



Date of occurrence: February 12, 2015

Employee Name(s): Sergeant Patrick McKenna
Officer Tammy Campbell
Officer Loxley Arch
Officer Tony Mesa
Officer Dianna Hernandez

Unit/Division: Patrol

Award/Commendation: Letter of Commendation

Nominated by: Captain Julio Yero

Narrative:

On Thursday, February 12, 2015, officers were dispatched to 9149 Emerson Avenue reference an Aggravated Battery in progress. Dispatch reported the male subject was on scene and possibly armed with a firearm and a description of the subject (BOLO) was issued. All available Surfside Police units responded. As Officers Arch and Campbell responded to the dispatched location in emergency mode they observed a subject matching the BOLO at 92nd. Street and Harding Avenue. Officer Arch confirmed the BOLO via the dispatcher and Officer Campbell advised they had the subject at their location. These officers confronted the subject with guns drawn as Sergeant Mckenna arrived on scene. The subject immediately began yelling profanities at the three uniformed officers and ignored orders to show his hands. He was hostile and acted erratically with his hands waving and moving to and from his waist causing increasing alarm. Sergeant Mckenna deployed his Taser striking the subject. The subject pulled one of the prongs from his clothing and yelled "is that all you got" as he continued his threatening movements. Officer Campbell then holstered her firearm, drew her Taser and tased the subject striking him in the torso. This time the taser was effective immediately causing the subject to fall to the ground. The subject struck his head on the concrete rendering him unconscious. Officers quickly handcuffed the subject as he regained consciousness.

As the subject was being taken into custody, Officers Hernandez and Mesa arrived at the dispatched location and found the victims (The subject's mother and daughter) both seriously injured. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue arrived to both scenes and treated the victims and the subject who were all transported to Mt. Sinai Hospital by M.D.F.R. Officer Arch maintained custody of the subject and followed Rescue. The subject's elderly mother suffered a fractured hip and facial injuries. She was later airlifted to Ryder Trauma. The daughter was struck so hard she was bleeding from the ears.

The Surfside Police personnel that responded to and handled this incident from beginning to end acted in a manner that epitomizes the professionalism of our agency. Beginning with the alertness and keen observation skills displayed by Officers Campbell and Arch as they identified a dangerous felon fleeing from the crime scene, their radio procedures and tactics as they confronted the subject were exemplary. Sergeant McKenna who arrived as the subject was being challenged immediately took charge of the situation. With his experience and tactical training he did not hesitate in attempting to control the agitated subject and quickly acted by tasing the subject. The team quickly reacted when the subject pulled off a prong and a second tasing worked effectively subduing the violent offender. In the meantime, Officers Hernandez and Mesa attended to the injured and preserved the original crime scene. Sergeant McKenna coordinated the efforts of these officers in an efficient and effective manner maintaining control of multiple personnel and tasks needed to be completed.

I commend this group of dedicated officers and sergeant for their courage and professionalism.