

# Bulletin

# 18-07

Date: July 6, 2018

**MESSAGE FROM CHIEF JULIO YERO**

It is a tremendous honor and privilege to serve as your chief of police. Let me begin by saying how much I appreciate all of the support, kind words and confidence bestowed upon me. Your professionalism and dedication to the SPD has made this transition a success. Having worked with this exceptional staff for close to four years, my respect and admiration for the people and professionals that you are has grows each day. I am fortunate to lead a department that is and has been operating at a high level, well respected, state accredited and most importantly, keeping Surfside safe. Everyone should know that I strongly believe this agency is going in the right direction and expect it to remain the course. I believe that actions speak louder than words and I look forward to proving my commitment to you every day! I am confident that together we can overcome any obstacle and turn any challenges into opportunities to grow as a department.

**HIGH ACHIEVERS – JUNE 2018**

Officer Donoso  
Officer Durante  
Officer Gentile  
Officer Hernandez  
Officer Lorente  
Officer Lovellette  
Officer Matthews  
Officer McGavern  
Officer Valino

**JUNE SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS**

Battery on Law Enforcement Officer / Simple Battery / Disorderly Conduct / Resisting Arrest without Violence - Arrest

06/01/2018 at 1345 hours

9400 Harding Avenue – Publix

The assistant manager witnessed a female customer push a male customer on the chest multiple times. The female began yelling obscenities while officers were on scene, even after being told multiple times to stop and leave the area. The female refused and while she was being placed in custody, she began to resist arrest. She scratched officers' arms and kicked their legs. Then while sitting in the back of the police car she freed one of her hands from the handcuff. The female was arrested.

Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon / Aggravated Assault / Battery on L.E.O.  
Arrest

06/07/2018 at 2130 hours

8900 block of Collins Avenue

Officers responded to a call of a subject threatening a victim with a pair of scissors. The pregnant victim reported that the female subject, who is unknown to her threatened her with a pair of scissors. Both parties were on scene when officers arrived. While being taken into custody, the female subject became combative and belligerent. Later while at the station, the female subject threatened two officers and spit on another. While at the jail, the female subject continued to be combative, resulting in the corrections staff having to process her through the violent offender program.

Auto Burglary

06/10/2018 at 1930 – 06/11/2018 at 1230 hours

9000 block of Abbott Avenue

An unlocked vehicle was burglarized and a .380 caliber, Sig Sauer P938 firearm (valued at \$1,200.00 dollars) and a pair of Gucci Sunglasses (valued at \$400.00 dollars) were stolen from the vehicle. The firearm was entered as stolen into FCIC/NCIC. This case is currently under investigation.

Aggravated Battery - Arrest

06/12/2018 1323 hours

8800 block of Collins Avenue

The victim and subject were having an argument, at which point the victim decided to walk away from the subject. The subject attacked the victim from behind, hitting him on the face with a metal vase which caused the victim to suffer a large laceration on his cheek. The subject was arrested and charged with Aggravated Battery. The victim was also arrested for an active bench warrant out of Broward County for driving under the influence.

Suspicious Incident

06/12/2018 at 1730 hours

92nd Street and Carlyle Avenue

The victim reported that while walking his dogs he was approached by a newer model black Yukon. The occupants were described as a white male (not Hispanic), a slim female (possibly middle eastern) and two children. The driver of the vehicle stopped alongside the reporter and asked him for directions to the nearest hospital. The female passenger then exited the vehicle and told the reporter that she was from Dubai and wanted to wish him good luck by wrapping a gold necklace on his wrist. The reporter allowed the female to wrap his wrist but noticed that she managed to unbuckle and remove a \$30,000.00-dollar Rolex from his wrist. The reporter immediately grabbed his watch and placed it in his pants pocket as the female tried to dispel his alarm by placing a gold ring on his finger. The reporter told the female he was going to call police which caused her to get back in the vehicle and they fled the area.

**Suspicious Incident**

06/16/2018 at 1745 hours

9500 block of Abbott Avenue

An anonymous complainant contacted Surfside Police to report that a black SUV, driven by a white male with tattoos, was stopped on the 9500 block of Abbott Avenue. The complainant reported there was a female in the SUV holding a child. The male driver attempted to sell jewelry to a pedestrian walking in the vicinity but was unsuccessful. Surfside officers saturated the area but did not locate the vehicle. The vehicle description matched another incident where the parties attempted to steal a Rolex watch.

**Battery on L.E.O. / Resisting Arrest with Violence / Criminal Mischief - Arrest**

06/19/2018 1325 hours

89th Street and Collins Avenue

Officers responded to a road rage incident. The male passenger of one of two vehicles involved, damaged the other driver's side mirror by hitting it with a hammer. As an officer was placing that subject in handcuffs, his father who was also on scene began walking towards the officer aggressively and ignored multiple orders from the officer to stop. The father swung at the officer and hit the officer on the shoulder. A struggle between the father and officers ensued while placing him in handcuffs. The father and son were both arrested.

**Burglary - Arrest**

06/21/2018 at 0951 hours

9500 block of Abbott Avenue

Officers responded to a call of a male sleeping inside the backyard shed of an unoccupied house under construction. The complainant saw the male exit the shed of the house, in possession of an unopened package which belonged to the home. The male told officers that he is homeless and used to reside in the north end of Miami Beach, but came to Surfside in search of a vacant house to stay in. The male was arrested.

**Grand Theft**

06/21/2018 at 1950 - 2020 hours

9500 block of Harding Avenue

The victim posted his Rolex watch for sale on Craigslist and met with a male who expressed interest in purchasing the watch. After meeting with the male, the victim became suspicious of how quickly buyer left so he removed the \$4,900.00 dollars in U.S. currency from the envelope and noticed the bills did not appear authentic. The counterfeit bills were impounded and the U.S. Secret Service was contacted. This case is currently under investigation.

**PERSONNEL UPDATE**

Julio Yero was appointed Chief of Police in a swearing in ceremony held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at in the Commission Chambers. Chief Yero first joined the Surfside Police Department as a young officer in 1986. He transferred to the Miami Beach Police Department a couple years later, fulfilling his dream of working alongside his father and brother who also served distinguished careers with the Miami Beach PD. After his retirement from the Miami Beach Police Department, Chief Yero returned to Surfside as Police Captain in November of 2014.

Lieutenant John Bambis was promoted to the rank of Captain. Captain Bambis began his law enforcement career as an officer with the Miami Beach Police Department in 1989, and he retired as a Major of Police before joining the Surfside Police Department in April of 2015.

Officer Juan Duran was sworn in as Surfside's newest Police Officer on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> in the Commission Chambers. Officer Juan Duran graduated from the Miami Dade College School of Justice Police Academy, BLE 342, on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Well done Juan and we are proud of you!

Congratulations are in order for Officer Loxley Arch who completed his 25<sup>th</sup> year of service with the Town of Surfside on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. A lunch was held in his honor on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

**FOURTH OF JULY**

On Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department hosted their annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday Celebration featuring live music, activities including arts and crafts, swim races and much more. The event concluded with a fantastic beachside fireworks exhibition at 9:00 p.m. This event draws hundreds of families and visitors.

Additional police officers were assigned from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to ensure safety and security at the Community Center, on the beach, during the fireworks set-up and display, beach escorts for trucks carrying equipment to the Community Center and on Collins Avenue to assist with pedestrian crossing.

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

The Police Teen Summer Program in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Teen Camp began on June 14<sup>th</sup> and concludes on August 2<sup>nd</sup> with a graduation for the teenagers. The presentations for July will include Crime Scene Investigation, U.S. Customs and Borders Marine Interdiction, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Venom Unit, a S.W.A.T. Presentation and a visit to U.S. Customs and Borders at the Homestead Air Force Base.

A Meet and Greet with the new Chief of Police will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Commission Chambers.

The Surfside Police Department will host a community blood drive on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. The blood mobile will be in the Town Hall lot.

The supervisory staff meeting is July 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the training room.

The Coral Gables Police Department will host the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Sgt. Marian Cruz will assign a detective to attend.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is July 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is July 26<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 JUNE**

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres

Crisis Intervention Team Training for Communications Personnel – C/O Castillo

Less Lethal Shotgun Training – B Squad and D Squad

Field Force Training – Sgt. Torres, Det. Gambirazio, Det. Gabriel, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Lorente, Ofc. Luke, Ofc. Ruiz

FDLE Mandatory Retraining – All Sworn Officers

Background Investigations in Public Safety: What, How, WHY (Webinar) - Sgt. Cruz, Det. Dulaney & Gambirazio

WebEOC & Municipal Branch Training – Det. Dulaney

MDC CIT Firearms Laws Review – Sgt. Cruz

UCR - Input System (Webinar) – Sgt. Cruz

#### **TRAINING IN JULY**

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres

Handgun Tactics – Ofc. Durante