

# Bulletin

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## **CIVILIANS OF THE MONTH – OCTOBER 2021 – PARKING OPERATIONS MANAGER ELINOR JOSEPH AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ALAIN ACOSTA, CRISTHIAN ACOSTA, JOSUE CASTRO, AND WILLIAM PEREZ**

The Town of Surfside Parking Division encompasses Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph and Parking Enforcement Officers Alain Acosta, Cristhian Acosta, Josue “JC” Castro, and William “Willy” Perez. The outstanding members of this department are recognized for their service from June 2021 to October 2021 for performing their numerous work responsibilities with integrity and in an exemplary manner.

Parking Operations Manager Joseph oversees and supervises the Parking Enforcement Officers, manages six municipal parking lots and 37 multi-space pay stations. The daily assignments completed by the entire parking department include monitoring and enforcement of the municipal parking lots and residential neighborhood; controlling the flow of traffic; maintenance of the multi-space pay stations; programming the visual messaging board and speed trailer along with relocating them to pertinent areas; and the delivery, set-up and removal of cones and barricades for community events and traffic management.

These admirable and essential employees also provide exceptional service to the Town Hall and Police Department personnel. In addition to their day-to-day duties, they deliver agendas and packages to the elected officials and Town committee members; transporting vehicles in need of repair or detailing to various localities; bring inoperative police radios to the workshop for repair; and assisting as needed with all community events such as the monthly blood drives, the bi-annual Multi-Agency Collection Day, Surf-Bal-Bay Night Out and the Parks and Recreation Department’s Spooky Spectacular. This team of professionals wholeheartedly fulfills any task requested of them.

In the time of crisis, Parking Operations Manager Joseph and Parking Enforcement Officers A. Acosta, C. Acosta, Castro, and Perez were invaluable in the aftermath of the Champlain Towers building collapse. For many days thereafter, they were assigned critical traffic posts performing exceptionally in extreme heat and inclement weather while aiding frustrated motorists. Furthermore, they distributed meals to onsite emergency workers; coordinated parking for first responders; delivery and pick up of necessary equipment and supplies to the command post, traffic posts and perimeters, (cones, barricades, etc.), family reunification center and community center; and provided comprehensive support of all emergency response activities.

Parking Operations Manager Joseph and Parking Enforcement Officers A. Acosta, C. Acosta, Castro, and Perez are commended for their strong work ethic, kindheartedness, highest level of customer service and dedication to the Town of Surfside and the community they proudly serve. All these exceptional gentlemen have proven to be an enormous asset to everyone they assist and graciously accept additional responsibility. They are courteous, optimistic and honorable representatives of the Surfside Police Department and humbly exemplify these remarkable qualities and perform these praiseworthy actions on a daily basis. Congratulations to Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph and Parking Enforcement Officers Alain Acosta, Cristhian Acosta, Josue Castro, and William Perez as the recipients of the October Civilian of the Month award...well deserved!

### **HIGH ACHIEVERS**

Officer Arch  
Officer Donoso  
Officer Gambirazio  
Officer Lage  
Officer Saffo  
Parking Enforcement Officer C. Acosta

### **SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS**

UPDATE: Grand Theft of Motor Vehicle Recovery  
10/24/2021 at 0627 hours  
Margate, FL

On November 13, 2020, an unlocked rental vehicle with the key fob inside was stolen from the front of the garage of a residence in the 1000 block of 88<sup>th</sup> Street. There were no personal belongings inside the car and the home did not have surveillance cameras. The officer issued a B.O.L.O. over the radio for the vehicle and a detective conducted an area canvass for surveillance footage in the area. On October 24, 2021, the vehicle was located by a Margate Police Officer in good condition, unoccupied, and had been illegally re-vin-ed.

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

The FLOW (Florida Licensing on Wheels) was October 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The Police Department proudly participated in a photographic event on October 7<sup>th</sup> along with police departments from all over Miami-Dade County for Breast Cancer Awareness month. The Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police raised awareness as we showed our support to a worthy cause. The photograph was taken on the tarmac of the Miami International Airport with all the police vehicles decorated with pink ribbons in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. Officer Luke attended and represented the Surfside Police Department.

The LEO Weekend, a non-profit organization that provides weekend getaways to the families of fallen officers, kicked off their “LEO Weekend Miami 2021” on October 8<sup>th</sup> at Bill Baggs Park in Key Biscayne. The opening ceremony was from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Police Department participated in this event with our police vehicle decorated with Gold Ribbons which supports childhood Cancer. Officer Luke attended and represented the Surfside Police Department.

The Police Department hosted the Miami-Dade Chaplain’s lunch on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The Police Department hosted a presentation on Officer Involved Shooting/In-Custody Death Investigation Process and Policy training conducted by FDLE on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. Representatives from Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Golden Beach, Indian Creek, North Bay Village, and Sunny Isles Beach Police Departments attended the training.

The supervisory staff meeting was October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

The Surfside Police Department hosted two community blood drives on October 17<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot. A bus designated for platelet donations was also on site on October 17<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Blood Mobile.

The Aventura Marketing Council hosted their annual Salute to Law Enforcement breakfast meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. in Aventura. Captain Healy and Captain Marciante attended and represented the SPD.

Code Enforcement hosted their monthly Special Master Hearing on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Surfside PD, Aventura PD, Bay Harbor Islands PD, North Miami PD and Sunny Isles Beach PD hosted a Multi-Agency Collection Day (electronics recycling, Shred-a-Thon and DEA Drug Takeback) on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Bill Bird Marina (Haulover Park) from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Officer Hernandez and PEO A. Acosta participated in the event.

Surfside, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands Police Departments hosted the Surf Bal Bay Night Out on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Bay Harbour Islands. Captain Marciante, Sergeant Matelis, Officer Duran, Officer Saffo, Officer Smith, PEO Castro and EA Goldstein participated in this event.

The monthly Coffee with the Cops was October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Police Training Room.

The Police Department contributed to the Parks and Recreation's Spooky Spectacular on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Park by giving out Halloween candy and flashlights. Officer Duran and EA Goldstein represented the Police Department and participated in the event.

Surfside Police officers were stationed throughout the residential neighborhood on Halloween, October 31<sup>st</sup> handing out candy and flashlights to the trick-or-treaters.

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

The funeral for Hollywood Police Department Yandy Chirino, who died in the line of duty, was held on November 1<sup>st</sup> at the FLA Live Arena in Sunrise, FL. Sergeant Lorente, Officer Donoso, and Officer Duran proudly represented the Surfside Police Department as members of a multijurisdictional Honor Guard Team participating in the ceremony.

Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) is hosting a 5K event at Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park in Key Biscayne, FL on November 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Officer Arch will attend and proudly represent the Surfside Police Department.

The supervisory staff meeting is November 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

The Surfside Police Department in conjunction the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six will host a multi-agency traffic safety enforcement and educational detail on November 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Law enforcement will be focusing primarily on aggressive driving (as part of the Drive Safe campaign), distracted driving, red-light running, speeding, seatbelt use, move-over law compliance, bike/pedestrian safety compliance and general traffic safety. Golden Beach, Miami Beach, Miami Gardens, Miami-Dade, North Miami, North Bay Village and Sunny Isles Beach Police Departments will be participating in this event.

The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting their annual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Veterans Park. Officer Howard will sing the National Anthem, members of Police Department will participate in the ceremony as members of the Honor Guard and the command staff will be in attendance.

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

Code Enforcement will host their monthly Special Master Hearing on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The monthly Coffee with the Cops will be November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six in conjunction with the Pinecrest Police Department will host a multi-agency traffic safety enforcement and educational detail on November 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Law enforcement will be focusing primarily on aggressive driving (as part of the Drive Safe campaign), distracted driving, red-light running, speeding, seatbelt use, move-over law compliance, bike/pedestrian safety compliance and general traffic safety. Two police officers from the Surfside Police Department will participate in this event.

The Menorah Parade held by the Shul of Bal Harbour will take place on November 28<sup>th</sup> departing from Ruth Broad Elementary School in Bay Harbor Islands, pass through Bal Harbour, and will conclude at the Shul in Surfside. Surfside, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands Police Departments will assist with traffic management. A Chanukah Festival will take place at the conclusion of the Menorah Parade in the 200 block of 95<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **TRAINING COMPLETED IN OCTOBER**

10 Ways to Avoid Phishing Scams with Quiz- All Personnel

Annual Qualification/Tactical Handgun Course- Sgt. Alberto

ASP/Less-Lethal Shotgun/OC/Taser Re-Certification Training- Sgt. Alberto

Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and Interviews- Sgt. Alberto

Body Worn Cameras- Sgt. Alberto

Diversity in the Workplace – CEO Ruvin

Elder Abuse Investigations- Sgt. Alberto

Ethical Behavior for Local Government- CEO Novo

FCIC/NCIC Full Access Certification- Sgt. Cruz, Det. Leon

FCIC/NCIC Re-Certification – Sgt. Alberto

FDLE Use of Force- Sgt. Alberto

FDLE Officer Involved Shooting/In-Custody Death Investigation Process- Chief Yero, Capt. Healy, Capt. Marciante, Sgt. Alberto, Sgt. Cruz, Sgt. Lorente, Sgt. Pacheco, Sgt. Torres, Det. Gabriel, Ofc. Campbell, Ofc. Luke,

FEMA IS-100.c – Sgt. Cruz, Sgt. Lorente, Sgt. Pacheco, Det. Gabriel, Ofc. Campbell, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Gambirazio, Ofc. Howard, Ofc. Knight, Ofc. Luke, Ofc. Mendoza, Ofc. Ruiz, Ofc. Saffo, Ofc. Smith, Ofc. Valino, CS Sperbeck, PM Joseph, CO Burnell-McKnight, CO Villar, EA Goldstein, CCM Santos- Alborna, CCO Ruvin

FEMA IS-200.c- Sgt. Cruz, Sgt. Lorente, Sgt. Pacheco, Ofc. Campbell, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Gambirazio, Ofc. Hernandez, Ofc. Howard, Ofc. Knight, Ofc. Luke, Ofc. Mendoza, Ofc. Ruiz, Ofc. Saffo, Ofc. Smith, Ofc. Valino, PM Joseph, CO Burnell-McKnight, CO Villar,

FEMA IS-700.b- Sgt. Cruz, Sgt. Lorente, Sgt. Pacheco, Ofc. Campbell, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Gambirazio, Ofc. Hernandez, Ofc. Knight, Ofc. Mendoza, Ofc. Ruiz, Ofc. Saffo, Ofc. Smith, Ofc. Valino, PM Joseph, CO Burnell-McKnight, CO Villar,

FEMA IS-800.d- Sgt. Cruz, Sgt. Lorente, Sgt. Pacheco, Ofc. Campbell, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Gambirazio, Ofc. Hernandez, Ofc. Knight, Ofc. Mendoza, Ofc. Saffo, Ofc. Smith, Ofc. Valino, PM Joseph, CO Burnell-McKnight, CO Villar,

Fentanyl Safety for Law Enforcement- Sgt. Alberto  
FIT Testing- Sgt. Alberto  
Firearms Qualification / Tactical Shooting- Sgt. Alberto  
Leadership v. Management- CEM Santos-Alborna  
Miranda Considerations- Det. Gabriel  
STOP The Bleed / Tourniquet Application- Sgt. Alberto  
Recognizing Head Injuries in Infants and Children- Sgt. Alberto  
Risk Protection Orders (RPO) – Sgt. Alberto  
SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

I wish all of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving!