

# Bulletin

# 21-06

Date: June 8, 2021

**CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – MAY 2021 – ACCREDITATION MANAGER JILL SMITH**

Accreditation Manager Jill Smith is an essential part of the Surfside Police Department effort to once again attain re-accreditation for the fourth consecutive cycle. The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA) requires compliance with more than 250 professional standards designed specifically for Florida law enforcement agencies to achieve and maintain the highest and best standards and practices.

An agency requirement for re-accreditation is to create an exemplary program unique to your department within the re-accreditation three-year cycle. The new initiative may be geared towards the community and or to promote awareness within the department. Accreditation Manager Jill Smith recognized the need to provide a better understanding about the dangers of sun exposure for the Police Department employees as well as Town Hall employees whose jobs require them to be exposed to the sun on a daily basis. The Town of Surfside is a beachside community and a large portion of staff duties are concentrated outside.

May was Skin Cancer Awareness Month (aka Melanoma May). Accreditation Manager Smith coordinated and organized an essential seminar about skin cancer awareness to educate our staff on the importance of sun protection on May 21<sup>st</sup> in the Police Training Room. She arranged for an outstanding speaker, Dermatologist Dr. Barry Resnick, to conduct a presentation to our employees on the importance of protecting ourselves from sun exposure. Dr. Resnick addressed any concerns and provided a complimentary screening to the participants. The exceptional program was instituted to protect our members and promote safety, health, and awareness regarding the effects of sun exposure. We expose ourselves daily to sun damage - whether it be walking the business district, on beach patrol, during traffic enforcement, writing parking tickets, directing traffic, or even just sitting in our vehicles. This training also benefitted our time outside of work and our families by providing invaluable information. Especially since we live in the Sunshine State where our exposure is so substantial.

The Surfside Police Department emphasizes the importance of issuing the best equipment and focuses on training to protect personnel from a variety of threats, but we also need to recognize that our body/skin is truly our most important protective barrier we have and this must be properly defended as well. As part of Accreditation Manager Smith's initiative, the Police Department will also expand on this program by offering additional gear for sun protection and easy access to sun screen.

Accreditation Manager Jill Smith is recognized for her initiative, planning and organizational skills, thoughtfulness and dedication to the Town of Surfside and the well-being of our employees. Jill began her career with the Surfside Police Department in September 2018, excelled from day one and has proven to be a tremendous asset to the organization. Thank you for your extraordinary work Jill and congratulations as the Surfside PD May 2021 Civilian of the Month.

**HIGH ACHIEVERS**

Officer Colonna  
Officer Donoso  
Officer Duran  
Officer Gambirazio  
Officer Valino  
Parking Enforcement Officer C. Acosta

**SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS**

Auto Burglary

05/06/2021 between 1530 - 1750 hours

400 block of 89<sup>th</sup> Street

Unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle stealing a purse which contained a driver's license and credit cards.

Battery on person 65 years old and Tampering Arrest

05/09/2021 at 1500 hours

400 block of 90<sup>th</sup> Street

Officers responded to a disturbance between a father and son determining the adult son had battered the elderly father. The son hit the father on the side of his forehead with his hand and then pushed the father as he attempted to get the phone to call police. The father received minor injuries and was treated by Miami-Dade Fire Rescue. The son was arrested.

Residential Burglary

Between 05/13/2021 – 05/14/2021

8800 block of Harding Avenue

Unknown subject(s) burglarized a home being tented for pest fumigation. The bedrooms were ransacked and a laptop and a cellular phone (total value \$1,700.00 dollars) were discovered missing.

**Hit and Run Arrest**

05/18/2021 at 1135 hours

9293 Harding Avenue

On 05/17/2021, a vehicle collided with a bicyclist who sustained pain in her back and neck. The driver drove away however a witness obtained the tag number of the vehicle. The driver was identified, surrendered to the Surfside Police Department on 05/18/2021 and consequently arrested

**UPDATE: Auto Burglary Arrest**

05/20/2021 at 1700 hours

9500 block of Abbott Avenue

On 03/17/2021, an unknown subject smashed the rear window of a rental vehicle and stole approximately \$4,302.00 dollars' worth of personal items. A detective reviewed the surveillance cameras in the area and was able to identify the subject. On 05/20/2021, the detective located and arrested the subject.

**25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

Parking Enforcement Officer Willy Perez is celebrating his 25-year anniversary with the Town of Surfside on June 27, 2021. PEO Perez has been an essential part of our organization's journey and success. We are grateful for his dedication, work ethic and inspirational longevity. Congratulations to PEO Perez on this milestone event!

**CLICK IT OR TICKET CAMPAIGN**

Seat belts have been proven to be one of the best ways to save your life in a crash. Yet, many still don't buckle up. Worse still, not wearing a seat belt is a habit that will pass on to impressionable youth who, in turn, will think it is safe to not buckle up. The Click It or Ticket campaign focuses on safety education, strong laws, and law enforcement support to save lives.

The Police Department is proudly participating once again in this significant event. The Click It or Ticket Enforcement Campaign began May 24<sup>th</sup> and will commence June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**MAY COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS**

The North Miami Police Department honored their fallen police officers Sergeant Carl W. Mertes, Detective Sergeant Steven E. Bauer and Sergeant Lynette Hodge with a Memorial Ceremony on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the North Miami Police Department. Captain Healy participated in this significant event and Ofc. Luke proudly represented the Surfside Police Department as a member of a multijurisdictional Honor Guard Team participating in the ceremony.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Miami-Dade Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony was May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Tropical Park. Captain Marciante attended this event. Sgt. Lorente and Ofc. Durante proudly represented the Surfside Police Department as members of a multijurisdictional Honor Guard Team participating in the ceremony.

The North Miami Beach Police Department honored their fallen police officers Lieutenant James Hyre, Detective Sergeant Orestes Lorenzo and Officer Miguel Acevedo with a Memorial Ceremony on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the North Miami Beach Police Department. Capt. Marciante participated in this poignant event. Sgt. Lorente, Ofc. Donoso, and Ofc. Luke proudly represented the Surfside Police Department as members of a multijurisdictional Honor Guard Team participating in the ceremony.

The supervisory staff meeting was May 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

Code Enforcement hosted their monthly Special Master Hearing on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The Police Department hosted a seminar about skin cancer awareness to educate our staff on the importance of sun protection on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Police Training Room.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a community blood drive on May 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

The monthly Coffee with the Cops resumed May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

The Parks and Recreation Department hosted a virtual Memorial Day event on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Sgt. Lorente, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Duran and Ofc. Durante participated as members of the Honor Guard in honor of Memorial Day.

### **JUNE COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS**

Life Scan testing took place June 1<sup>st</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

Miami-Dade Animal Control patrolled the beach and hard park with Code Enforcement personnel on June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The purpose of this program is to assist with educating the public and enforcement of dogs on the beach as well as any other animal code violations. They will return on June 9<sup>th</sup> to continue the community initiative.

The Miami-Dade County LGBTQ Advisory Board hosted Love is Love Exhibit Kickoff on June 4<sup>th</sup> at noon at the HistoryMiami Museum North Building. Sgt. Matelis represented the Police Department and attended the event.

The Police Department is hosting two-hour Active Shooter / Fire Emergency Process / Bomb Threat Procedures training for all civilian employees on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and June 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. instructed by Capt. Marciante. The classes will be held in the Commission Chambers.

The supervisory staff meeting is June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

The Police Department is hosting Hurricane Preparedness Presentations for Town residents, hotel and business owners on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers and for Department Heads/Managers on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room. Capt. Marciante will instruct both classes.

Code Enforcement will host their monthly Special Master Hearing on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The Surfside Police Department will host a community blood drive on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is June 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall in the Police Training Room.

The FLOW (Florida Licensing on Wheels) has been rescheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

### **TRAINING COMPLETED IN MAY**

Annual Firearms Qualifications/Tactical Shooting –Sgt. Pacheco, Det. Leon, Det. Mendoza, Ofc. Arch, Ofc. Carrasquillo, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Gabriel, Ofc. Gentile, Ofc. Hernandez, Ofc. Lage, Ofc. Lovellette, Ofc. Matthews, Ofc. Smith, Ofc. Valino  
Antisemitic Incidents and White Supremacist Propaganda on the Rise Webinar – Sgt. Cruz, Det. Leon

EOC Municipal Branch & WebEOC Training Webinar - Det. Mendoza

Field Training Officer Course for Law Enforcement – Ofc. Gabriel, Ofc. Lage

Florida Executive Development Seminar (FEDS) – Capt. Healy

Florida Police Chiefs Association Executive/Administrative Assistant CORE III Training- EA Goldstein

Introduction to Elder Abuse and Neglect Webinar – Det. Leon

LeadsOnline Training Refresher Webinar - Sgt. Cruz, Det. Leon, Det. Mendoza

Less Lethal Impact Munitions Instructor Course – Sgt. Torres

OC Aerosol Instructor Course- Sgt. Torres, Ofc. Colonna

Tactics and Firearms Skills for Law Enforcement- Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Duran, Ofc. Gabriel Ofc. Ruiz, Ofc. Smith

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres