

Bulletin

18-06

Date: June 4, 2018

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF ALLEN

As you all know, I will retire on June 30, 2018 from the department. It was my honor and privilege to serve with each of you over the past eleven plus years. Your support, dedication and effort caused significant improvement in all areas of the police department through the years. That progress is evident with the Surfside Police Department in the quality and increased number of personnel hired, the equipment and vehicles supplemented, the enhancement of training, law enforcement accreditation, the engagement and partnership with the community, the successful community events and crime prevention programs developed and sustained, the support of the Town Commission and Town administration and our overall professional respect in the law enforcement in Miami-Dade County. Captain Yero will take over the reins of the department on July 1, 2018 as the new Police Chief. Lieutenant Bambis will be promoted to Captain of Police. Lieutenant Marciante will be an integral part of the command staff and a second lieutenant will be hired when the background has been completed. The new command staff will continue to provide excellent leadership and direction for the police department. Please give them your full support and assistance. In closing, the Surfside Police Department has been the highlight of my career and a second family to me. After spending forty years in law enforcement it is just time to spend more time with my family. I thank all of you again for making my years as your Chief of Police a challenging and special part of my life. Please watch out for each other and always stay safe!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – MAY 2018

Officer Carrasquillo
Officer Donoso
Officer Durante
Officer Gentile
Officer Hernandez
Officer Lovellette
Officer Matthews
Officer McGavern
Officer Smith
Officer Valino

MAY SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS**Burglary Arrest**

05/09/2018 at 0800 hours

9500 block of Collins Avenue

Officers responded to a call of a suspicious male who was captured on surveillance video entering multiple apartments in the building. The male was also observed taking a beach chair from a balcony. The male was located by officers near the bushes on the east side of the building. He was interviewed by officers and confessed to entering units and taking the chair. The male was arrested and charged with unoccupied burglary to a dwelling.

Hit & Run Arrest

05/09/2018 at 1605 hours

89th Street and Harding Avenue

Officers responded to a call of a Hit and Run. The victim had a visible hand injury that was bleeding heavily. The victim gave a description of the subject and the vehicle to officers. The subject's vehicle was located minutes later parked in the driveway of a residence in the residential neighborhood. The subject made an apparent attempt to remove any evidence from his vehicle which was freshly wet with the lawn hose still in the driveway next to the vehicle. However, there were still drops of what appeared to be fresh blood on the hood of the vehicle which was later collected by Miami Beach Crime Scene. When confronted by officers, the subject stated that his vehicle only "touched" the victim. The victim identified the subject as the male who struck him with his vehicle and fled the scene. The male was arrested and charged with one count of leaving the scene of a crash with injuries.

Stolen Vehicle Recovery

05/15/2018 at 0753 hours

600 block of 91st Street

Officers responded to a call of an unoccupied suspicious vehicle left running at the above location. A record check of the vehicle revealed it was reported stolen to the City of Miami Police Department. The City of Miami Police Department was notified of the recovery and the vehicle was towed to Beach Towing.

Stolen Vehicle

05/18/2018 at 0940 hours

200 block of 88th Street

The victim parked his vehicle in the 200 block of 88th Street at approximately 0005 hours and discovered that it was stolen when he returned at approximately 0940 hours. There are no witnesses to this incident and no CCTV that cover the area where the vehicle was parked. This case is currently under investigation.

Residential (Distraction) Burglary
05/27/2018 between 1600 hours and 1620 hours
1300 block of Biscaya Drive

A young white male, who looked to be in his teens knocked on her door of a residence and asked the homeowner if she remembered him. He told her he used to be her next-door neighbor and asked for her husband by name referring to him as uncle. The victim believed that she recognized the subject as a previous neighbor of hers and asked him to come in. The victim offered the subject mangos from her tree to take to his mother. The subject told her that he had a plastic bag inside of his vehicle and that he would be right back. The victim gave the subject mangos and the subject left a short time later. That evening the victim went upstairs to her bedroom and noticed her closet was ransacked and her vanity drawers were pried open. Approximately \$30,000.00 dollars' worth of jewelry and \$650.00 dollars in U.S. currency was stolen. Miami Beach Crime Scene responded and processed the area, obtaining one latent finger print. This case is currently under investigation.

Animal Cruelty
05/26/2018 1825 hours
250 95th Street – Post Office parking lot

A new born puppy was found in a garbage bag in the dumpster. Two other puppies were found in the bag but were deceased. There are no witnesses to this incident and no CCTV that cover the area. The complainant volunteered to care for the puppy after attempts were made to contact Miami Dade Animal Services and the Humane Society. This case is currently under investigation.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Antonio Marciante has been hired as a new Lieutenant of Police and will begin on June 4, 2018. Lt. Marciante will be sworn in on June 5, 2018 and report to Lt. Bambis for orientation and training. Lt. Marciante recently retired from the North Miami Police Department as a Major of Police in command of the Operations Division. He was also the Emergency Operations Center Commander. He has served in the U. S. Coast Guard, has a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Please welcome Lt. Marciante aboard the Surfside Police Department.

Sgt. Rory Alberto is back from military leave and has been assigned to Lt. Bambis. Due to additional upcoming military leave Sgt. Alberto will not be assigned to Patrol at this time.

Police Trainee Juan Duran will graduate from the Basic Law Enforcement Police Academy class# 342 on June 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Miami Dade College North Campus. Police Officer Duran upon graduation will report to Lt. Bambis for orientation and training. Congratulations to Juan!

SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Miami-Dade County Emergency Operations Center is hosting a regional Hurricane Strategy meeting on June 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Florida International University. Lieutenant Bambis will attend.

The Police Department will host a Hurricane Preparedness and Emergency Operations Center Community Information Meeting on June 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. Lt. Bambis will oversee the meeting.

The Police Teen Summer Program in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Teen Camp begins on June 14th and concludes on August 2nd with a graduation for the teenagers. The presentations will include K-9, Crime Scene Investigation, Fundamentals of Law and visits to the Coast Guard Air Base and Fire Rescue Department Station 25 in Opa Locka and U.S. Customs and Borders at the Homestead Air Force Base.

The supervisory staff meeting is June 14th at 5:00 p.m. in the training room.

The Do the Right Thing Summer Salute Awards will be on June 15th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Jungle Island. A member of the command staff will attend.

A retirement luncheon in honor of Chief David Allen will be on June 20th at 12:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is June 20th at 2:00 p.m. Sgt. Marian Cruz will assign a detective to attend.

The Pinecrest Police Department will host the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on June 21st at 10:00 a.m. Sgt. Marian Cruz will assign a detective to attend.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is June 27th at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is June 28th 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 MAY

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres

Diversity in the Workplace – All personnel

FDLE Mandatory retraining: Autism Spectrum Disorders & Interviews, Fentanyl Safety, Officer Ethics, Eyewitness ID, Diabetic Emergency, Elder Abuse, Florida Silver Alert Training, Intro to Human Trafficking – All Sworn Personnel

FDLE Mandatory retraining: Discriminatory Profiling & Professional Traffic Stops, Domestic Violence, Juvenile Sexual Offender & Physiological Response Dynamics Training – All Sworn Personnel

FDLE Elective Training - All Sworn Personnel

Less Lethal Shotgun Training – Sgt. Cruz, Sgt. Matelis, Det. Dulaney, Det. Gambirazio, Ofc. Hernandez, Ofc. Lovellette, Ofc. Matthews, Ofc. McGavern

Active Shooter Training - Ofc. Donoso

TRAINING IN JUNE

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres

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