



SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bulletin

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OFFICER OF THE MONTH – JUNE 2022 – CAPTAIN ANTONIO MARCIANTE, SERGEANT MARIAN CRUZ, SERGEANT JAY MATELIS

The Town of Surfside honored the 98 victims, their families and survivors with Remembrance Events on the one-year anniversary of the Champlain Towers South building collapse. A Police Officer's oath "to protect and serve" was forever redefined June 24, 2021 during this unthinkable situation. Captain Marciante, Sergeant Cruz and Sergeant Matelis proudly demonstrated these characteristics while establishing and executing the action plan for the Memorial Ceremonies. In the overnight hours on June 24, 2022, a candlelight vigil was held onsite for invited guests only and a public memorial ceremony took place onsite at 10:00 a.m. with a large crowd in attendance including dignitaries, law enforcement personnel and rescue workers.

As the incident commander, Captain Marciante began planning for this momentous event in May 2022 along with Sergeants Cruz and Matelis. An intricate operational plan providing the highest level of security for the remembrance events was created to include logistics, scheduling of internal and external personnel, and traffic mitigation.

As the Security Supervisor, Sergeant Cruz was given the responsibility of securing the interior. As the Traffic and Media Supervisor, Sergeant Matelis was in command of traffic mitigation and exterior security. Both of these essential roles involved coordinating the critical locations for law enforcement personnel to be stationed for maximum efficiency. The Town of Surfside staff assisting were also given guidance and assignments.

Captain Marciante, Sergeants Cruz and Matelis attended several meetings, walk throughs, and briefings in order to ensure both events ran smoothly and safely for all assisting with the services as well as in attendance. Furthermore, the preparation for the memorial involved countless hours and extra-long work days.

It is always gratifying to observe members of the Police Department performing praiseworthy actions and recognized for their extraordinary service to the community. Captain Marciante and Sergeants Cruz and Matelis are commended for embracing this immense undertaking and completing it exceptionally well. Congratulations to Captain Antonio Marciante, Sergeant Marian Cruz and Sergeant Jay Matelis as the recipients of the June Officer of the Month award...well deserved!



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CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – JULY 2022 – PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ALAIN ACOSTA

Parking Enforcement Officer Alain Acosta has been a remarkable support to the Police Department ever since he joined our family from Parks and Recreation in 2010. Aside from his role as a Parking Enforcement Officer, Alain has proven to be an enormous asset to everyone he assists and graciously accepts additional responsibility. He is professional, kindhearted and a respectable representative of the Town of Surfside.

On July 8, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., PEO Acosta observed an elderly gentleman struggling with a malfunctioning bicycle wheel in front of Town Hall. He approached the citizen, offered him indispensable and much appreciated assistance. PEO Acosta went above and beyond the call of duty by utilizing his knowledge and experience in restoring bicycles to repair the bike wheel. The citizen was truly grateful for Alain's compassion and selflessness.

This is only one example of PEO Acosta's altruistic service to the community he proudly serves. PEO Acosta's tremendous work ethic continues to be inspiring and unsurpassed. These remarkable characteristics are demonstrated on a daily basis and the integrity Alain exhibits while performing his numerous job responsibilities are evident.

Alain performs these praiseworthy actions everyday and wholeheartedly fulfills any task requested of him. PEO Acosta is commended for his self-initiative, kindheartedness, and dedication to the Surfside Police Department. Congratulations to Parking Enforcement Officer Alain Acosta as the recipient of the July Civilian of the Month award...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS

Officer Donoso
Officer Hernandez
Officer Lage
Officer Saffo
Parking Enforcement Officer Castro

SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Auto Burglaries
07/14/2022 at 0100 hours
8800-8900 block of Froude Avenue
9000-9100 block of Emerson Avenue

A vehicle was observed stopped on the roadway and a male running from the driveway of a home and enter the vehicle, which then stopped for another male down the road. Officers responded and discovered that multiple vehicles had been burglarized. All the vehicles had been left unlocked.



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Carrying Concealed Firearm and Loitering and Prowling Arrest

07/22/2022 at 1112 hours

9300 block of Bay Drive

Officers from the Bal Harbour Police Department advised over the police radio of a fleeing vehicle. Shortly after, passengers from the fleeing vehicle bailed out in the area of the 9300 block of Carlyle Avenue. A perimeter was established and the passengers were located and apprehended. Surfside officers seized two handguns and a total of \$7,433.58 dollars for forfeiture. A total of three subjects were arrested by Surfside Officers and charged with Carrying Concealed Firearm and Loitering and Prowling. Bal Harbour Police Department arrested the driver and seized a large amount of cash, a firearm, ammunition, and marijuana.

Residential Burglary

06/28/2022 between 1600 hours to 2000 hours

9100 block of Collins Avenue

An unknown subject(s) entered and ransacked a condominium. The front door to the unit was found secure however the balcony to a bedroom was found open. The balcony is located at the southwest corner of the unit and is on the second story.

Commercial Fire

06/28/2022 at 2000 hours

9476 Harding Avenue - Rustiko

A small fire occurred when an employee preparing a dessert poured flammable liquid on the bar, setting it on fire. A restaurant employee promptly extinguished the fire with a fire extinguisher located inside of the restaurant before MDRR arrival. MDRR advised that the restaurant would have to close for the night because of heavy smoke within the restaurant which was unsafe for patrons to inhale. There were no injuries reported or structural damage. The traffic with a heavy traffic flow was briefly impacted as a lane of traffic had to be temporarily closed for the fire truck.

JULY COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

Chief Torres and Captain Marciante attended the annual Florida FBI National Academy Associates, Inc. (FBINAA) 75th Anniversary Conference in Sarasota, Florida from July 11th - July 14th, 2022.



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The Police Department participated in the Parks and Recreation Junior Lifeguard Camp by incorporating law enforcement and pertinent topics into the program. Two sessions were held from July 11th to August 5th, 2022. The following presentations were conducted:

- All About Sea Turtles Presentation from the Miami-Dade Sea Turtle Conservation Program - July 15, 2022
- Marine Patrol Presentation at the Indian Creek Police Department - July 20, 2022
- Crime Scene Investigations – July 29, 2022

The supervisory staff meeting was July 19th at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

The monthly Coffee with the Cops was July 28th at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a community blood drive on July 31st from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

AUGUST COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

A K-9 Demonstration from the Aventura and Sunny Isles Beach Police Departments took place on August 1st at 9:30 a.m. at the Community Center for the Parks and Recreation Summer Camp Program.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six in conjunction with the Medley Police Department hosted a multi-agency traffic safety enforcement and educational detail on August 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Law enforcement primarily focused 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. Officer Arch participated in this event.

On August 10th, the Surf Club Foundation graciously donated 31 rifle plates to the Surfside Police Department to supplement our current ballistic vests. The additional layer of protection is an extra safety measure to safeguard our police officers.

The supervisory staff meeting was August 11th at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

The Sunny Isles Beach Police Department is conducting a city-wide Multi-Agency Traffic Safety Enforcement detail on August 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Law enforcement will primarily focus on aggressive driving, distracted driving, red-light running, speeding, seatbelt use, move-over law compliance, bike/pedestrian safety compliance and general traffic safety. Officer Smith and Officer Valino will be participating in the event.

The Surfside Police Department will host a community blood drive on August 24th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.



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The monthly Coffee with the Cops is August 25th at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN JULY

2022 Biased Policing Training (PowerDMS) – All Personnel

Autism Training Awareness- Det. Leon

Basic Life Support (BLS) Instructor Course – Sgt. Matelis, Det. Leon

DAVID Renewal – Ofc. Mendoza

Distracted While Driving (LocalGov) - All Personnel

Enhancing Work Relationships (LocalGov) - All Personnel

Body Worn Camera – PEO A. Acosta, PEO C. Acosta, PEO Castro, PEO Perez

Sexual Harassment in Workplace (LocalGov) - All Personnel

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres

Vessel Identification, Stolen Vessels/Title Fraud – Ofc. Hernandez, Ofc. Ruiz