

Bulletin

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

From June 13th- August 1st, 2019, Executive Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein organized, directed and coordinated the Police Department's 11th Annual Police Teen Summer Camp. Dina has been the leading force behind the scenes of this program from the very onset and has worked tirelessly to make it even better each year. It takes a tremendous amount of work to coordinate this program. The logistics include managing and scheduling classes, instructors, venues, transportation, equipment, refreshments, thank you correspondence, supervision of the teenagers and the graduation ceremony. The workload required to make this program successful and educational each year is considerable and challenging, particularly when doing it in addition to her regular duties as the Executive Assistant to the Chief. Dina did all of this skillfully. Through her drive to always improve the program and challenge the students, Dina works closely with the instructors to present new information and demonstrations each year. The teenagers received exciting presentations that covered Law, Crime Scene Investigation, SWAT, K-9, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection Marine Interdiction. The teens also enjoyed trips to Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Station 25, the United States Coast Guard Air Station Miami in Opa-Locka, and the North Miami Beach Police Department. The 11th Annual Police Teen Summer Camp was extraordinary and thoroughly enjoyed by the participants. Dina is commended for her hard work, selfless dedication and commitment to the Police Teen Summer Camp program, the Surfside Police Department and the Town of Surfside community. Congratulations to Executive Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein as the recipient of Civilian of the Month!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – AUGUST 2019

Officer Campbell
Officer Gentile
Officer Lovellette
Officer Ruiz
Parking Enforcement Officer Castro

SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Chemical Leak
08/13/2019 at 0958 hours
9011 Collins Avenue - Four Seasons Hotel at the Surf Club
Officers responded to the Four Seasons Hotel reference a strong chemical/gas odor emanating from the loading dock of the hotel. Miami-Dade Fire Department personnel

responded to both Hotel loading docks (North-side and South-side) and determined that a strong chemical odor was present at the North-side loading dock area which is contained in the underground level of the Hotel. The lower level of the hotel that contained working staff and office personnel was evacuated. Three hotel security personnel were treated on-scene by Miami-Dade Fire Department due to inhalation of the chemical fumes. The Incident Command Post was established just North of the Hotel property on the East-side of Collins Avenue with Surfside Police Department Command Staff and Miami-Dade Fire Department Command Staff. Traffic was diverted Northbound traffic from Collins Avenue to Westbound 91st Street to create a safety zone around the incident site. The Miami-Dade Fire Department ordered the North building of the hotel to be evacuated. Hotel guests and staff were escorted to the South building on the hotel property. Miami-Dade Fire Department deployed a HAZMAT Team to determine the origin of the chemical odor and it is believed that a delivery of chemicals to the hotel earlier in the morning may have been the source. High powered fans were introduced into the loading zone area to clear the chemical odor. At approximately 1235 hours, Miami-Dade Fire Department deemed the area safe and control of the North building of the Hotel was returned to the Director of Security for the Hotel. Traffic on Collins Avenue was re-opened.

Death Investigation

08/27/2019 at 1426 hours

9200 block of Collins Avenue

Officers were dispatched to investigate a foul odor emitting from an apartment. Officers made contact with management who advised they had made several attempts to make contact with the resident of the apartment without success. Management gained access by unlocking the door with a master key and immediately noticed that the apartment was in disarray and has a foul odor. Management called the Surfside Police Department and did not proceed into the apartment. Officers made entry into the apartment and located the deceased. Officers contacted the SPD Criminal Investigations Unit and the Miami-Dade Police Department's Homicide Unit, who subsequently took over the investigation.

Drug Investigation

08/30/2019 at 1329 hours

8800 block of Collins Avenue – Beach

A small brick shaped package was found on the shoreline and appeared to have washed up from the water. The package was wrapped and had the word 'Diamante' written on the outside. The package was suspected of containing narcotics and impounded for safekeeping. The Miami-Dade Police Department's Narcotics Unit was contacted and retrieved the package for investigation and destruction.

Burglary

08/15/2019 at 1302 hours

8900 block of Collins Avenue

Unknown subject(s) entered an apartment while the victim was at the beach. The victim left her home at approximately 0900 hours and returned at approximately 1300 hours to find her bedroom ransacked. Approximately \$75.00 dollars in US currency was missing from the apartment. North Miami Beach Crime Scene responded to process the scene.

Burglary MV

Between 09/01/2019 at 1500 hours – 09/02/2019 at 1930 hours

8900 block of Collins Avenue

Unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle. They took power tools and batteries valued at approximately \$2,300.00 dollars.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIFORM CRIME REPORT (UCR)

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement Uniform Crime Report for January to June 2019 has been released. The report reinforces Surfside is a very safe community. Violent Offenses and Property Offenses are compared to the first six months of 2018. Total Violent offenses decreased from 4 to 2. Total Property Offenses increased from 37 to 65. The increase in property offenses is related to a number of bicycle thefts early in the year. Detectives made an arrest in connection with the bicycle thefts and the trend stopped. The SPD clearance rate for all Index Crimes increased by 3.2%.

Violent Offenses	2018	2019	% Change
Murder	0	0	
Rape	0	1	
Robbery	0	0	
Aggravated Assault	4	1	-75.0%
Violent Offense Total	4	2	-50.0%
Property Offenses	2018	2019	% Change
Burglary	9	9	0.0%
Larceny	37	65	75.7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	1	-66.7%
Property Offense Total	49	75	53.1%
Total Index Offenses	53	77	45.3%
Clearance Rate for Index Crimes	22.6	23.4	3.2%

AUGUST COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

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

The Key Biscayne Police Department and the Miami Children's Initiative hosted a Back 2 School Summer Jam on August 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at MCI Community Space in Miami. Lt. Marciante and Officer Arch represented SPD.

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

Det. Dulaney attended the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting hosted by the North Miami Police Department on August 14th at 10:00 a.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 August 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride was August 28th at 5:00 p.m.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops was August 29th at 10:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The 18th Annual Citizens Police Academy class began on September 5th and will conclude on November 21st with a graduation ceremony. Classes in September include Law, Active Shooter, Fraud, K-9 Unit and Marine Patrol.

The supervisory staff meeting is September 10th at 5:00 p.m.

The Surfside Police Department will host a Taser Instructor Certification training class on September 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sgt. Matelis, Sgt. Torres and Ofc. Frank Colonna will attend the training.

The Surfside Police Department will host the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on September 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The Surfside Police Department will host ARM360 Training/Exercise on September 19th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. in the Police Training Room. ARM360 is a GIS based data collection system used by the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management to collect and process damage assessment information throughout Miami-Dade County after a disaster, to better and more efficiently deploy available resources to the most damaged areas. The ARM360 system was originally built to support the collection of the

FEMA damage assessment information. The ARM360 Training will assist our post disaster assessment to improve and effectively support recovery efforts. Yahiritza Álvarez, the EM Planner from the Office of Emergency Management will conduct the training for Surfside, Bay Harbor Islands, Bal Harbour Village and North Bay Village.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is September 25th at 2:00 p.m.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is September 25th at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is September 26th 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 AUGUST

SWAT Training – Sgt. Torres

Annual Firearms Qualifications/FDLE Use of Force/Scenario Firearms Training – Sgt. Alberto, Ofc. Mendoza

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

Taser Certification Training – Sgt. Matelis, Sgt. Torres, Ofc. Colonna

ASP Re-Certification Training – Ofc. Mendoza

Stop the Bleed Training – Ofc. Gentile and Ofc. Mendoza

Cultural Diversity Training- Ofc. Mendoza, PSS Perez

Electrical Safety Training for First Responders- All Personnel

Report Writing Training – Ofc. Carrasquillo

Executive/Administrative Assistant CORE II Training – EA Goldstein

WebEOC Training at NMBPD- Sgt. Cruz and Det. Gabriel

Stress Management and Mental Health Training on PowerDMS – Sgt. Cruz, Det. Dulaney, Det. Gabriel and Det. Gambirazio

Healing Heroes Training Seminar at NMBPD - Det. Dulaney

E-Skimming and Ransomware Training – Det. Dulaney