



# SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Bulletin

# 22-06

Date: June 6, 2022

### **HIGH ACHIEVERS**

Officer Arch  
Officer Hernandez  
Officer Knight  
Officer Lage  
Officer Valino  
Parking Enforcement Officer Castro

### **SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS**

Vehicle Burglary

05/25/2022 at 0356 hours

9400 block of Bay Drive

The victim cleaned her vehicle and utilized it for the day. Upon return, she reviewed her video surveillance cameras observing a young male enter her unlocked vehicle at 0356 hours on May 25, 2022. An examination of the interior of the vehicle revealed nothing was taken. The vehicle was not processed by crime scene due to the cleaning of the vehicle prior to incident being reported.

### **CHAMPLAIN TOWERS SOUTH MEMORIAL OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The Police Department is creating and implementing an action plan to provide the highest level of security for the memorial events in honor of the one-year anniversary of the Champlain Towers South building collapse. In the overnight hours of June 24, 2022, around 1:20 a.m., a candlelight vigil will be held onsite for invited guests only and at 10:00 a.m. a memorial ceremony open to the public will be held onsite. The operational plan will include security for both events as well as traffic mitigation. Security surveys will be conducted prior to the occasion by the Security Director from the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. Neighboring agencies will be providing additional personnel to assist with all aspects of the operation. Captain Marciante will oversee the operation and Chief Torres and Captain Healy will be supplemental sources of command and site security.

### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> and will commence June 5<sup>th</sup> 2022.



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

The North Miami Police Department hosted their annual Memorial Ceremony to honor their fallen police officers on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at the North Miami Police Department. Officer Mendoza proudly represented the Surfside Police Department as a member of a multijurisdictional Honor Guard Team participating in the ceremony.

The Commission honored our Police Department Telecommunicators with a proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week at the Commission Meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Communications Supervisor Susie Sperbeck and Communications Operators Tameka Burnell-Knight, Kenia Castillo and Jorge Villar were honored for their dedicated and exemplary service to the Town of Surfside.

The supervisory staff meeting was May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

Chief Torres attended the Annual Student-Run Breakfast Meeting presented by the Aventura Marketing Council on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at Trump International Beach Resort in Sunny Isles Beach.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six in conjunction with the Miami Gardens Police Department hosted a multi-agency traffic safety enforcement and educational detail on May 17<sup>th</sup> 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. Office Valino participated in this event.

The Police Benevolence Association (PBA) hosted their annual Law Enforcement Awards Gala on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Trump National Doral. Officer Duran proudly represented the Surfside Police Department as a member of a multijurisdictional Honor Guard Team participating in the ceremony.

The FLOW (Florida Licensing on Wheels) was May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a community blood drive on May 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

The Bike with the Chief community initiative was May 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

The monthly Coffee with the Cops was May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.



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The Parks and Recreation Department hosted their annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Veterans Park. Chief Torres and Captain Marciante attended this event. Sgt. Lorente, Ofc. Duran, and Ofc. Luke contributed as members of the Police Department's Honor Guard Team participating in the ceremony.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) updated their Firearms Training Program for firearms instructors and ultimately police officers. As a member of the FDLE Firearms Committee, Chief Torres participated in the Firearms Instruction class comprising of the new curriculum providing valuable feedback on the program. The class took place in Tallahassee, Florida from May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. The updated curriculum will be presented to all Firearms Instructors certified in the State of Florida.

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

The Surfside Police Department hosted a community blood drive on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

Officer Kemuel Gambirazio, Officer Ariol Lage, Officer Craig Lovellette and Officer Joseph Matthews will be recognized and honored at the Town Commission meeting on June 14, 2022 as the Officers of the Year for 2021 for their actions in the immediate aftermath of the Champlain Towers South collapse.

The Surfside Police Department in conjunction with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six in conjunction will host a multi-agency traffic safety enforcement and educational detail on June 15, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 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. Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Golden Beach, Miami Beach and North Miami Police Departments will be participating in this event along with Sergeant Matelis and Officers Arch and Valino.

The supervisory staff meeting is June 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

The FLOW (Florida Licensing on Wheels) is June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The Surfside Police Department will host a community blood drive on June 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

The Bike with the Chief community initiative will be June 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

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## **TRAINING COMPLETED IN MAY**

2022 Common Threats- All Personnel

Annual Firearms Qualifications- Sgt. Cruz, Sgt. Lorente, Ofc. Campbell, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Gambirazio, Ofc. Hernandez, Ofc. Lage, Ofc. Luke, Ofc. Mendoza, Ofc. Ruiz

Background Investigations – Det. Gabriel

Dynamics Performance Rifle – Sgt. Lorente, Ofc. Mendoza

FCIC/NCIC Full Access Certification- Ofc. Gambirazio, CO Burnell-McKnight

FDLE – Conducting Background Investigations – Det. Gabriel

Getting your Case File- Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Ruiz

IPMBA Police Cyclist Course – Ofc. Gambirazio, Ofc. Saffo, PEO C. Acosta

Micro-Module- Introduction to Ransomware – All Personnel

Police Marine Patrol Operators Course – Ofc. Duran

Rising Antisemitism in the US (Webinar) – Det. Leon

Stop and Frisk/Terry Stops – Ofc. Duran

Stress Management & Mental Health (PowerDMS) – All Personnel

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres

Tactical Life Saver – Ofc. Duran

WebEOC – Sgt. Cruz, Det. Leon