

Bulletin

20-09

Date: September 8, 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.

OFFICER OF THE MONTH – AUGUST 2020 – SERGEANT JAY MATELIS

The Town of Surfside has experienced a rash of bicycle thefts. On Monday, August 31, 2020, at approximately 0940 hours, police officers responded to a bike theft in the 400 block of 91st Street and a BOLO was issued for the subject.

While working an off-duty detail, Sergeant Jay Matelis took upon himself to assist patrol officers canvass the area for the subject. Sergeant Matelis headed south on Harding Avenue, checking side streets and pedestrians in the vicinity. With his keen sense, Sergeant Matelis located the subject with the bicycle at 69th Street and Collins Avenue. The subject was subsequently arrested. While in custody at the Surfside Police Department, Detective Mendoza interviewed the subject and was able to clear a prior bicycle theft by the same subject.

Due to his keen observation skills, Sergeant Matelis curtailed a crime trend in the Town of Surfside. Sergeant Matelis' work ethic, dedication, and commitment to the community he serves is commended and recognized. The outcome of this arrest prevents a repeat offender from committing further crimes in our neighborhood. Congratulations to Sergeant Jay Matelis as the recipient of the August Officer of the Month award...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS

Officer Durante
Officer Hernandez
Officer Luke
Officer Smith
Officer Valino
Parking Enforcement Officer Castro

SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Auto Burglary

08/03/2020 at 0229 hours

9000 block of Collins Avenue

An unknown male was captured on surveillance video breaking the liner of a pick-up truck and stealing several tools (valued at over \$2,000.00 dollars). Detectives distributed a flyer developed from video footage which captured the male committing the burglary and loading the tools into the trunk of a dark colored sedan.

Auto Burglary Arrest

08/04/2020 at 0215 hours

9500 block of Harding Avenue

The Shul security officer observed a male carrying a green back pack enter a white van belonging to The Shul. A BOLO of the subject's description was immediately put out over the police radio. Surfside officers, along with Bal Harbour police officers, saturated the area and the subject was quickly located. The witness positively identified the subject as being the male he observed entering the van.

Auto Burglary

Between 8/11/2020 at 2300 hours - 8/12/2020 at 0830 hours

8800 block of Byron Avenue

An unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle. The interior of the vehicle was discovered in disarray and the trunk was open however nothing was missing from the vehicle.

Auto Burglary

Between 07/29/2020 at 0900 hours – 08/12/2020 at 1100 hours

800 block of 88th Street

An unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle and the interior of the vehicle was discovered in disarray. A brown paper bag with miscellaneous items, which was originally inside the vehicle, was located outside the vehicle by a nearby home. The bag was returned to the owner. No other items were missing.

Auto Burglary

08/30/2020 at 1940 hours

8800 block of Emerson Avenue

An unknown subject(s) gained entry into a vehicle via an unlocked door and rummaged through the contents of the vehicle. Nothing was taken from the vehicle however a youth sized t-shirt was found in the back seat that did not belong to him. The victim cleaned up and organized the vehicle prior to officer's arrival. The shirt found was not available when the officer was taking his report and was disposed of by the victim.

AUGUST COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

Monthly community events (Bike with the Chief and Coffee with the Cops) and monthly meetings (CIU Intel, Police/Prosecutor and Police Staff) were cancelled due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a community blood drive on August 19th from 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

Monthly community events (Bike with the Chief and Coffee with the Cops) and monthly meetings (CIU Intel, Police/Prosecutor and Police Staff) were cancelled due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a community blood drive on September 2nd from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

The Mystic Force Foundation held the 3rd Annual Childhood Cancer Police Car Initiative and Gold Ribbon Childhood Cancer Parade on September 5th. The parade departed from Nicklaus Children's Hospital at 10:00 a.m. and concluded at the North Miami Police Department. Police Departments throughout Miami-Dade County and elected officials in support of our littlest heroes battling Childhood Cancer participated in this momentous event. Officer Micah Smith proudly represented the Surfside Police Department.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN AUGUST

ARM 360 Training (webinar)- Det. Mendoza

Autism Training on PowerDMS – All Personnel

Body Camera Training- All Sworn Personnel

COVID- 19 for Local Government Personnel (LocalGov Online Training) – Ofc. Colonna

CPR/AED/Tourniquet/First Aid Training – Lt. Healy, Sgt. Matelis, Det. Mendoza, Ofc.

Arch, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Duran, PM Joseph, PEO Acosta

Departmental Directive 03-28 Body Worn Cameras on PowerDMS - All Personnel

Departmental Directive 03-29 Transgender Interactions on PowerDMS- All Personnel

Developing Effective Communication Skills (LocalGov Online Training) - PEO Acosta

Holding Cell Area & Fire Suppression – All Personnel

Risk Protection Orders Training - All Sworn Personnel

Successful Customer Interactions Course (LocalGov Online Training) - CO Burnell-
McKnight, PEO Acosta

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres

The LGBTQ Community Course (LocalGov Online Training) – PEO Acosta, PEO
Castro, CO Burnell- McKnight Castro

Violence in the Workplace Course – PEO Acosta, PEO Castro