

Bulletin

20-04

Date: April 3, 2020

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The Surfside Police Department has maintained situational awareness of the COVID-19 Pandemic Incident in coordination with Local, State, and Federal partner Agencies and through continued contact and information sharing with the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Operations-Emergency Operations Center. Our Department strives to maintain operational readiness, public preparedness, safeguarding the community, and enforcement of laws-ordinances-governmental orders. Our Department is aware that Continuity of Operations Plans especially regarding staffing is of paramount importance and therefore the Command Staff is considering several optional staffing models in the event police personnel are affected by COVID-19. Currently there are four (4) Sworn Officers that exhibited sign/symptoms that necessitated COVID-19 testing at a designated testing facility; three (3) Officers received a negative test result and returned to work, and one (1) Officer is awaiting the test results.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Gas Leak

03/17/2020 at 0935 hours

9300 block of Collins Avenue

SPD officers and Miami-Dade Fire Rescue responded to a gas leak caused by a small natural gas line accidentally struck during construction work. Traffic lanes on Collins Avenue and Harding Avenue were closed for public safety. MDFR Hazmat responded along with TECO Peoples Gas. The gas line was shut off and repairs were made by TECO Peoples Gas. Two westernmost lanes on the 9300 block of Collins Avenue were closed for approximately 55 minutes. The lanes were reopened once TECO Peoples Gas and MDFR deemed the area safe.

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

The National Public Safety Telecommunications Week is April 12th -18th, 2020. This week is celebrated annually and honors the thousands of men and women who answer emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance to citizens and first responders.

Communications Supervisor Susie Sperbeck, Communications Operator Tameka Burnell-McKnight, Communications Operator Kenia Castillo and Communications Operator Jorge Villar are honored by the Command Staff and colleagues for their service to the law enforcement profession as communication operators. In times of crisis such as the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, your essential service is clearly demonstrated and greatly appreciated by all you serve. Thank you all for your dedication, professionalism, and all that you do each and every day.

SHIFT BID

The new shift bid will become effective April 22, 2020. The shift bid process has commenced by Lieutenant Marciante in order to have it completed well in advance and allow everyone to plan their schedules accordingly.

MARCH COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The supervisory staff meeting was March 10th at 5:00 p.m.

All community events and meetings were canceled due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.

APRIL COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

All community events and meetings have been postponed until further notice.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN MARCH

8 Tips for Working from home Video Course- All Personnel

Active Shooter Response Training (FITT) – Sgt. Torres, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Durante

COVID- 19 A Pandemic Response Video Course – Sgt. Cruz, Det. Dulaney, Det. Gabriel, Det. Mendoza

Forensics Training Workshop – PSS Perez

Line Supervision Training – Ofc. Colonna

MBPD SWAT Training – Sgt. Torres

PowerDMS - New Directive COVID-19: Officer Safety and Prevention – All Personnel

Radar/Laser School – Ofc. Donoso

Wash Your Hands Video Course - All Personnel