

# Bulletin

# 19-03

Date: March 5, 2019

**HIGH ACHIEVERS – FEBRUARY 2019**

Officer Donoso  
Officer Durante  
Officer Ruiz  
Officer Valino  
Parking Enforcement Officer Saffo

**SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS****Burglary and Loitering & Prowling Arrest**

02/07/2019 at 1018 hours

89<sup>th</sup> Street and the Hardpack

A resident recognized a male who was videoed approaching a vacant house in Surfside, through a Ring (security camera) application post made by the homeowner. She confronted the male and told him that she was calling police, at which point the male fled on foot. A B.O.L.O. was issued on the radio and although the male attempted to evade officers, he was quickly apprehended. During an interview with detectives, the male admitted to being the person in the video. The home which is under construction and vacant, was not entered by the male due to the doors being locked. The male was arrested, charged with one count of unoccupied burglary (construction site) and loitering and prowling.

**Two Auto Burglaries**

02/07/2019 at 0620 hours

9200 block of Dickens Avenue

A surveillance video camera captured an unknown subject entering an unlocked vehicle. Two vehicles were entered at different locations in the 9200 block of Dickens Avenue. Both vehicles were unlocked and \$4.00 dollars in bills and coins were stolen. A flyer has been distributed to police agencies.

**Loitering & Prowling Arrest**

02/09/2019 at 1345 hours

9200 block of Abbott Avenue

While on patrol, an officer observed a male exit a home while riding a bicycle. The home was unoccupied and for rent. After noticing the officer, the male attempted to evade the officer by changing direction. The officer caught up to the male and detained him. The homeless male admitted to sleeping in the unattached garage of the property for the past few nights, even though he did not have permission to do so. The male was arrested, charged with one count of loitering and prowling

**Auto Burglary**

02/11/2019 between 0700 - 0742 hours

93<sup>rd</sup> Street and Harding Avenue – Municipal Parking Lot

Unknown subject(s) entered a vehicle by smashing the passenger side window of a truck. A bag containing a work shirt and a pair of safety glasses, total value of \$45.00 dollars, were taken from the vehicle. The vehicle was parked on the north west side of the parking lot. Video surveillance from the area was reviewed by a detective, but no investigative leads developed.

**Suspicious Incident**

02/16/2019 between 1300 - 1305 hours

9000 block of Hawthorne Avenue

An elderly resident reported that a male and female knocked on her door and stated that a water pipe had broken in the area. The male stated that they needed to check the water pressure inside of her house. The male, who was wearing a badge, was allowed into the house by the resident along with the female. The resident became suspicious when she noticed that the female was walking towards her bedroom. At this time, the resident asked the couple to leave the house. The couple fled in a black colored van southbound on Hawthorne Avenue. Nothing was reported stolen. An area canvass was conducted for witnesses and/or surveillance cameras, but none were found.

**Distraction Burglary**

02/16/2019 between 1200 - 1210 hours

9500 block of Byron Avenue

An elderly resident reported that a male knocked on her door and stated that a water pipe had broken in the area. The male was wearing a badge and stated he needed to check the water pressure inside of her house. The male stayed outside of the house shouting instructions while the resident was in the kitchen turning on and off the water. The male then suddenly left. A wallet, which contained her driver's license, a debit card, and \$50.00 dollars in U.S. currency, was missing from her sofa. An area canvass was conducted for witnesses and/or surveillance cameras, but none were found.

**Burglary**

02/20/2019 between 1400 – 1800 hours

9200 block of Byron Avenue

Unknown person(s) entered a residence and stole a gold bracelet valued at \$600.00 dollars, a pair of white gold diamond earrings valued at \$400.00 dollars, and \$1,000.00 dollars in U.S. currency. There were no signs of forced entry although the victims reported having all doors locked and secure. North Miami Police Crime Scene responded, however no latent prints were found or recovered.

**ACCREDITATION**

On February 20, 2019, The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. awarded the Surfside Police Department Re-Accreditation, thanks to the hard work of all in this great agency. The reaccreditation assessment is a rigorous process to ensure that law enforcement agencies are maintaining the highest standards of ethics, professionalism, and are utilizing best practices in conformance with established standards and the law. The recommendation of the CFA Assessment Team was presented to the full commission in Saint Augustine, Florida and the full CFA Commission voted unanimously to approve the reaccreditation of the Surfside Police Department for another three-year period.

As we all know receiving reaccreditation is a noteworthy achievement that involved months of long hours and dedication by many in the face of staffing challenges, new command level appointments, the hire of new command officers and the addition of an accreditation manager position in the final and most critical months of the accreditation assessment process. Special recognition is in order for Accreditation Manager Jill Smith and Captain John Bambis who acted as the agency accreditation manager for the majority of the three-year period. That being said, extraordinary work was done by many. Immediately after joining the department Lieutenant Marciante and Lieutenant Healy got on board with completing many tasks associated with the accreditation process in addition to their regular duties. The assessment team that visited the agency interviewed many in the department and praised everyone for their commitment to performing at the highest standards and overall knowledge and professionalism. In addition to command staff, the assessors noted the following personnel as examples of excellence in their final report to the commission: Sergeant Julio Torres, Detective Sergeant Marian Cruz, Detective Kemuel Gambirazio, Officer Tammy Campbell, Officer Loxley Arch, Officer John Gentile, Parking and property and Evidence Manager Elinor Joseph and Communications Supervisor Susie Sperbeck. Also praised for their support of the PD were HR Director Yamileth Slate-McCloud, Town Clerk Sandra Novoa and Information Technology Specialist Jose Feliz.

I thank all of you for a commendable job. You should all be very proud of maintaining the elite status we represent!

The Surfside Police Department achieved initial CFA Accreditation in 2009 under the leadership of Chief David Allen and is proud to be an accredited law enforcement agency through CFA and demonstrating to the community that the agency is committed to the highest standards of professional law enforcement service.

**THIRD THURSDAY EVENTS**

The second Third Thursday event for the season is March 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The set up will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the breakdown will end at 11:00 p.m. The ending date will be April 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Police Department will assist with the following:

- Block parking on the 200 block of 95<sup>th</sup> Street
- Block entire “Shul” parking lot
- Close the 200 block of 95<sup>th</sup> Street to traffic 2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. while keeping the alley pass through open

Local businesses and The Shul will be notified that the area will be closed to traffic by utilizing the message board. The Business District Officer will assist with the notifications.

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

The supervisory staff meeting was February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a community blood drive on February 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a Mobile Department of Motor Vehicles event for residents to apply for and renew their driver’s licenses on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Third Thursday event was February 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The Officer and Civilian of the Year Awards ceremony was held on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride was February 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops was February 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

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

The Pinecrest Police Department will host the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

The supervisory staff meeting is March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is March 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is March 28<sup>th</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 FEBRUARY**

SWAT Training – Sgt. Torres

Less Lethal Qualifications for the ADS (Pepper Spray) ASP baton and Drag Stabilized Round (Bean Bag) – Lt. Marciante, Sgt. Pacheco, Sgt. Torres, Ofc. Carrasquillo, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Duran, Ofc. Gentile, Ofc. Knight, Ofc. Lorente, Ofc. Ruiz, Ofc. Smith

Room Clearing Training - Lt. Marciante, Sgt. Pacheco, Sgt. Torres, Ofc. Carrasquillo, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Duran, Ofc. Gentile, Ofc. Knight, Ofc. Lorente, Ofc. Ruiz, Ofc. Smith

Emergency Procedures Presentation/Training – PEO Perez, PEO Saffo, EA Goldstein, Administrative Aide Planas

Power DMS Training – PEO Acosta, PEO Castro, PEO Perez, PEO Saffo

Basic Pension Trustee School – Sgt. Torres

Bicycle Helmet Fitting Training - Ofc. Lorente

Criminal Law Training - Ofc. Luke, Ofc. Matthews

CIT Training – Ofc. Durante

Less Lethal Shotgun Instructor Training – Sgt. Matelis

Terrorism Liaison Officer Level 1(TLO1) Training – Sgt. Cruz