

Bulletin

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CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER 2020 – EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF DINA GOLDSTEIN

The Surfside Police Department traditionally hosts an annual Holiday Toy Giveaway Party. This year, due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, the event was revamped for the safety of the children, families and participating personnel.

During the month of November, Executive Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein, the heart and soul of the Toy Giveaway from the inception, developed this year's event. The 12th Annual Holiday Toy Drive toy donation collection began on December 1, 2020, with several options available for donations to be collected. Dina created an online toy registry for donations and festive collection boxes. Dina arranged several toy drop off locations, established an organized system to easily distribute the toys and coordinated the toy drop off for the children. Dina spoke to the parent's, obtained information about the children, and coordinated an efficient drop off system based on location. Each family was contacted and provided a date and time for delivery. A donation box was located in Town Hall, at the Parks and Recreation Holiday event at the 96th Street Park and a drive-thru drop off on December 13th and December 20th in the Town Hall parking lot. Dina arranged 50 bags of toys specified for each child on the list, based on age and gender. PEO Perez contacted each person on the list providing instructions and the anticipated time of arrival. Captain Healy, Sergeant Matelis, Officer Gentile, Officer Saffo, PEO Perez and EA Goldstein personally delivered the bags of toys to 26 grateful families in need (over 45 excited children) in a two-day span.

Police Department personnel joined by Town Manager Hyatt delivered three large boxes filled with toys to the children living at the Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department, Violence Prevention and Intervention Division, Advocates for Victims/Safespace (Domestic Violence) North Shelter.

The Surfside Police Department's 12th annual Holiday Toy Drive embodied the spirit of giving and was especially significant this year with so many families affected by the pandemic. Seeing the smiles on the children's faces was priceless and the reason we do this every year. Executive Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein is commended for her tireless dedication in developing a safe way to continue this long standing charitable and very rewarding tradition. Congratulations to Executive Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein as the recipient of the December Civilian of the Month award...well deserved!

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.

HIGH ACHIEVERS

Officer Arch
Officer Donoso
Officer Gentile
Officer Smith
Officer Valino
Parking Enforcement Officer Acosta

SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Auto Burglary

12/04/2020 between 1404 - 1804 hours

9011 Collins Avenue- The Surf Club

Unknown subject(s) stole an envelope containing \$9,000.00 dollars from the inside of a briefcase located in the trunk of a vehicle. The envelope was last seen the same morning at 0900 hours before the victim entered his business. He later went to The Surf Club where he valeted his vehicle.

Recovered Stolen Vehicle

12/11/2020 at 0945 hours

200 block of 89 Street

A leasing company contacted the Surfside Police Department in regards to a phone call received from an anonymous individual who provided the location of an overdue rental vehicle. The vehicle had been reported as stolen by the leasing company to the North Miami Police Department. An area canvass led to the recovery of the unoccupied vehicle at the 200 block of 89th Street. The vehicle was inventoried and towed.

Residential Burglary

12/13/2020 at 1152 hours

8900 block of Carlyle Avenue

The victim left her house at approximately 1045 hours and returned at approximately 1130 hours. Upon return, she discovered the rear window open and the back-sliding glass door ajar. An inventory of the residence revealed that three laptops were missing (total value of \$4,200.00). Video surveillance from the residence captured a black male knocking on the front door during the timeframe of the burglary. Surfside Crime Scene processed the scene for evidence. Detectives responded to the scene and conducted an area canvass. Additional video was located showing the same black male riding a bicycle towards the direction of the residence.

Indecent Exposure Lewd & Lascivious Act/ Child

12/23/2020 at 2142 hours

9100 block of Bay Drive

The parents of an 8-year-old female were notified by a friend that their daughter is talking to a stranger on her cell phone via social applications. The parents quickly reviewed their child's cell phone and found indecent photographs of her on various social applications shared with an unknown male. The child was interviewed by an SPD detective with the parents' consent. The child's cellular phone was impounded as evidence. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the FBI Miami Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force was contacted. The FBI will be taking over this case and conducting a forensic analysis of the impounded phone.

Attempted Burglary

12/24/2020 at 1458 hours

500 block of 90th Street

Unknown subject(s) attempted to pry open the garage side door of a residence on December 23, 2020 between 1500 hours and 1935 hours. The door had visible pry markings, the lower lock had been broken and the front window screen was cut. SPD Crime Scene responded and processed the scene.

Burglary to Motor Vehicle

12/25/2020 at 0830 hours

9300 block of Abbott Avenue

Unknown subject(s) entered a vehicle taking a change purse (valued at \$30.00 dollars) which contained cash and coins (total value \$10.00 dollars). There was no visible signs of forced entry and the vehicle's glove compartment was rummaged through and left open. SPD Crime Scene responded and processed the vehicle.

Burglary to Motor Vehicle

12/25/2020 at 0828 hours

9300 block of Abbott Avenue

The victim was alerted by his bank at 0700 hours of a transaction at Miami Beach CVS Pharmacy and drove to that location in attempt to find out who used his card. The CVS manager advised that it was an unknown black male with a backpack. When the victim returned home, he noticed his vehicle had been burglarized. Items taken from the vehicle were a men's wallet with three credit cards and his driver's license (total value \$24.00 dollars).

Grand Theft Motor Vehicle Arrest

12/26/2020 at 0510 hours

9200 block of Bay Drive

Miami Beach PD contacted SPD Communications for a locate and notify in regards to an arrest made in the area of Byron Avenue and 85th Street. Miami Beach PD officers arrested two subjects for loitering and prowling and concealed weapon violations in a white Mercedes Benz registered to a Surfside residence. The vehicle owner was

unaware the vehicle had been stolen and was last seen at 7:00 p.m. on 12/25/2020. The vehicle was unlocked with the key inside. An SPD detective positively identified and arrested the two juveniles earlier arrested by Miami Beach. SPD Crime Scene responded and processed the vehicle recovered by Miami Beach PD. The vehicle was later released to the owner.

DECEMBER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The supervisory staff meeting was December 10th at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a community blood drive on December 16th and December 27th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

The Surfside Police Department collected toys for our 12th Annual Holiday Toy Drive. Due to COVID-19, the Annual Toy Giveaway Event was canceled. However, the donated toys were personally delivered by Police Department personnel to 26 families in need (over 45 children) as well as to the Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department, Violence Prevention and Intervention Division, Advocates for Victims/Safespace North Shelter.

JANUARY COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The supervisory staff meeting is January 12th at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

The Surfside Police Department will host a community blood drive on January 13th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN DECEMBER

ADL Webinar on Accelerationism – Sgt. Cruz, Det. Leon, Det. Mendoza
Diversity in the Workplace (LocalGov Online Training)- Ofc. Colonna
FCIC/NCIC Full Access Certification- Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Durante, Ofc. Luke
Kubota Training – Ofc. Gambirazio, Ofc. Gentile
Legal Bulletin 2020-03 on PowerDMS – All Personnel
Managing the Accreditation Process – Capt. Healy, Capt. Marciante
Reducing Graffiti in Your Community (LocalGov Online Training)- Sgt. Lorente
Science of Employee Engagement Course (LocalGov Online Training) – Chief Yero, Sgt. Cruz, Sgt. Pacheco, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Lovellette, CS Sperbeck, PM Joseph
Supervisor Skills Course (LocalGov Online Training)- Chief Yero, Capt. Healy, Sgt. Cruz, Sgt. Pacheco, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Lovellette, Ofc. Ruiz, CS Sperbeck
SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres