

# Bulletin

# 17-02

Date: February 1, 2017

## **OFFICER OF THE YEAR- 2016- SERGEANT MARIAN CRUZ**

During the 2016 year, Marian Cruz earned the Surfside Police Department November Officer of The Month Award, received three written commendations and many congratulatory and thank you letters for good work and significant arrests. Marian worked as a detective in the Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) where she was assigned for several years until she was promoted to the rank of sergeant on July 11, 2016. Marian made eleven (11) felony arrests in 2016, more than double the number of all others. With her years of experience in CIU, Marian has been the go to person for supervisors and Command Staff on a variety of department matters. Marian was vital in our department's successful achievement of the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Re-Accreditation in 2016.

Marian contributes to the SPD in many ways. She is one of two department Public Information Officers often making her the face of SPD. Marian is also a member of the SPD Honor Guard Team. A roll that again puts her out and in front at local and county events as a representative of SPD and the Town of Surfside. Marian assisted in two full days of candidate interviews for the community service aide position while her regular duties piled up. As she accomplished very good work, Marian took on the challenge of studying for and successfully passing a difficult promotional process involving a demanding assessment exercise.

After her promotion to the rank of sergeant, Marian was transferred to the Patrol Division and supervised a squad of officers on the midnight shift. Marian quickly earned the respect of those officers by exhibiting her natural leadership abilities while providing support and guidance.

Always striving to be challenged and continue to grow, Marian volunteered to return to CIU as the unit supervisor. A role that she knows is filled with many duties, long hours and sometimes getting called in from home on weekends and late night hours. However, Marian loves to investigate. Her problem solving nature and great people skills make her who you want to handle the department's most serious matters.

Marian's work ethic, dedication and commitment to the Town, her peers, and residents of Surfside is only matched by the love for her family, children and husband. The most significant accomplishment of the 2016 year for Marian, is that her peers selected her as the Officer of the Year. I am proud to work with Marian and call her the Surfside Police Department Officer of the Year for 2016.

**CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR - 2016 - EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF DINA GOLDSTEIN**

Dina Goldstein is the only full time administrative person in the Police Department. She successfully manages the many administrative functions of the Police Department by herself. Her job responsibilities are numerous and critical to the overall operation of the Police Department. She oversees spending in three budgets annually. She also undertakes the most complicated payroll system in Town Hall as well as the voluminous off duty detail payroll.

Dina is a one person office manager for the Police Department and responsible for the ordering, purchasing, and billing for all items. Dina also administers the business parking permit program. She compiles the monthly, biannual, and annual crime and enforcement statistics as well as the monthly police bulletin, police Town Manager's Report and the police information for the Gazette. She is the liaison for the police link to the website and creates public flyers for the community. In addition, Dina represents the Chief's office at many Town meetings and law enforcement and community events. Each year, her workload and responsibilities increase as the department grows in size and takes on more public safety initiatives. She is available evenings and weekends when needed and is always on call. She is the first to help others with their job functions and duties. She is well respected at the Police Department, Town Hall and in the community. Dina completes her work in a professional, meticulous and timely manner.

Dina has developed and implemented many programs that enhance public safety and provide a safer environment for our citizens in Surfside. Dina manages many of our most successful annual programs such as the Citizens Police Academy, the Halloween Safety Night, the Holiday Toy Drive and Party and the Summer Police Teen Camp. She hosts regularly scheduled on-site programs in Surfside for community blood drives, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles mobile DMV, and DEA Prescription Drug Drop Off Days. She is responsible for the bicycle registration program, dog identification and dog registration programs and the annual Miami-Dade Chiefs of Police dinner.

Her work ethic, dedication, and commitment to the Town, her fellow employees, and residents of Surfside are remarkable. Most important is that Dina is not only one of the best employees in town but she is also an exceptional person! I am proud to have her as my Executive Assistant as well as the Police Department's Civilian of the Year for 2016!

**HIGH ACHIEVERS – JANUARY 2017**

Officer Gentile

Officer Hernandez

Officer Ruiz

Officer Smith

Parking Enforcement Officer Smith

**JANUARY SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS****Grand Theft Arrest**

1/04/2017: 9575 Harding Avenue

After a thorough investigation by the Criminal Investigations Unit, the subject was arrested for stealing \$532.00 of merchandise from a store on 11/20/2016.

**D.U.I. Arrest**

01/07/207: 200 block of 91<sup>st</sup> Street.

During a traffic stop, the officer smelled a strong odor of alcohol on the driver's breath, noticed slow speech and a flush skin tone on his face and the driver was unable to complete roadside sobriety tests due to lack of balance. The subject was arrested for D.U.I.

**Felony Warrant Arrest**

1/17/2017: 95th Street & Abbott Avenue.

While conducting a subject stop of a male leaving a house on Byron Avenue after dark, a records check revealed he had an open warrant from Broward County reference grand theft. It turned out the male was working at the property he was seen leaving.

**Case Update: Grand Theft Arrest**

1/18/17: 77<sup>th</sup> Street and Collins Avenue

Two subjects stole \$1,059.00 of cosmetics from CVS on 1/12/17. One subject was arrested by Miami Beach patrol officers on 1/12/17 on unrelated charges and Surfside detectives added the Grand Theft charge. The second subject was identified and arrested on 1/18/17.

**LEO AWARDS FINALIST**

I am proud to announce that Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph has been selected as a finalist for the annual Miami-Dade County LEO Support Services Award. The winner will be chosen on March 18 at the awards ceremony at Parrot Jungle. Joseph is certainly worthy candidate and one of our best employees in Town. We wish him the best of luck!

**DOLPHINS CANCER CHALLENGE**

The Dolphins Cancer Challenge (DCC), formerly known as the Dolphins Cycling Challenge, was launched in 2010 as the signature initiative of the Miami Dolphins Foundation. The DCC is a way the community can be cancer fighters and 100% of the participant-raised funds goes to innovative cancer research at the Sylvester Cancer Center. Since 2010, the DCC has raised over \$16.5 million dollars.

The event will take place on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Sergeant Alberto will coordinate the event, supervise the officers on the traffic posts and has developed the action plan. Approximately 850 bicycle riders will travel through Surfside over a period of three hours.

**SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS**

The Miami-Dade Police Department began a new initiative for law enforcement agencies to share their experiences in using social media. The North Miami Police Department hosted a meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Sergeant Cruz represented the Surfside Police Department.

The Officer/Civilian of the Year Awards Ceremony and Luncheon is on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Chief Allen will attend the Cleared Chiefs Briefing at the FBI Headquarters on February 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

The supervisory staff meeting is February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the training room.

SPD will host a Mobile Department of Motor Vehicles event for residents to apply for and renew their driver's licenses on February 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The Miami Beach Police Department will host the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The Criminal Investigations Unit will attend.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Sgt. Marian Cruz will assign a detective to attend.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is February 24<sup>th</sup> 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 will host their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Run/Walk on February 26<sup>th</sup>. The race begins at 8:00 a.m. on the beach hard pack east of Community Center. Two on duty officers have been requested to be stationed at the entrances to the beach at 88<sup>th</sup> Street and 96<sup>th</sup> Street.

**TRAINING COMPLETED 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

**TRAINING IN FEBRUARY**

SWAT Training - Sgt. Torres

Sniper Training - Sgt. Torres

Taser Training – Sworn Personnel