



# SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Bulletin

# 22-09

Date: September 15, 2022

### **OFFICER OF THE MONTH – AUGUST 2022 – OFFICER DIANNA HERNANDEZ**

On August 23, 2022, Officer Dianna Hernandez responded to a medical call for service in reference to a male in respiratory distress. She observed the victim lying in bed unresponsive and not breathing. Officer Hernandez with assistance from another officer grabbed the bed sheet lowering him to the floor where Officer Hernandez initiated Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). The victim's extremities were cool to the touch whereas his face and chest were warm with no signs of rigor mortis or lividity. Officer Hernandez placed her CPR mask over his face so breaths could be administered however his jaw was rigid and would not open. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue responded and took over CPR procedures. The victim was transported to Mt. Sinai Medical Center where he underwent an emergency procedure restoring spontaneous circulation (heart beat). The victim suffered another cardiac episode and unfortunately did not survive.

Officer Hernandez took charge during this critical call recognizing this life-or-death situation required swift action. She observed an individual in dire need of assistance and did not hesitate to utilize her training and experience during a call for service of the highest priority. It is always gratifying to observe members of the Police Department performing exemplary actions and recognized for their extraordinary service to the community. Officer Hernandez is commended for performing superbly and with professional excellence. Her commitment to the community she proudly serves is admirable and deserving of high praise. Congratulations to Officer Dianna Hernandez as the recipient of the August Officer of the Month award...well deserved!

### **HIGH ACHIEVERS**

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



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## **SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS**

### **Auto Burglary**

08/09/2022 at 0250 hours

9100 block of Collins Avenue

A valet employee observed an unknown male inside a vehicle parked in the building's parking garage. The subject stole a pair of Maui sunglasses, valued at \$250.00 dollars. After being noticed by the employee, the subject fled the area in an unknown vehicle.

### **Auto Theft and Recovery**

08/29/2022 at 0800 hours

9300 block of Dickens Avenue

An unlocked vehicle with the key fob inside was stolen from the driveway of a residence. A B.O.L.O. was disseminated on the police radio and the vehicle was entered into FCIC/NCIC. On 09/01/2022, the vehicle was recovered by the El Portal Police Department. The vehicle was found abandoned and in good condition.

## **HIGH HOLIDAYS**

The High Holiday services begin on Sunday evening, September 25, 2022 and will conclude on October 18, 2022. Many of the holidays have driving restrictions which means a large number of pedestrians. The Police Department has increased police presence with assigned details for high visibility during the High Holidays for the following areas:

- The Shul - 9540 Collins Avenue
- Young Israel - 9592 Harding Avenue
- Hechal Shalom Sephardic Congregation - 310 95<sup>th</sup> Street
- Magen David Sephardic Congregation - 9348 Harding Avenue

The enhanced patrols will be concentrated before and after services when congregants from the surrounding area and neighboring communities are walking to and from these locations. In addition, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands Police Departments will assign officers to further augment patrols in the area. There will be uniformed security guards working throughout the holidays at the Shul and Young Israel. Please see the schedule below of High Holiday dates:

- Rosh Hashanah-
  - Begins sunset of Sunday, September 25, 2022
  - Ends nightfall of Tuesday, September 27, 2022
- Yom Kippur-
  - Begins sunset of Tuesday, October 4, 2022
  - Ends nightfall of Wednesday, October 5, 2022



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- Sukkot-
  - Begins sunset of Sunday, October 9, 2022
  - Ends nightfall of Sunday, October 16, 2022
- Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah-
  - Begins sunset of Sunday, October 16, 2022
  - Ends nightfall of Tuesday, October 18, 2022

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

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 5<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. Officer Arch participated in this event.

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

Miami-Dade Police Officer Cesar “Echy” Echaverry was tragically killed in the line of duty while serving and protecting the community on August 15, 2022 succumbing to his injuries on August 17, 2022. The funeral was held on August 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Loan Depot Park in Miami. Sergeant Lorente and Officer Luke proudly represented the Surfside Police Department as members of a multijurisdictional Honor Guard Team participating in the ceremony.

The monthly Coffee with the Cops was August 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.

In conjunction with the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign, the Miami Beach Police Department conducted a multiagency DUI Checkpoint on August 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. The operation impacted northbound traffic on the 1100 block of Alton Road. Officer Arch and Officer Valino participated in this initiative.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement Special Agent Jose Perez was involved in a crash on August 2, 2022 while responding to an incident in West Miami-Dade succumbing to his injuries on August 20, 2022. A funeral mass was held on August 29, 2022 at St. Kevin Catholic Church in Miami to honor the fallen officer. Sergeant Lorente and Officer Donoso proudly represented the Surfside Police Department as members of a multijurisdictional Honor Guard Team participating in the service.



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

In conjunction with the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign, the Coral Gables Police Department conducted a multiagency DUI Operation on September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Officer Arch participated in this initiative.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Citizens Police Academy began September 7, 2022 and will conclude November 16, 2022 with a graduation ceremony. The classes for September include Body Worn Camera Presentation, Basic Life Support (BLS)/CPR, K-9 Demonstration and Fundamentals of Law.

The Mystic Force Foundation hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Childhood Cancer Police Car Initiative and Gold Ribbon Childhood Cancer Parade on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The parade departed from Nicklaus Children's Hospital at 10:00 a.m. and concluded at the North Miami Police Department. Police Departments throughout Miami-Dade County and elected officials in support of our littlest heroes battling Childhood Cancer participated in this momentous event. Officer Arch proudly represented the Surfside Police Department.

The FLOW (Florida Licensing on Wheels) was September 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

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The supervisory staff meeting is September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

The Surfside Police Department will host a community blood drive on September 25<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 is September 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.

The South Florida PBA will host the Annual Feast Day Celebration of St. Michael, the Patron Saint of Law Enforcement Officers, on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Doral, Florida. Sergeant Lorente and Officer Mendoza will proudly represent the Surfside Police Department as members of a multijurisdictional Honor Guard Team participating in the service.



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## **TRAINING COMPLETED IN AUGUST**

Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR/AED –PM Joseph, PEO A. Acosta, PEO C. Acosta, PEO Castro, EA Goldstein, AM Smith

Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR/AED and Active Shooter – Sgt. Cruz, Sgt. Lorente, Sgt. Matelis, Sgt. Pacheco, Sgt. Torres, Det. Leon, Ofc. Arch, Ofc. Campbell, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Duran, Ofc. Gabriel, Ofc. Gambirazio, Ofc. Knight, Ofc. Lage, Ofc. Lovellette, Ofc. Luke, Ofc. Ruiz, Ofc. Saffo, Ofc. Smith, Ofc. Valino

Departmental Directive 01-04: Department and Town Visitors (PowerDMS) – All Personnel

Information Bulletin 22-04: Service Animals (PowerDMS) – All Personnel

Body Worn Camera Refresher Training (PowerDMS) – All Personnel

Struggle Well Training Program – Sgt. Lorente, Sgt. Pacheco

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres