



SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bulletin

23-10

Date: October 13, 2023

OFFICER OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2023 – OFFICER MICAH SMITH

On Tuesday, September 12, 2023, a call for service was dispatched with regards to a violent and unstable male in his 20's who was armed with a firearm and arguing with his mother. Officer Smith quickly responded to the location of this volatile and critical call. The male was observed through the front window of the residence placing a gun in his waistband. With bravery and composure, Officer Smith proceeded to open the front door to establish dialogue with the male knowing he was armed with a firearm. Upon contact and in a split second, the male attempted to retreat further into the home. Officer Smith pursued the male preventing him fleeing the scene or concealing himself in the house. Remarkably with the only the use of his left hand and arm, Officer Smith grabbed the male and redirected him to the ground while his firearm remained in his right hand. A firearm was recovered from the male's waistband and the situation was swiftly deescalated. This incident could have ended in tragedy if not for Officer Smith's rapid response, keen insight and expertise exhibited from a prolonged law enforcement career. Officer Smith embodies the Police Department's core values professionalism, respect, integrity, dedication and excellence. Officer Smith is commended for his praiseworthy and courageous actions signifying his oath to protect and serve the Town of Surfside. His exceptional response to this perilous call for service potentially saved the lives of the subject and his fellow officers. Congratulations to Officer Micah Smith as the recipient of the September Officer of the Month award...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS

Officer Donoso
Officer R. Hernandez
Officer Howard
Officer Valino
Parking Enforcement Officer A. Acosta

SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Auto Burglary
09/26/2023
600 block of 93rd Street
Unknown subjects entered an unlocked vehicle parked in front of a residence taking a wallet and a pair of sunglasses. The subjects were captured on surveillance video.



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Auto Burglary

09/26/2023

600 block of 93rd Street

While officers canvassed the area reference the above vehicle burglary, an additional burglary was discovered to an unlocked vehicle. Officers contacted the victim, who stated nothing was taken from the vehicle.

Auto Burglary

09/26/2023

9500 block of Carlyle Avenue

An unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked work van parked in front of a residence. The vehicle was ransacked and a wallet containing a Florida Driver's License was taken from inside the van.

Auto Burglary

09/26/2023

9500 block of Carlyle Avenue

An unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked work van parked in front of a residence. The vehicle was ransacked however nothing was taken. The incident was captured on surveillance video.

Grand Theft Auto Arrest

09/28/2023

9300 block of Collins Avenue

During a traffic stop, a record's check of the vehicle revealed it was stolen out of Tampa, Florida and the tag was stolen out of Miami, Florida. The vehicle was towed, and the driver and passengers were subsequently arrested.

HIGH HOLIDAYS

The High Holiday services began on Friday evening, September 15, 2023 and concluded on October 8, 2023. Many of the holidays had driving restrictions which meant numerous pedestrians. The Police Department increased police presence with assigned details for high visibility during the High Holidays. In addition, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands Police Departments assigned officers to further augment patrols in the area.



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SHIFT BID

The Patrol Shift Bid process has been completed and is effective October 16, 2023.

A Squad

Sergeant Alberto
Officer Arch
Officer Campbell
Officer Luke
Officer Rosario
Officer Ruiz
Communications Supervisor Sperbeck

B Squad

Sergeant Lorente
Officer Colonna
Officer Donoso
Officer Gabriel
Officer Gambirazio
Communications Operator Dardon

C Squad

Sergeant Torres
Officer D. Hernandez
Officer R. Hernandez
Officer Lovellette
Officer Matthews
Officer Valino

D Squad

Sergeant Pacheco
Officer Duran
Officer Howard
Officer Knight
Officer Saffo
Officer Smith

SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

Community Service Aide Henry Popoteur and Parking Enforcement Officer David Gaspart joined the Surfside Police Department family on September 5, 2023.

The Sunny Isles Beach Police Department conducted a Marine Night Watch operation on September 9th from 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. The purpose of the operation was enforcement of Maritime Laws, Narcotics and Human Trafficking, with an emphasis on boater safety and education. Officers were deployed strategically throughout the Intracoastal Waterway from the County Line (Golden Beach) south to the Surfside town limits focusing on the areas of Aventura, Golden Beach, Haulover, Indian Creek, North Miami Beach, North Bay Village, and Sunny Isles Beach. Officer D. Hernandez and Officer Ruiz participated as members of the Police Departments Auxiliary Marine Patrol Unit.

The Police Department in conjunction with Axon hosted a Taser Certification class on September 11th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. Attendees from other police agencies were present along with Surfside Police Officers.

The University of Miami hosted a Stop the Bleed and Airway Management training course at the Ryder Trauma Center on September 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Captain Matelis, Sergeant Torres, and Detective Leon attended the training.



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The Mystic Force Foundation in conjunction with the North Miami Police Department hosted the 6th Annual Gold Ribbon Parade on September 16th beginning at 10:00 a.m. The parade, led by the North Miami Police Department, departed from Nicklaus Children's Hospital concluding at the North Miami Police Department. Over 100 gold ribbon adorned vehicles from police agencies across Miami-Dade and Broward counties, specialty vehicles and superheroes joined forces to show support of our littlest heroes battling Childhood Cancer. Officer Arch participated in this momentous event.

All around the world, Louis Vuitton employees ran and walked for a worthy cause, to raise funds to support children by providing them the resources they need to go back to school and to raise awareness of the challenges these children face daily. Louis Vuitton/ UNICEF 5K Run took place behind the Surfside Community Center on September 24th beginning at 8:00 a.m. Three police officers worked the event as race security and presence.

The Police Department hosted a community blood drive on September 27th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

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

The North Miami Beach Police Department held a Promotional Ceremony for several Command Staff members on September 28th at 1:00 p.m. Chief Healy attended the ceremony.

The South Florida PBA hosted the Annual Feast Day Celebration of St. Michael, the Patron Saint of Law Enforcement Officers, on September 29th at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Doral, Florida. Officer Duran proudly represented the Police Department as a member of a multijurisdictional Honor Guard Team participating in the service.

OCTOBER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Surfside Farmers Market returned October 1, 2023 with a new venue and hours of operation. The festivities are now be located at the 96th Street Beach Entrance and the Hard Pack from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Police Department will assist with traffic control during set up and breakdown, security during the event, and ensuring pedestrian safety.

- Sunday, October 1, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 8, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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Assistant Chief Marciante and Station Dog Mike participated in a K9 for Warriors Station Dog Program presentation at the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police Executive Board Meeting on October 4th at 12:00 p.m. The Director of the Station Dog Program for K-9 for Warriors, Greg Wells, was the guest speaker.

The Police Department hosted a community blood drive on October 8th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

The Shul of Bal Harbour held a candlelight vigil and prayer ceremony on October 9th at 5:00 p.m. in support of Israel. Chief Healy, Assistant Chief Marciante and Sergeant Cruz attended the ceremony.

A memorial ceremony was held to honor the memory of Hialeah Police Officer Anthony Caabeiro who tragically died in a motorcycle accident off duty. The ceremony was held on October 11th at 10:00 a.m. at Graceland South Memorial in Miami. Sergeant Lorente proudly represented the Surfside Police Department as a member of a multijurisdictional Honor Guard Team participating in the service.

Assistant Chief Marciante attended a Promotional Ceremony for the Aventura Police Department. The event was held in the Aventura City Hall Commission Chambers on October 11th at 2:00 p.m.

Captain Matelis is attending the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference in San Diego, CA from October 14th to October 17th, 2023.

The Police Department's Community Initiative Custard with the Cops in conjunction with Rita's of Surfside will be held on October 22nd at 11:00 a.m. at Rita's. Residents, business persons, and visitors can meet with Police Command Staff to discuss community issues.

The Aventura Marketing Council is hosting their annual Salute to Law Enforcement breakfast meeting on October 25th at 7:30 a.m. at the Gateway Center in Sunny Isles Beach. Assistant Chief Marciante and Captain Matelis will attend and represent the Police Department.

The Police Department will host a community blood drive on October 25th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.



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The Police Department will proudly participate in a photographic event on October 26th along with police departments from all over Miami-Dade County for Breast Cancer Awareness month. The Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police is raising awareness as we show our support for a worthy cause. The photograph will be taken at Shuckers Waterfront Grill in North Bay Village with all the police vehicles decorated with pink ribbons in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. Officer Arch will attend and represent the Surfside Police Department.

The monthly Coffee with the Cops is October 26th at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.

The Police Department will contribute to the Parks and Recreation's Spooky Spectacular on October 27th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal lot and 93rd Street between Collins and Harding Avenue by giving out Halloween candy, traffic control and ensuring pedestrian safety. EA Goldstein will represent the Police Department and participate in the event.

Surfside, Aventura, 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 October 28th at Bill Bird Marina (Haulover Park) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The 2nd Annual Hometown Heroes Parade and Festival hosted by Mayor Daniella Levine Cava and the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners will be held on October 28, 2023. Our local heroes comprised of first responders, healthcare workers, and law enforcement professionals will be honored for the incredible sacrifices they make for us every day. The festival encompassing a full day of family-friendly celebrations, entertainment, and games will be held at Tropical Park from 12:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. concluding with the Hometown Heroes parade at 6:00 p.m. Officer Robert Hernandez will participate in the event.

Surfside Police officers will be stationed throughout the residential neighborhood on Halloween, October 31st handing out candy to the trick-or-treaters.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER

02-19 Narcan Nasal Spray (PowerDMS) – All Personnel

03-32 Response to Active Assailant Events (PowerDMS) – All Personnel

2023 Social Engineering Red Flags –Ofc. Rosario, CSA Popoteur, CSA Fermin, PEO Gaspart

Active Shooter- Ofc. Rosario

Airborne and Bloodborne Pathogens – CSA Popoteur, PEO Gaspart,

Bleeding Control Basic v. 1.0 Course and Motorcycle Education and Injury Prevention Program- Capt. Matelis, Sgt. Torres, Det. Leon



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Conflict and Dispute Resolution - CSA Popoteur, PEO Gaspart,
Danger Zones for Supervisors – Ofc. Campbell
Ethical Behavior for Local Government – CSA Popoteur, PEO Gaspart,
Eyewitness Identification- Sgt. Cruz, Det. Lage, Det. Leon
FCIC/NCIC Full Access Certification – Sgt. Cruz, Det. Leon
Florida Purple Alert - CSA Popoteur, PEO Gaspart
Florida Silver Alert- CSA Popoteur, PEO Gaspart
Ground Control Course for Law Enforcement – Ofc. Duran
IS-100. C.: Introduction to Incident Command System – CSA Popoteur, PEO Gaspart
IS-200. C.: Basic Command System for Initial Response- CSA Popoteur, PEO Gaspart
IS-700. B. An Introduction to the National Incident Management System – CSA Popoteur,
PEO Gaspart
IS-800.D: National Response Framework - CSA Popoteur, PEO Gaspart
Diversity in the Workplace - CSA Popoteur, PEO Gaspart
Handling Difficult Customers for Local Government- CSA Popoteur, PEO Gaspart
Misuse of Electronic Databases - CSA Popoteur, PEO Gaspart,
Level 2 Security Awareness Certification -- CSA Popoteur, PEO Gaspart
Level 4 Security Awareness Certification – Capt. Matelis
Local Agency Security Officer (LASO) Certification - Capt. Matelis
Patrol Rifle Tactics/Qualifications- Sgt. Lorente, Sgt. Torres, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Duran,
Ofc. Gentile, Ofc. Smith
Pedestrian and Bicycle Law Enforcement: Laws, Procedures and Best Practices- Sgt.
Lorente
Public Telecommunications for Law Enforcement Officers – Ofc. Donoso, Ofc.
Gambirazio
Sexual Harassment in the Workplace – CSA Popoteur, PEO Gaspart,
Successful Customer Interactions - CSA Popoteur, PEO Gaspart
SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres
Taser Energy Weapons Certification – Capt. Matelis, Ofc. Colonna
Temporary FCIC/NCIC Full Access Certification - CO Batista-Hernandez
The Use and Control of Informants: A Patrol Officer's Primer- Sgt. Cruz, Det. Lage, Det.
Leon
Violence in the Workplace- CSA Popoteur, PEO Gaspart
Workplace Bullying- CSA Popoteur, PEO Gaspart