

# Bulletin

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**CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2018 – EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF DINA GOLDSTEIN**

Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein successfully managed and oversaw the Police Department's 17th Citizens Police Academy. The participants truly appreciated the thought-provoking and exciting topics, classes and exceptional instructors. The classes were comprised of Fundamentals of Law, K-9 Unit, Fire Rescue and Air Rescue, SWAT/Incident Command Center, Marine Patrol Unit, Crime Scene Investigation, Driving Range, Firearms Range, Homicide Investigation and the Firearms Simulator.

Over the past four months, Executive Assistant Goldstein organized, directed and coordinated the Citizen's Police Academy. Behind the scenes of this program there is an enormous amount of work. The logistics include managing and scheduling classes, instructors, transportation, refreshments, venues, equipment, certificates, thank you correspondence, room set up and the graduation ceremony. This year new instructors were added and new classes were implemented. The workload to continue this program to be successful and enlightening each year is considerable and extremely challenging. Dina did all of this expertly and in addition to her regular duties as the Executive Assistant to the Chief. I commend Dina for her overall dedication to this department and in particular her efforts in leading another successful SPD Citizens Police Academy. Congratulations to Dina as the recipient of Civilian of the Month...well deserved!

**HIGH ACHIEVERS – NOVEMBER 2018**

Officer Donoso  
Officer Durante  
Officer Gentile  
Officer Valino  
Parking Enforcement Officer Acosta

**NOVEMBER SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS**

Narcotics Arrest

11/02/2018 at 0130 hours

9200 block of Collins Avenue

An officer initiated a traffic stop and detected a strong odor of marijuana emitting from inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a total of 58.1 grams of marijuana, cannabis oil extract, a grinder, and a scale. The driver who admitted to the officer that he had just smoked marijuana, was arrested and charged with one count of Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Sell, three counts of Possession of Cannabis Oil, and four counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Intent to Use.

**Bomb Threat**

11/04/2018 at 1657 hours

9293 Harding Avenue

Officers responded to a call of a bomb threat in the parking lots surrounding the police station involving a white van. A bomb sweep utilizing a Police K-9 unit was conducted which did not reveal any explosive devices. The area was deemed safe at approximately 1825 hours. The bomb threat was a hoax.

**Found Property**

11/07/2018 at 0930 hours

9300 block of the beach

A suspicious package, appearing to be cocaine, was found on the shoreline along the 8800 block of the beach and turned into to personnel at the Lifeguard tower. The Miami-Dade Police Department Narcotics Bureau will lead this investigation and took possession of the narcotics from Surfside PD.

**Burglary MV**

11/16/2018 at 0840 hours

9100 block of Abbott Avenue

An unknown subject(s) burglarized an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence. A cellular phone charger was missing from the vehicle.

**LEO AWARDS NOMINEES**

Chief Yero nominated the following outstanding candidates for the 2018 Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police and Law Enforcement Officer Foundation (LEO) Awards which honor and recognize deserving sworn and civilian personnel:

- LEO Investigative Services Award – Sergeant Marian Cruz for her outstanding investigative skills, leadership, work ethic, dedication and commitment to the Town of Surfside
- LEO Uniform Services Award – Officer Micah Smith for being proactive and having keen instincts which led to the arrest of three burglary subjects responsible for three residential burglaries. His exemplary dedication, work ethic and commitment to his profession is commendable.
- LEO Support Services Award – Communications Supervisor Susie Sperbeck for her exceptional management of the Communications Unit, years of service, and dedication to the Town of Surfside.

Congratulations to all! We are very proud and wish all the best of luck!

**LIFE SCAN**

Life Scan testing is taking place from Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE AND GIVEAWAY EVENT**

The Police Department is collecting toys this holiday season for our Tenth Annual Holiday Toy Drive. Please show your support by bringing new unwrapped toys for children ages 1-13 to the Police Department. The last day to donate is Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>. The Holiday Party and Toy Giveaway Event is December 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

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

The Shul of Bal Harbour conducted a Prayer/Memorial Vigil to honor the victims of the tragic shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. The memorial service took place at the Shul of Bal Harbour on November 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Chief Yero had the honor of being asked to present a comforting community message.

The Parks and Recreation Department hosted their annual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Veterans Park. Officer Durante was honored to sing the National Anthem and Officer Luke participated in the Honor Guard. Chief Yero was in attendance.

The supervisory staff meeting was November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The Miami Beach Police Department hosted the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Citizens Police Academy topics included Homicide Investigation, Firearms Simulator. A graduation ceremony took place on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Officer Lorente represented the Surfside Police Department as a member of the Honor Guard at the Celebrity Soccer Match on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the W Hotel in Miami Beach. Officer Carrasquillo assisted with security.

The Miami Beach Police Athletic League hosted their 40<sup>th</sup> annual Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway on November 20<sup>th</sup> at the North Beach Bandshell at 6:00 p.m. Chief Yero and Officer Lorente participated.

The Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police hosted their 5th Annual Veterans Thanksgiving lunch on November 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Marlins Park. This event has Command Staff members from Miami-Dade County police agencies serve homeless veterans a warm Thanksgiving meal. The special day has grown from serving 20 veterans the first year to well over 150 this year. Chief Yero and

Lieutenant Marciante were privileged to serve and share some company with those who gave so much.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting was November 21<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Detective Dulaney attended.

The Surfside Police Department hosted the Southeast Florida Crime Prevention Association monthly meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission Chambers. A guest speaker from the State Attorney's Office discussed Human Trafficking. Detective Dulaney and Executive Assistant Goldstein attended.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride was November 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops was November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

### **SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS IN DECEMBER**

During the holidays, the Police Officer Assistance Trust (POAT) collects donations for the families of fallen officers at several malls in Miami-Dade County. Officer Donoso, Officer Luke and Executive Assistant Goldstein volunteered their time on December 1<sup>st</sup> at Aventura Mall.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a community blood drive on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Shul of Bal Harbour will host a Community Menorah Lighting Ceremony and community event on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Town of Surfside Town Hall municipal parking lot. Chief Yero and Lt. Marciante will attend the event.

The Shul of Bal Harbour will host their annual Community Menorah Lighting Ceremony at their Chanukah Street Fair on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. on 95<sup>th</sup> Street. Chief Yero will attend this event.

The supervisory staff meeting is December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Chief Charles Press, the Key Biscayne Police Department and the Miami Children's Initiative will host a Family Holiday Event on December 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Key Biscayne Beach Park. Lt. Healy and CSA Smith will represent the SPD.

The Surfside Police Department will host a Mobile Department of Motor Vehicles event for residents to apply for and renew their driver's licenses on December 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is December 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is December 27<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.

**TRAINING COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER**

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres

Multi-Agency Field Force Team Training - Sgt. Torres, Det. Gabriel, Det. Gambirazio, Donoso, Ofc. Luke, Ofc. Luke

Bomb Threat Training for Law Enforcement Officers - All Sworn Personnel

Holding Cell Area Panic Alarm and Fire Awareness - All Personnel

Taser (NMBPD), prisoner processing, RPO - All Sworn Personnel

NCIC/FCIC Full Access - Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Lovellette

Risk Protection Order - Sgt. Cruz, Det. Dulaney, Det. Gambirazio

**TRAINING IN DECEMBER**

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

We wish all of you and your families a happy, healthy and safe holiday!