

# Bulletin

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**CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER 2018 – EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF DINA GOLDSTEIN**

Over the past month, Dina Goldstein oversaw the 10th annual Police Department's Holiday Toy Drive as she has the previous nine years. This event requires much time, effort and commitment. The collection begins with advertisements for donations of new toys. The needy children are vetted and individually invited to attend with their parents on the scheduled date of the Toy Giveaway Party. Hundreds of toys were donated. Dina then coordinates the assortment by age and beautifully displays the toys for children to choose from.

The Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department participated once again as Santa and his crew arrived at Town Hall on the fire truck with flashing lights and siren. Town personnel were recruited to assist with the event for registration, the set-up, decoration, refreshments and cleanup of the Commission Chambers and the training room. Other Town personnel played the parts of Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elves. Dina's kind nature and outstanding relationships with Town employees makes it where folks want to assist the PD and participate in this event every year. The event was documented with professional photographs which were seen in the Gazette and distributed to the sponsors and the Town personnel. Sponsors were recognized with plaques. Numerous thank you letters were composed and mailed out. A pre-event meeting was held to give out assignments, duties and responsibilities. All of these responsibilities and functions were managed and coordinated by Dina.

The event was well coordinated and managed resulting in a spectacular day for the happy children and the parents who attended. I commend, thank and praise all who helped with this event but Dina certainly deserves special recognition. Therefore, I commend Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein for her unrelenting commitment and professionalism to the 10th Annual Surfside Police Department's Holiday Toy Drive. Congratulations to Dina as the recipient of Civilian of the Month...well deserved!

**HIGH ACHIEVERS – DECEMBER 2018**

Officer Carrasquillo

Officer Durante

Officer Gentile

Officer Luke

Parking Enforcement Officer Saffo

**DECEMBER SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS**

Recovered Stolen Vehicle 12/05/2018 at 0129 hours  
9400 block of Abbott Avenue

A vehicle towed from a private parking space was determined to be stolen from Boca Raton, FL on 12/04/2018. The Boca Raton Police Department was contacted and notified of the recovery.

Blown transformer and powerlines down  
12/12/2018 at 2052 hours  
200 block of 95th Street

A transformer at the Post Office blew when powerlines snapped in the alley in the 9400 block of Harding Avenue as well as behind the Shul. Multiple intersections in the area of 96th, 95th Street & Harding/Collins Ave and the 94th Street alleyway were promptly closed. FPL responded within thirty minutes. Traffic on Collins and Harding Avenue were not impacted and no injuries were reported.

Multi-Agency Operation Bike Roundup  
12/23/2018 at 1400 hours  
250 N.E. 183rd Street

Surfside officers participated in a multi-agency joint operation to disrupt illegal motorcycle riders during a memorial "Wheels up, guns down" ride. The memorial was for a recently killed gang member. The riders put themselves and others at risk while committing multiple criminal traffic violations. The following police agencies participated in the operation: Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Golden Beach, Miami Beach, Miami Gardens, Miami-Dade, North Miami, North Miami Beach, Sunny Isles Beach.

**2018 LEO AWARDS FINALISTS**

Officer Micah Smith and Communications Supervisor Susie Sperbeck have been selected as finalists for the prestigious 2018 Miami-Dade County LEO Awards. The winners will be chosen at the awards ceremony on March 2, 2019 at Trump National Doral. Congratulations and best of luck!

**POLICE DEPARTMENT RE-ACCREDITATION**

The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA) was established by charter on December 13, 1994 and incorporated on February 9, 1995. It is an independent, tax-exempt, not-for-profit corporation designated as the accrediting body for Florida law enforcement agencies, corrections agencies, pretrial, and Inspectors General Offices. The Commission's purpose is to establish a program for accreditation that can be achieved by all Florida law enforcement agencies.

The Accreditation Assessment Team of the CFA is an independent reviewing authority that determines if a law enforcement agency has met specific requirements and prescribed standards. To be accredited the agency must be in compliance with hundreds of standards established by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. These standards address all facets of the agency including

administration, internal affairs operations, investigations, patrol, personnel, training, traffic, response to resistance, support services functions and more. Many of the over 260 current standards are critical to life, health and safety issues. The Certificate of Accreditation is awarded for a three-year period.

The Surfside Police Department applied to participate in the CFA Accreditation process in 2009. The department passed the rigorous process and received initial accreditation status. Every three years CFA Accredited law enforcement agencies must again go through the accreditation process, called re-accreditation, to ensure that they are maintaining the highest standards of professionalism. The Surfside Police Department went through the re-accreditation process in 2012 and in 2016 and successfully passed.

On January 8, 2019, the Surfside Police Department began its third re-accreditation process with The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. A team of assessors from the CFA arrived at the Surfside Police Department to conduct the on-site inspection, interviews, and necessary file reviews as part of the department's re-accreditation process.

The Surfside Police Department will go before the Commission in February to receive results of the assessment.

### **SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS IN DECEMBER**

During the holidays, the Police Officer Assistance Trust (POAT) collects donations for the families of fallen officers at several malls in Miami-Dade County. Officer Donoso, Officer Luke and Executive Assistant Goldstein volunteered their time on December 1<sup>st</sup> at Aventura Mall.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a community blood drive on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Shul of Bal Harbour hosted a Community Menorah Lighting Ceremony and community event on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Town of Surfside Town Hall municipal parking lot. Chief Yero and Lt. Marciante attended the event.

The Shul of Bal Harbour hosted their annual Community Menorah Lighting Ceremony at their Chanukah Street Fair on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the 200 block of 95<sup>th</sup> Street. Chief Yero attended this event.

The supervisory staff meeting was December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Chief Charles Press, the Key Biscayne Police Department and the Miami Children's Initiative hosted a Family Holiday Event on December 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Key Biscayne Beach Park. Lt. Healy represented the SPD.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a Mobile Department of Motor Vehicles event for residents to apply for and renew their driver's licenses on December 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride was December 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops was December 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

### **SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS IN JANUARY**

The supervisory staff meeting was January 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is January 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The Coral Gables Police Department will host the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is January 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is January 31<sup>st</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 DECEMBER**

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres

Multi-Agency Field Force Team Training - Sgt. Torres, Det. Gabriel, Det. Gambirazio, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Luke

Bomb Threat Training for Law Enforcement Officers - All Sworn Personnel

Holding Cell Area Panic Alarm and Fire Awareness - All Personnel

Taser (NMBPD), prisoner processing, RPO - All Sworn Personnel

NCIC/FCIC Full Access - Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Lovellette

Risk Protection Order Training - All Sworn Personnel

Speed Measurement Training – Ofc. Durante