



SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bulletin

23-07

Date: July 11, 2023

OFFICER OF THE MONTH – JUNE 2023 – OFFICER BOBBY GABRIEL

On June 7th, 2023, Officer Bobby Gabriel was en route to work when he heard Surfside Police dispatch a call pertaining to a theft that just occurred along with the description of a female subject. Even though his shift had not begun, Officer Gabriel immediately went to assist with this evolving incident. Officer Gabriel observed a subject matching the description standing on the Southwest corner of 96th Street and Byron Avenue carrying a black bag and what appeared to be the stolen item. Officer Gabriel activated his emergency police lights as he approached the female subject and a male who was later identified as the victim. Officer Gabriel was provided with CCTV footage capturing the subject walk onto the victim's property removing a black and blue cooler from the covered porch area. Through the course of the investigation, the subject became upset and spontaneously stated "he can have his cooler back, I just want to leave". The cooler in the subject's possession was open/unzipped containing additional property. Officer Gabriel observed a package with mail inside the cooler when the subject lifted the cover to remove the property. The subject was arrested and taken into custody. Further investigation revealed 48 stolen pieces of mail addressed to residents in several jurisdictions, including Surfside. The subject was subsequently charged with Burglary to a Conveyance, Unlawful Possession of the personal identification information of other persons, Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer, Resisting Arrest without Violence, and Obstructing by Disguised Person. Furthermore, Officer Gabriel contacted the Postal Police Inspector to pursue federal charges. Officer Gabriel is commended for conducting a remarkable investigation which revealed additional offenses the subject committed. Officer Gabriel took the initiative from beginning to end during this call for service, going above and beyond the call of duty. Officer Gabriel's praiseworthy actions demonstrate his work ethic, professionalism and dedication to his profession. Congratulations to Officer Bobby Gabriel as the recipient of the June Officer of the Month award...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS

Officer Arch
Officer Donoso
Officer Gabriel
Officer R. Hernandez
Officer Valino
Parking Enforcement Officer Castro



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SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Auto Burglary

06/04/2023

9400 block of Bay Drive

An unknown subject burglarized a vehicle. The CCTV footage captured a male suspect entering the victim's vehicle at approximately 0350 hours on Sunday, June 4th, 2023.

Burglary / Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer Arrest

06/07/2023

96th Street and Byron Avenue

The complainant witnessed a female go into his neighbors attached front porch and remove a cooler. Officers located the subject and detained her at 96th Street and Byron Avenue. Upon attempting to place the subject into custody, the subject actively resisted and kneed a police officer in the chest area. The subject was subsequently placed into custody. The subject was charged with burglary to a conveyance, unlawful possession of the personal identification information of other persons, battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest without violence, and obstructing by disguised person.

Auto Burglary

06/22/2023

9200 block of Emerson Avenue

An unknown subject(s) pried open the door to a work van taking a red Milwaukee camera valued at approximately \$10,000.00 US dollars. Due to contamination of the scene, crime scene was unable to process the vehicle.

FOURTH OF JULY

On Tuesday, July 4th, the Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department hosted their annual 4th of July Holiday Celebration featuring swimming races, live music, DJ sets, crafts, a photo booth and outdoor games. The event concluded with a beachside fireworks exhibition and a drone show at 9:00 p.m. This event draws hundreds of families and visitors.

Additional police officers were assigned from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to ensure safety and security at the Community Center, on the beach, during the fireworks set-up and display, beach escorts for trucks carrying equipment to the Community Center and on Collins Avenue to assist with pedestrian crossing.

JUNE COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Police Department hosted an Active Shooter and Hurricane Season Presentation training for all Town civilian employees on June 6th and 7th in the Commission Chambers. The training was taught by Captain Marciante and Sergeant Matelis.



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Sergeant Lorente and Sergeant Matelis attended the FBI Executive Leadership Course in Fort Lauderdale from June 12th to June 16th, 2023.

Sergeant Cruz graduated from the University of Louisville Southern Police Institute Command Officers Development Course on June 23, 2023.

The Town hosted two Remembrance Ceremonies for the 2nd Anniversary of the Champlain Towers South Building collapse on June 24, 2023. The first memorial took place at the actual time of the collapse and the second ceremony was held from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Veterans Park. The Police Department assisted with security at both memorials.

Officer Joshua Rosario was sworn in as Surfside's newest Police Officer on June 26th at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. We welcome Officer Rosario to our Surfside family.

The monthly Coffee with the Cops was June 29th at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.

The Police Department hosted a community blood drive and platelets donation on June 28th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

JULY COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

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

Captain Marciante is attending the Florida FBINAA 2023 Annual Retraining Conference in Jacksonville, Florida from July 9th -13th, 2023.

The Parks and Recreation Junior Lifeguard Camp will be held in two sessions from July 10th to July 21st, 2023 and July 24th to August 4th, 2023. The Police Department will participate in both sessions by incorporating law enforcement and pertinent topics into the program.

- Marine Patrol Presentation at the Indian Creek Police Department – July 12th and July 26th, 2023
- All About Sea Turtles Presentation and Beach Cleanup from the Miami-Dade Sea Turtle Conservation Program at Haulover Beach- July 19,2023

The monthly Coffee with the Cops is July 27th at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.

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



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TRAINING COMPLETED IN JUNE

911 Public Safety Telecommunicator State Certification – CO Dardon
eAgent 2.0 User Training – All Sworn Personnel and Communication Operators
Elder Abuse Investigations – Ofc. Rosario
FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award – Sgt. Lorente
FBI-LEEDA 626th Executive Leadership Institute – Sgt. Matelis, Sgt. Lorente
Fentanyl Safety for Law Enforcement – Ofc. Rosario
Fire Safety – All Personnel
Florida Purple Alert – Ofc. Rosario
Florida Silver Alert – Ofc. Rosario
IS-100.C: Introduction to Incident Command System- Ofc. Rosario
IS-200.C: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response- Ofc. Rosario
IS-800.D: National Response Framework, An Introduction – Ofc. Rosario
Level 2 Security Awareness Certification – EA Goldstein
Mental Health and Wellness for Criminal Justice Officers – All Sworn Personnel
Miami Beach Police Department Bicycle Training – Ofc. R. Hernandez
New Law: Concealed Carry – All Sworn Personnel
Opening Cargo Containers - All Sworn Personnel
Risk Protection Orders- Ofc. Rosario
Struggle Well – Ofc. Ruiz
University of Louisville Southern Police Institute Command Officer's Development Course
– Sgt. Cruz