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**CIVILIANS OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY 2020 – PARKING OPERATIONS
MANAGER ELINOR JOSEPH AND PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIALIST ANALILY PEREZ**

Over the past several months, the Surfside Police Department has been working tirelessly on a complete reorganization of the Property and Evidence Room. This would allow the police department to work more effective and efficiently with the elimination of property and evidence that was no longer needed to be retained.

This process consisted of three steps:

The first step was to complete a review of all case files to determine the disposition of each case and what evidence and property no longer needed to be retained and could be destroyed. This required Evidence and Property Manager Elinor Joseph along with Public Safety Specialist Ana Perez to work with our detective bureau in conjunction with the court system for case clearances.

Once this step one was completed, step two was to coordinate a “Weapons Melt and Property Burn” which is a term used to melt firearms, knives and any other weapons along with the burning of property that was not identified as metal. Mr. Joseph and Ms. Perez set up the coordination of the outside vendor along with the patrol section and detective bureau within the department for a police escort to the US Foundry and Manufacturing Burn location. An additional part of this process was to properly dispose of and burn any property or evidence that was not considered metal. Mr. Joseph coordinated this with the vendor for the burn destruction of this property.

The final step of this process was the annual property and evidence inventory which took on February 4, 2020. In years past, this process would take two or three days to complete however this year the inventory was completed in one day. This was largely due to the dedication and commitment of our Evidence and Property Manager Joseph along with Public Safety Specialist Perez.

These two individuals were committed to ensuring each and every case was properly reviewed and cleared before moving forward. This involved several manpower hours over several months with conclusion of the operation on Feb 4, 2020. The dedication and commitment these two individuals displayed during this process and continue to do so on a daily basis is remarkable. Congratulations to Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph and Public Safety Specialist Analily Perez as the recipients of the February Civilian of the Month award...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – FEBRUARY 2020

Officer Donoso
Officer Hernandez
Officer Luke
Officer Smith
Parking Enforcement Officer Olajubu

2019 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIFORM CRIME REPORT (UCR)

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) is submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement annually and biannually. The FBI uses UCR to track crime nationwide. The Town of Surfside PD Uniform Crime Report for January – December 2019 reinforces Surfside is a very safe community with a total of six violent offenses reported. Property Offenses have risen with larceny being the leading category. The increase in larceny is attributed to theft at the Grand Beach Hotel and Shoplifting from CVS Pharmacy.

| Violent Offenses | 2018 | 2019 | % Change |
|--|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Murder | 0 | 0 | |
| Rape | 1 | 1 | |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 | |
| Aggravated Assault | 5 | 5 | |
| Violent Offense Total | 6 | 6 | 0.0% |
| Property Offenses | 2018 | 2019 | % Change |
| Burglary | 10 | 11 | 10.0% |
| Larceny | 88 | 113 | 28.4% |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 4 | 6 | 50.0% |
| Property Offense Total | 102 | 130 | 27.5% |
| Total Index Offenses | 108 | 136 | 25.9% |
| Clearance Rate for Index Crimes | 15.7 | 16.2 | 2.8% |

2020 LEO AWARDS WINNER

Parking Enforcement Officer Josue Castro won a prestigious LEO award in the Support Services category at the annual Miami-Dade County Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Awards Gala on March 7, 2020. Josue was recognized for his professionalism, high level of customer service, dedication to the community he serves, and commitment to the Town of Surfside. Congratulations!

SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Burglary to Motor Vehicle

2/15/2020 at 1350 hours

9400 block of Harding Avenue (east alleyway)

Unknown suspect(s) stole a cell phone laying on the center console of an unlocked vehicle.

Burglary to Motor Vehicle

02/27/20 at 2252 hours

200 block of 94th Street

Unknown suspect(s) smashed the front passenger side window of a vehicle parked in the municipal parking lot. A bag and suitcase containing miscellaneous personal items were missing from the vehicle, total value of \$4,031.00.

THIRD THURSDAY EVENTS

The final Third Thursday event for the season will be March 19th 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 Police Department will assist with the following:

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

FEBRUARY COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

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

Detective Dulaney attended the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting at the Miami-Dade Police Department on February 21st at 10:00 a.m.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a community blood drive on February 19th from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

Officer Durante attended the Southeast Florida Crime Prevention Association meeting on February 26th at 10:30 a.m. at the Miami Police Department.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride was February 26th at 4:00 p.m.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops was February 27th at 10:00 a.m.

Chief Yero proudly represented the Surfside Police Department and attended the FIDF Greater Miami Chapter Gala A Night of Heroes honoring Miriam and Dror Zadok on February 27th at the Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood, Florida.

MARCH COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The 2020 Miami-Dade County Law Enforcement Officer Foundation (LEO) Awards Ceremony was held on March 7th at Trump National Doral.

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

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is March 18th at 2:00 p.m.

The Coral Gables Police Department will host the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on March 20th at 10:00 a.m.

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

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is March 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 FEBRUARY

Active Shooter Response Training (FITT) – Sgt. Alberto, Ofc. Arch, Ofc. Campbell, Ofc. Carrasquillo, Ofc. Luke,

CCTA First Responder Integrated Tactical Training at MPD – Sgt. Alberto, Ofc. Arch, Ofc. Campbell, Ofc. Carrasquillo, Ofc. Luke

F.A.C.E.S. (Online training) – Det. Dulaney

Less-Lethal Weapon Systems Re-Certification – Sgt. Torres, Det. Dulaney, Det. Gabriel, Det. Mendoza, Ofc. Campbell, Ofc. Gambirazio, Ofc. Gentile, Ofc. Hernandez, Ofc. Lovellette, Ofc. Luke, Ofc. Valino

Mandatory Defensive Tactics Instructor Updates Training – Sgt. Torres

MBPD SWAT Training – Sgt. Torres

Police Bicycle Training - Ofc. Lage

PowerDMS - New Directive 02-17: Body Ornamentation – All Personnel

PowerDMS- New Directive 11-13: DAVID – All Personnel

RPO Training at MDPD - Sgt. Cruz, Det. Dulaney, Det. Mendoza

Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) - Homeland Security (Online training) -Det. Dulaney

Stress Management Training- Sgt. Matelis

Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) Level-I – Det. Dulaney