Training – Ofc. Luke

Accreditation Manager Training – Sgt. McKenna

TRAINING IN JANUARY

SWAT Training - Sgt. Torres

Sniper Training - Sgt. Torres

Crisis Intervention Training – Sgt. Cruz

Defensive Driving – Sgt. Matelis, Ofc. Campbell

Blood borne Pathogens – Available for Sworn and Civilian Personnel

Soft Tissue Injury Prevention - Available for Sworn and Civilian Personnel