

Bulletin

19-08

Date: August 5, 2019

OFFICER OF THE MONTH - JULY 2019 – ACTING SERGEANT TAMMY CAMPBELL

On the morning of Thursday, July 18, 2019, at approximately 1119 hours, patrol officers were dispatched to the 9500 block of Collins Avenue in regards to a male on the construction site who was possibly electrocuted and having difficulty breathing. Acting Sergeant Tammy Campbell was the supervisor on duty and immediately responded to the location. Acting Sergeant Campbell ensured Fire Rescue was in route along with additional officers to set up a command post. Acting Sergeant Campbell proceeded to the top floor of the construction area, where paramedics were attempting to revive the male. Once it was confirmed the male had passed away, Acting Sergeant Campbell immediately took charge of the scene, ensuring the witnesses were isolated from other workers, summoned detectives to the scene for interviews, and made sure OSHA was notified of the incident and responding.

Minutes later, a second call for service was broadcasted in reference to a suicidal male armed with a handgun. The information received was a male was on the telephone with a crisis counselor and parked in a vehicle in the area of 94th Street and Collins Avenue. Acting Sergeant Campbell heard the broadcast of the call and immediately assumed command of that situation as well. She responded to the area where the male was on the phone with a crisis counselor. After locating the vehicle, Acting Sergeant Campbell coordinated communication via the dispatcher to give the male specific instructions prior to exiting his vehicle. After a few minutes, the male began to exit the vehicle. Acting Sergeant Campbell directed officers on scene and issued verbal commands to the male, who was taken into custody without incident. Officers located a loaded firearm in the vehicle. The male was transported to the hospital for further evaluation.

The following day, the male showed up at the police station to retrieve his firearm. Acting Sergeant Campbell immediately notified the command staff of the situation and subsequently discovered the subject had additional firearms in his vehicle that was parked at the police station. He advised he wanted to retrieve his handgun and sell all of his firearms. Acting Sergeant Campbell established a good rapport with the male who subsequently made the decision to turn over all his firearms to the police department for destruction.

These events are examples of how Acting Sergeant Campbell operates on a daily basis. The leadership and calmness she displayed especially in the time of crisis are second to none. She responded and managed two critical incidents back to back seamlessly and prioritized her responsibilities. Once the suicidal male call was stabilized, Acting Sergeant Campbell returned to the scene of the electrocution and continued to coordinate scene security for the duration of the investigation while managing other calls for service.

These are attributes supervisors acquire with years of experience and Acting Sergeant Campbell has honed these skills utilizing them on a daily basis. She is to be commended for her ability to supervise multiple critical incidents simultaneously along with her leadership, professionalism and communication skills. Congratulations to Acting Sergeant Tammy Campbell as the recipient of Officer of the Month...well deserved!

CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH - JULY 2019 – PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DONOVAN SAFFO

Parking Enforcement Officer (PEO) Donovan Saffo's responsibilities are to enforce State and County parking laws and ordinances regarding Town of Surfside on-street and off-street parking spaces, monitor and enforce parking violations within the residential neighborhood, assist in the maintenance of the Parking Pay Stations and Single Space Meters, and perform traffic related duties. PEO Saffo has been observed by his supervisors and command staff of the Surfside Police Department performing his work to a very high standard while displaying a strong work ethic. PEO Saffo has repeatedly been on the Police Chief's High Achievers monthly acknowledgment list during 2019 for the quantity and quality of work he has performed. PEO Saffo has established excellent working relationships with his coworkers and supervisors. He treats everyone with the utmost respect, especially those he interacts with while issuing parking citations. The Police Department has received emails from citizens regarding the appropriate and professional manner in which PEO Saffo has handled parking and traffic issues. PEO Saffo was selected as the July 2019 Civilian of the Month for performing his duties at the highest level consistently, his outstanding work ethic and for his professionalism. Congratulations to Parking Enforcement Officer Donovan Saffo as the recipient of Civilian of the Month...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – JULY 2019

Officer Carrasquillo
Officer Donoso
Officer Durante
Officer Hernandez
Parking Enforcement Officer Saffo

SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS**Auto Burglary**

Between 07/08/2019 2000 hours – 07/09/2019 1200 hours

8900 block of Carlyle Avenue

Unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle and stole a Ruger .380 handgun, and magazine, from the glove box. The handgun was entered into FCIC/NCIC as stolen by the Surfside Police communications operator. The officer conducted an area canvass of the 8900 block of Carlyle Avenue, which revealed no investigative leads.

Death Investigation

07/18/2019 at 1122 hours

9500 block of Collins Avenue (The Shul Construction Site)

Officers responded to a call of a construction worker who had been electrocuted. Upon officers arrival, the male was located on the upper level of the building under construction. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue responded and despite their strongest efforts the male was pronounced deceased on scene. The construction site was shut down, cleared of all workers, and cordoned off as an active crime scene. Miami-Dade Police Department Homicide detectives were responded and assumed the lead investigative role. OSHA was contacted and an investigator responded. Miami-Dade Fire Department personnel assisted in removing the body.

Stolen Motorcycle

07/27/2019 at 2329 hours

9000 block of Collins Avenue

A motorcycle was stolen from a building's underground parking lot. The motorcycle is a red and white 2018 Honda XBR, valued at \$8,000.00 dollars.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Officer Andres Mendoza was sworn in as Surfside's newest police officer on July 29, 2019 in the Commission Chambers. We welcome Officer Mendoza to the Surfside Police Department family.

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

The July presentations for the Police Teen Summer Camp included Crime Scene Investigation, visits to the U.S. Coast Guard Air Base and Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department Station 25 in Opa Locka and the North Miami Beach Police Department for a presentation on the MRAP, SWAT Truck and the role of motorcycle officers.

The supervisory staff meeting was July 11th at 5:00 p.m.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops was July 25th at 10:00 a.m.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride was July 31st at 5:00 p.m.

Det. Dulaney attended the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting hosted by the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department on July 30th at 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS IN AUGUST

The 11th Annual Police Teen Summer Camp graduated on August 1st at 12:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The supervisory staff meeting is August 13th at 5:00 p.m.

The North Miami Police Department will host the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on August 14th at 10:00 a.m.

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 August 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Surfside Police Department will host a community blood drive on August 21st from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is August 28th at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is August 29th 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 JULY

SWAT Training – Sgt. Torres

Annual Firearms Qualifications/FDLE Use of Force/Scenario Firearms Training – Chief Yero, Lt. Healy, Ofc. Hernandez, Ofc. Luke

Field Force Training – Sgt. Torres, Det. Gambirzio, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Luke

Active Shooter Training in North Bay Village – Sgt. Matelis, Sgt. Torres, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Gentile, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Ruiz, Ofc. Smith

Legal Bulletin 2019-05: Legal Eagle on PowerDMS - All Personnel

Legal Bulletin 2019-06: New laws on PowerDMS - All Personnel

Legal Bulletin 2019-07: Texting While Driving on PowerDMS - All Personnel

Chief's Legal Note 2019-01 Marsy's Law Memo on PowerDMS - All Personnel

Stress Management and Mental Health Training on PowerDMS - All Personnel

National Child Passenger Safety Seat Certification – Ofc. Durante

Post-Attack Analysis Case Studies - Det. Dulaney

Multi-Agency Mass Casualty Active Threat Training Drill - Sgt. Cruz, Det. Dulaney, Det. Gambirzio

National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Training – Sgt. Cruz

Infectious Disease Training – Sgt. Lorente, Ofc. Hernandez, Ofc. Lovellette, Ofc. Matthews, Ofc. Valino