

Bulletin

18-05

Date: May 6, 2018

OFFICER OF THE MONTH – APRIL 2018 - OFFICER JOHN GENTILE

On the night of Wednesday, April 11th, 2018 at approximately 2100hrs, a Bay Harbor Islands Police officer advised the Surfside Police Department that upon responding to a barking dog call he observed a dog in distress swimming along the seawall in the area of the 9400/9500 Block of Bay Drive. Officer John Gentile arrived in the area moments later. Officer Gentile observed the dog swimming southbound in the waterway behind the 9300 Block of Bay Drive. The dog was struggling and unable to exit the water onto land. Officer Gentile entered other back yards and also saw the dog, however were not able to grab him as the docks were too high above the water. Officers lost visual of the dog as he kept swimming and Officer Gentile requested the assistance of the Indian Creek Police Marine Unit. Officer Gentile then moved further south in the 9300 Block of Bay Drive and entered a backyard where he discovered a plastic floating dock. Officer Gentile saw the dog swimming toward him, jumped down on the floating dock and was able to grab the dog by a harness and pull him out of the water. The dog, Max, had a tag with a Surfside address. Officer Gentile responded to the address and returned the dog to the owner who was unaware of the incident and was very appreciative that Officer Gentile's selfless actions saved his dog's life. Officer Gentile's quick actions, determination and lack of concern for his own safety resulted in locating and saving the dog's life. Congratulations to Officer John Gentile as the recipient of Officer of the Month...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – APRIL 2018

Officer Arch
Officer Donoso
Officer Durante
Officer Lorente
Officer Smith
Officer Valino
Parking Enforcement Officer Castro

APRIL SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Occupied Residential Burglary

04/06/2018 between 1730 - 1900 hours

9400 block of Carlyle Avenue

An unknown male subject entered a residence, while the elderly female home owner was inside. She observed the subject who she could only describe as a black male, walk through the home and exit via the front door. During this same time, the elderly male home owner was in the front yard watering the plants and had the front door unlocked and slightly ajar. Two Rolex watches, two gold necklaces, and a wallet containing miscellaneous credit cards were taken along with approximately \$700.00 dollars in U.S. currency. Their adult son, who lives with them, received a notification from his bank alerting him to a possible fraudulent transaction at Target. A need to identify flyer was distributed to neighboring police departments, a Community Awareness Flyer was disseminated and a media interview was conducted on the incident. This case is currently under investigation.

Leaving Scene of Crash involving Injury and DWLS w/knowledge Arrest

04/11/2018 at 1400 hours

94th Street and Collins Avenue

Officers responded to a call of a Hit and Run with injuries where a bicyclist was hit by a vehicle. The victim was found lying on the side walk with scratches and abrasions and his bicycle was 50 feet away from him. Multiple witnesses observed a vehicle veer to the side of the road and strike the victim, who was riding his bicycle on the sidewalk. A B.O.L.O. was issued and momentarily a Bal Harbour officer advised he was behind the vehicle. The driver refused to pull over and after stopping ignored officers' commands. The subject was apprehended after being tased. An open container of alcohol, a large amount of marijuana, prescription medication, and a large quantity of cash were discovered inside the subject's vehicle. A records check revealed the subject had a suspended driver's license. The subject was arrested and charged with one count of leaving the scene of a crash involving injury and one count of driving while license suspended with knowledge by SPD and charged with several felonies by Bal Harbour Police Department.

Special Incident

04/11/2018 at 2108 hours

9300 - 9400 block of Bay Drive - Waterway

Officers were dispatched to a call of a dog in distress in the intercoastal water, along the seawall. Officers arrived, located the dog, and were able to jump down onto a plastic floating dock to pull the dog out of the water and onto dry land saving the dog's life. An officer located the owner of the dog and safely returned the dog back to its owner.

Suspicious Incident

04/13/2018 at 1050 hours

9000 block of Collins Avenue

A female employee of the hotel stated that on 03/28/2018 at approximately 0000 hours, while sitting at the bus stop waiting for the bus she was approached by a male. The male engaged her in conversation, asking several personal questions. The male then grabbed the female by the arm and told her "You're going to the beach with me", to which the female replied "no". The male made the statement several more times while holding onto her right arm. The bus arrived and the female was able to board the bus and leave the area with no further incident. On 04/12/2018, during a separate incident the same male was trespassed from hotel. On 04/13/2018, the employee reported her incident to the hotel security director after seeing the male at the hotel the previous day because she was afraid. A Suspicious Incident flyer was generated and distributed to surrounding jurisdictions.

Grand Theft

04/16/2018 at 1215 hours

9400 block of Harding Avenue

Unknown subject(s) stole a purse from a stool near the rear entrance of a store. The purse contained the victim's wedding rings, a wallet with multiple credit cards, the victim's passport, social security card, and a pair of sunglasses. A total value of \$16,000.00 dollars. A short time after the theft, two male subjects were captured by CCTV attempting to use the victim's credit cards at the Walmart in Hallandale and at the Target and Best Buy in Aventura. A Need to Identify flyer was distributed to neighboring police departments, a Community Awareness Flyer was disseminated and a media interview was conducted on the incident. This case is currently under investigation.

Bench Warrant/ Fugitive Out of State Warrant Arrests

04/27/2018 0124 hours

95th Street on the beach

While conducting a beach check, an officer made contact with a male and a female sleeping on the beach. A records check revealed the male had an active bench warrant reference disorderly conduct and resisting officer without violence. A records check revealed the female had an active felony warrant reference fraud out of Georgia. Both subjects were arrested.

Auto Burglary

04/28/2018 between 0800 - 1000 hours

9500 block of Abbott Avenue

The victim reported that while driving towards his home in Miami, he noticed that the bag he had left on the passenger side floor was missing. He then checked his trunk and also noticed that more items were missing. The victim returned to Surfside to report the incident and informed the officer that he was not sure whether or not he left his vehicle locked or unlocked. A total value of \$335.00 dollars. This incident is currently under investigation.

SHIFT BID

The Patrol Shift Bid process has been completed and was effective April 23, 2018.

A Squad

Acting Sergeant Campbell
Officer Arch
Officer Carrasquillo
Officer Colonna
Officer Valino
Communications Supervisor Sperbeck

B Squad

Sergeant Torres
Officer Donoso
Officer Durante
Officer Lorente
Officer Luke
Communications Operator Burnell

C Squad

Sergeant Matelis
Officer Hernandez
Officer Lovellette
Officer Matthews
Officer McGavern
Communications Operator Castillo(TRN)

D Squad

Sergeant Pacheco
Officer Gentile
Officer Knight
Officer Ruiz
Officer Smith
Communications Operator Villar

NATIONAL POLICE APPRECIATION MONTH

May is the month where the Nation celebrates Memorial Day and National Police Appreciation Month.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.

Locally there are several events to honor the men and women of law enforcement.

The Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was established in 1980 to honor fallen officers from every police department and law enforcement agency within Miami- Dade County. In 2001, four black granite walls were erected; etched with the names of the gallant men and women who died serving the citizens of their community.

The Eternal Blue Line Flag will be flown over Surfside Town Hall in the honor of the fallen officers for the month of May.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES

Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph and Police Intern Marisol Rodriguez will graduate from college on May 5, 2018. Joseph will receive a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from Barry University and Marisol will receive a Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management degree and a Business Specialist-Human Resources certification from Miami Dade College. Congratulations to both graduates!

SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Police Officer Assistance Trust and the Law Enforcement Officers Under Authority Ministry hosted the 18th Annual Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Prayer Breakfast on May 1st at 8:30 a.m. at the Big Five Club in Miami. Sgt. Cruz attended and represented the Surfside Police Department.

The North Miami Police Department hosted a Memorial ceremony in honor of fallen North Miami Police Officers on May 1st at 9:00 a.m. Lt. Bambis attended.

The Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers hosted Prayer with a Cop on May 3rd from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sgt. Cruz attended as the representative of the Surfside Police Department Honor Guard.

The Miami-Dade Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony was on May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at Tropical Park. The Police Command staff, Sgt. Matelis and Ofc. Lorente as the representative of the Surfside Police Department Honor Guard attended.

The 2018 North Miami Annual Hurricane Tabletop exercise to discuss Lessons Learned from Hurricane Irma was held on May 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in North Miami. Lt. Bambis attended.

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

The 60th Annual Law Day Celebration is May 11th at 10:00 a.m. at the North Dade Justice Center. Captain Yero will attend.

The Florida Highway Patrol will host the Northeast Community Traffic Safety Programs (CTST) multiagency traffic enforcement/education operation in support of the FDOT Drive Safe- Aggressive Driving Awareness Campaign on May 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Miami. Officer Lorente will participate.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is May 23rd at 2:00 p.m. Sgt. Marian Cruz will assign a detective to attend.

The North Miami Police Department will host the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on May 24th at 10:00 a.m. Sgt. Marian Cruz will assign a detective to attend.

Surfside Police Officers will be assigned to assist the Miami Beach Police Department at their Memorial Day Air and Sea Show and Urban Weekend.

The Police Command Staff and Honor Guard will attend the Annual Town of Surfside Memorial Day event on May 28th at 10:00 a.m. at Veterans' Park.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is May 30th at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is May 31st 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 APRIL

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres

FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association Training Conference – Captain Yero

Enhanced Mobile Field Force Training – Sergeant Torres

Executive/Administrative Professional CORE 1 Training – EA Goldstein

FCIC/NCIC Full Access training – Sgt. Matelis and Sgt. Pacheco

Introduction to UCR Training – Sgt. Cruz

Top 10 Tips for CLEAR – Sgt. Cruz and Det. Gambirazio

Crowd Control Techniques Training – Sgt. Torres

Parking Handheld Update Training – Parking Manger Joseph and PEO's Acosta, Castro, and Perez

TRAINING IN MAY

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres

Diversity in the Workplace – All personnel

Less Lethal Shotgun Training – All Sworn Personnel

Mandatory FDLE Retraining – Lt. Bambis, Sergeants Pacheco and Torres and Officers Gabriel, Gentile, Hernandez, Luke and Matthews

- Discriminatory Profiling and Professional Traffic Stops
- Domestic Violence
- Juvenile Sexual Offender
- Physiological Response Dynamics Training