

Bulletin

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CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2019 – EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF DINA GOLDSTEIN

Over the past four months, Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein organized, managed, directed and coordinated the Police Department's 18th Annual Citizens Police Academy. As in the past, the CPA participants enjoyed thought-provoking and thrilling topics presented by exceptional instructors. The classes included Fundamentals of Law, Homicide Investigation, Crime Scene Investigation, Use of Force, Active Shooter Response Training and Fraud. They also experienced the Police Driving Range, Firearms Simulator and deployed a Taser. Additionally, participants had interactive presentations by MDFD Fire Rescue and Air Rescue, SWAT, Incident Command Center, K-9 Unit and the Marine Patrol Unit.

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, classroom 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 informative 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. Dina's overall dedication to this department and in particular her efforts in leading another successful SPD Citizens Police Academy is commendable. Congratulations to Executive Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein as the recipient of Civilian of the Month...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – NOVEMBER 2019

Officer Donoso
Officer Hernandez
Officer Knight
Officer Luke
Parking Enforcement Officer Saffo

SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Auto Theft/Leaving Scene of Accident/DWLS Arrest

11/03/2019 at 0100 hours

900 block of 88th Street

Officers responded to a call of a hit and run. Officers discovered three vehicles involved. Prior to the officers arriving, the subject fled his vehicle on foot but was quickly followed by a witness and brought back to the scene. The investigation determined the subject crashed into a parked vehicle on Biscaya Drive, then made a U-turn and traveled a short distance and crashed into another parked vehicle on 88th Street, at a high rate of speed. All three vehicles involved had extensive damage. A records check revealed that the subject was driving a stolen vehicle reported by Miami Beach. The male subject was arrested.

Update: Battery by Strangulation Domestic Violence Arrest

11/25/2019 at 1210 hours

9293 Harding Avenue

On 11/24/2019, officers responded to a battery in progress between a boyfriend and girlfriend. The victim stated that the male/boyfriend had choked her and threatened to kill her with a firearm. The victim was observed to have abrasions to her neck and chin area. Officers made contact with the male and discovered that he had a semi-automatic 45 ACP pistol concealed on his person. Consent was given by the male to search his vehicle and a semi-automatic AR-15 rifle was found in the truck of the car. The subject was arrested. The weapons were impounded into the Property and Evidence Unit. On 11/25/2019, an additional charge for battery by strangulation was added. The additional charge was regarding a previous similar incident involving the same victim which occurred on 04/26/2019.

Grand Theft Auto Arrest

11/25/2019 at 2010 hours

8900 block of Dickens Avenue

During a traffic stop, a records check of the vehicle revealed it had been stolen on 11/21/2019, from Hollywood, FL. The driver stated that she recently purchased the vehicle. However, the victim reported that after he received a \$200.00 dollar deposit from the driver, the driver never returned to satisfy the remaining debt of \$4,700.00 dollars. The driver was arrested.

Auto Theft: 193479

Between 11/26/2019 at 1730 - 11/27/2019 at 0700 hours

600 block of 95th Street

Unknown suspect(s) stole a vehicle from the driveway of a residence. The vehicle was left unlocked with the keys inside. There are no video surveillance cameras at the property. A BOLO was broadcasted on the radio and the vehicle was entered as stolen into the FCIC/NCIC system.

LEO AWARDS NOMINEES

Chief Yero nominated the following outstanding candidates in the following categories for the 2019 Law Enforcement Officer Foundation (LEO) Award which honors and recognizes deserving sworn and civilian personnel:

- LEO Investigative Services Award – Sergeant Marian Cruz and Detective Diana Dulaney for their outstanding investigative skills, work ethic, dedication and commitment to the Town of Surfside
- LEO Uniform Services Award – Officer Tammy Campbell for her leadership and handling of emergency situations with proficiency and calmness. Her dedication to law enforcement and commitment to the Town of Surfside are commendable.
- LEO Support Services Award – Parking Enforcement Officer Josue Castro for his professionalism, high level of customer service, dedication to the community he serves, and commitment to the Town of Surfside.

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

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE AND GIVEAWAY EVENT

The Police Department is collecting toys this holiday season for our 11th 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 Thursday, December 19th. The Holiday Party and Toy Giveaway Event is December 20th at 3:30 p.m.

LIFE SCAN

Life Scan testing will take place between December 16th and December 18th. The patient packets and LabCorp locations have been provided to the participants.

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The 18th Annual Citizens Police Academy classes in November included Firearms Simulator, Homicide Investigation, NMB Incident Command Center, Use of Force, and culminated with a class graduation on November 21st.

The supervisory staff meeting was November 12th at 5:00 p.m.

Det. Dulaney attended the Police/ Prosecutor meeting on November 20th at 2:00 p.m.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride was November 20th at 5:00 p.m.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops was November 21st at 10:00 a.m.

Det. Dulaney attended the Aventura Police Department Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on November 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

The Miami Beach Police Athletic League hosted its 41st Annual Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway on November 26th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the North Shore Park and Youth Center. NRO Durante attended the event and represented the SPD.

DECEMBER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

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

The City of North Miami Beach will be hosting their annual Snow Fest on December 14th from 5:30 p to 11:00 p.m. This event will be held between NE 164th Street and NE 172nd Street on NE 19th Avenue and attracts approximately 7,000-8,000 people. Three SPD officers will be assisting North Miami Beach with this event.

The Surfside Police Department will host a community blood drive on December 18th from 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is December 18th at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is December 19th 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.

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 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER

Advanced Tactical Rifle for Law Enforcement - Ofc. Gambirazio, Ofc. Ruiz, Ofc. Smith

CJIS Limited and Full Access Training - Sgt. Cruz, Det. Dulaney

Critical Incident Command - Ofc. Arch, Ofc. Colonna

FCIC/NCIC Full Access Certification – Ofc. Hernandez, Ofc. Valino

Healing Heroes Training - Sgt. Lorente

Holding Cell/Fire and Panic Alarm Training - All Personnel

Low Light Shooting and Flashlight Techniques – Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Mendoza

NTOA - Sgt. Lorente

Risk Protection Orders Training - Sgt. Cruz, Sgt. Pacheco, Det. Dulaney, Det. Gabriel, Ofc. Duran, Ofc. Knight, Ofc. Mendoza, Ofc. Ruiz, Ofc. Smith

Supervising Patrol Critical Incidents Training Course – Sgt. Lorente

SWAT Training – Sgt. Torres

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I wish all of you and your families Happy Holidays!