



# SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Bulletin

# 23-04

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### **OFFICER OF THE MONTH – MARCH 2023 – OFFICER DIANNA HERNANDEZ**

Officer Dianna Hernandez has demonstrated in her exceptional 12 years of service with the Surfside Police Department compassion, dedication, and kindheartedness to everyone she encounters. Whether it is a call for service or routine patrol, the highest level of professionalism is exhibited by Officer Hernandez. The following are two examples of her remarkable service to the community.

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Officer Hernandez came across a homeless elderly female who was sleeping on a bench at the Publix located in Surfside. Officer Hernandez engaged the woman and listened to her story of how she felt the system had failed her. The woman expressed her frustration and feelings of hopelessness to Officer Hernandez, who listened with empathy and compassion. Despite the challenges of long waiting lists for affordable and government housing, Officer Hernandez did not allow these obstacles to prevent her from aiding. She asked the woman to give her a chance to help, and with tears in her eyes she graciously accepted Officer Hernandez's offer of support. Officer Hernandez immediately contacted homeless organizations she has worked with in the past and sent an email requesting assistance for the elderly female. Thanks to her unrelenting efforts, the female was eventually placed in a shelter where she could get the help and support she desperately needed.

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, Officer Hernandez noticed an elderly homeless male sleeping on the bench outside Publix. She was aware the male used to be a resident in the Town however he lost his home after becoming ill. The male had no family and ended up homeless. Officer Hernandez went above and beyond her duty as a police officer to get the man the help he needed. She contacted homeless organizations she has worked with in the past to get him assistance. The homeless organization eventually contacted the homeless male, nonetheless he did not accept the services. Despite this setback, Officer Hernandez spoke to the homeless male again to convince him to get aid, regrettably she was unsuccessful. Officer Hernandez's determination and benevolence in attempting to help this individual are praiseworthy.

Officer Hernandez's commitment to serving the community, particularly its most vulnerable members, is a testament to her perseverance and integrity. Her determination in making a positive difference in the lives of those in need is unwavering and truly admirable. Officer Hernandez embodies the Police Department's core values each day and performs her altruistic actions in an exemplary manner. Congratulations to Officer Dianna Hernandez as the recipient of the March Officer of the Month award...well deserved!



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## **CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – MARCH 2023 – EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF DINA GOLDSTEIN**

The Miami-Dade Association of Chiefs of Police (MDCACP) sponsors a dinner each month for all Miami- Dade Police agencies to attend. An officer of the month is chosen from nominations submitted from all the municipalities in Miami-Dade County. This prestigious award along with special honors are presented at the monthly dinner meetings.

Once a year, the MDCACP Dinner hosted by the Island Chiefs (Surfside, Indian Creek, Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands and North Bay Village Police Departments) is held at the exclusive Indian Creek Country Club. Planning for this special dinner requires a lot of time and preparation. Each year, Dina volunteers to be the lead contact person for all the agencies that are sponsoring and attending the event. She enthusiastically organizes the event on behalf of the Island Chiefs. This requires pre-meetings with the Indian Creek Police Chief and the Country Club event planner. Dina coordinates all the logistics with the event planner including room set up for the reception and dinner, menus (including dietary restrictions) and flowers. She created the invitations for dissemination to the MDCACP and the agenda/program for the event. Additionally, Dina coordinates with all host agencies for the raffle giveaways and attendee lists from each municipality. She is the only point of contact for RSVP's from the attendees and host agencies. Once received, she creates the lists of attendees for the event planner for logistics. On the day of the event, Dina arrives early to the Indian Creek Country Club ensuring all the preparations are in place. She also takes on the responsibility to check in all attendees as they arrived for the reception and dinner.

Dina's dedication to serving the community, along with the numerous police agencies in Miami Dade County, is a testament to her dedication and professionalism. Her consideration for ensuring the MDCACP Dinner is well planned and organized shows her unwavering determination to make a positive impact on others. Dina is a shining example of the Police Department's dependability and devotion to the Town she proudly serves. Congratulations to Executive Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein as the recipient of the March Civilian of the Month award...well deserved!

## **HIGH ACHIEVERS**

Officer Arch  
Officer Duran  
Officer Hernandez  
Officer Valino  
Parking Enforcement Officer C. Acosta



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## **SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS**

Burglary / Aggravated Assault

03/04/2023

8900 block of Harding Avenue

The victim was home when he heard noises coming from the garage area of his residence. Upon inspection, the victim discovered a male wearing all black rummaging through his garage items. The victim startled the male, in turn he produced a black firearm pointing it at the victim then immediately fled in a known direction of travel. Officers canvassed the area with negative results.

Update Burglary ARREST

03/04/2023

9400 block of Emerson Avenue

A bag of Chewy dog food valued at \$60.00 was taken from an attached front porch of a residence. The incident was recorded on the victim's ring camera. Detectives in conjunction with the Miami-Beach Robbery Unit arrested two subjects on 03/09/2023.

Update Burglary Arrest

03/04/2023

9400 block of Emerson Avenue

A blue foldable beach wagon, an electric bike, and two electric foot scooters valued at \$1700.00 were taken from the attached front porch of a residence. The victim noticed an unknown female with what appeared to be a package in the front area of her home around 3:00 p.m. assuming it was a delivery person. The thefts were discovered when the family left the house to go to dinner. Detectives in conjunction with the Miami-Beach Robbery unit arrested two subjects on 03/09/2023.

Auto Burglary

03/12/2023

8800 block of Dickens Avenue

Unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle however nothing was taken from inside the car. CSI processed the vehicle with negative results.

Auto Burglary

03/12/2023

9200 block of Bay Drive

Unknown subject(s) entered two unlocked vehicles however nothing was taken from inside either car.



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## Auto Burglary

03/12/2023

8900 block of Byron Avenue

Unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle however nothing was taken from inside the car. CSI was unable to lift any prints from the vehicle due to scene contamination.

## Stolen Car Attempt

03/18/2023

900 Block of 91<sup>st</sup> Street

The victim left his car running and unlocked to make a delivery of materials when a white BMW approached his vehicle. A male exited the BMW attempting to enter the victim's vehicle, at which point the victim came out of the home. The male fled in the BMW.

## Auto Burglary

03/22/2023

200 block of 95<sup>th</sup> Street – The Shul lot

An unknown subject entered an unlocked vehicle parked in The Shul parking lot. CCTV captured the subject entering the vehicle taking a bag.

## Burglary

03/31/2023

200 block of 91<sup>st</sup> Street

Unknown subject(s) stole 1,280 pieces of bronze plumbing elbows from a storage container.

## **NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK**

Do you ever wonder who's the person behind our emergency calls to 911? All we know about them is their voice, which is why National Public Safety Telecommunications Week recognizes and thanks those invisible telecommunicators who have continued to serve in this demanding profession. Citizens in the past who may not have been aware, have come to realize that telecommunicators are in fact "The First, First Responders!"

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week is April 9<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This week is celebrated annually and honors the thousands of men and women who answer emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance to citizens and first responders.

Communications Supervisor Susie Sperbeck is praised by the Command Staff and her colleagues for her 26 years of exceptional service to the law enforcement profession as a communications operator and supervisor for the Town of Surfside. In times of crisis, her essential service is clearly demonstrated and greatly appreciated by all she serves. A special thank you to this dedicated professional for all she does each day.



# SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## SHIFT BID

The Patrol Shift Bid process has been completed and will be effective April 17, 2023.

### A Squad

Sergeant Matelis  
Sergeant Alberto (ML)  
Officer Arch  
Officer Campbell  
Officer Luke  
Officer Ruiz  
Communications Supervisor Sperbeck

### B Squad

Sergeant Lorente  
Officer Colonna  
Officer Donoso  
Officer Gambirazio  
Officer Mendoza  
Officer Saffo

### C Squad

Sergeant Torres  
Officer Gabriel  
Officer Hernandez  
Officer Lovellette  
Officer Matthews  
Officer Valino

### D Squad

Sergeant Pacheco  
Officer Duran  
Officer Howard  
Officer Knight  
Officer Smith  
Communications Operator McTaggart

## MARCH COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Surfside Under the Stars event was March 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on 93<sup>rd</sup> Street between Collins and Harding Avenue. The Police Department assisted the Tourist Board with traffic control, street closures and pedestrian safety from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Ellie's Army Foundation (in honor of Ellie who passed away from her illness) is a non-profit organization which provides financial assistance to children and young adults who are battling life-threatening illness. The DirtySocks 5K Run and Walkathon benefiting Ellie's Army Foundation was held on March 5<sup>th</sup> in Aventura beginning at 8:00 a.m. Officer Donoso participated in the event in the capacity of bicycle patrol.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a community blood drive on March 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

The supervisory staff meeting was March 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

The Town of Surfside's Third Thursday event took place on March 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on 93<sup>rd</sup> Street between Collins and Harding Avenue. Three police officers/or parking enforcement officers assisted with the street closures and pedestrian safety from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.



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The Police Department hosted a community blood drive on March 29<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 was March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.

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

The Surfside Under the Stars event was April 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on 93rd Street between Collins and Harding Avenue. The Police Department assisted the Tourist Board with traffic control, street closures and pedestrian safety from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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

High school students from Horeb Christian School visited Town Hall for Police presentations on April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. The agenda included the following presentations:

- Welcoming Remarks - Mayor Danzinger and Town Manager Gomez
- Chief Healy - Command Staff Introduction/Responsibilities and question and answer session
- Captain Marciante – Patrol Operations, Training and Station Dog Mike
- Sergeant Matelis – Special Operations Division and Media Relations
- Criminal Investigations Unit – Investigations
- Officer Gentile – Public Records and Body Worn Cameras
- Closing remarks followed by lunch

Chief Healy and Captain Marciante will attend the Law Enforcement Coordination Meeting (LECM) for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at the United States Attorney's Office in Miami. The collaborative efforts between municipalities result in more focused and effective law enforcement solutions.

The Six Islands and a Pig Team comprised of Surfside, Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Indian Creek Village, North Bay Village, and Sunny Isles Beach Police Departments will be participating in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pig Cook Off Police vs. Fire on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Hialeah Park Casino. The 7-year-old daughter of a police officer is battling DIPG (Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma-brainstem tumor) has been chosen as this year's recipient to receive all proceeds. Chief Healy, Captain Marciante, PEO Castro, Town Clerk McCready and Deputy Town Clerk Herbello will be participating in the event.

The supervisory staff meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.



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The Town of Surfside's Third Thursday event will take place April 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on 93rd Street between Collins and Harding Avenue. Three police officers/or parking enforcement officers will assist with the street closures and pedestrian safety from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Surfside, Bay Harbor Islands and Sunny Isles Beach Police Departments will host a Multi-Agency Collection Day (electronics recycling, Shred-a-Thon and DEA Drug Takeback) on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Bill Bird Marina (Haulover Park) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Police Department's new Community Initiative Custard with the Cops in conjunction with Rita's of Surfside will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at Rita's. Residents, business persons, and visitors can meet with the Chief of Police and his staff to discuss community issues.

The monthly Coffee with the Cops is April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.

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

## **TRAINING COMPLETED IN MARCH**

03-31 entitled Face, Analysis, Comparison, and Examination System (FACES) PowerDMS – All Personnel

08-03 Less-Lethal Weapons (PowerDMS) – All Personnel

Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and Interviews- Ofc. R. Hernandez

FEMA IS-200.C: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response - Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. R. Hernandez

FEMA ICS-200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Actions Incidents – Ofc. Duran, Ofc. Gambirazio, Ofc. Mendoza

Accreditation Orientation/PowerDMS - Ofc. R. Hernandez

Airborne and Bloodborne Pathogens – Ofc. R. Hernandez

Combative Offenders Control Techniques – Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Ruiz

Conflict and Dispute Resolution – Ofc. R. Hernandez

Cybersecurity Threats to Public Entities- Ofc. R. Hernandez

Developing Effective Communications Skills - Ofc. R. Hernandez

Diabetic Emergency and Officer Response - Ofc. R. Hernandez

Diversity in the Workplace - Ofc. R. Hernandez

Elder Abuse Investigations - Ofc. R. Hernandez

Enhancing Workplace Relationships- Ofc. R. Hernandez

FCIC/NCIC Full Access Certification - CO Darden, CO McTaggart

FACESNXT- Training to Retrieve Records -Det. Leon, Ofc. Gentile

FACESNXT- Introduction to Automated Facial Recognition Systems and Facial Identification Best Practices – Det. Leon

Fentanyl Safety for Law Enforcement - Ofc. R. Hernandez



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Florida Purple Alert- Ofc. R. Hernandez  
Florida Silver Alert- Ofc. R. Hernandez  
Handling Difficult Customers for Local Government- Ofc. R. Hernandez  
Identify and Investigate Human Trafficking - Ofc. R. Hernandez  
IS-800.D: National Response Framework, An Introduction - Ofc. R. Hernandez  
Local Agency Security Officer (LASO) Certification - Ofc. Gentile  
University of Louisville Southern Police Institute Command Officers Development – Sgt. Cruz  
Medical Marijuana- Ofc. R. Hernandez  
Misuse of Electronic Databases – Ofc. R. Hernandez  
Physiological & Psychological Principles of Shooting for L.E.O Females – Ofc. Howard  
Risk Protection Orders - Ofc. R. Hernandez  
Sexual Harassment in the Workplace (Localgov) – All Personnel  
Stress and Your Health - Ofc. R. Hernandez  
Struggle Well – Sgt. Torres, Ofc. R. Hernandez  
Successful Customer Interactions- Ofc. R. Hernandez  
SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres  
Temporary FCIC/NCIC Full Access Certification – CO Darden, CO McTaggart  
The LGBTQ Community – Ofc. R. Hernandez  
Violence in the Workplace (Localgov) – All Personnel