



Date of occurrence: December 20, 2019

Employee Name: Dina Goldstein

Classification: Executive Assistant to the Chief

Unit/Division: Chief's Office

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation
Civilian of the Month

Narrative:

Over the past month, Dina Goldstein oversaw the 11th annual Police Department's Holiday Toy Drive as she has the previous 10 years. This event requires many hours of effort and commitment. The collection begins with advertisements for donations of new toys. The needy children are vetted and individually invited to attend with their parents on the scheduled date of the Toy Giveaway Party. Hundreds of toys were donated. Dina then coordinates the assortment by age and beautifully displays the toys for the children to choose from. This event has grown and become more popular each year. As a result, this year the event was organized and structured in a different manner in order to keep everyone safe. The children and family members were gathered in the Commission Chambers and the toys were displayed in the PD Training Room where the children were escorted and given the opportunity to select their gifts. The new plan was coordinated and worked effectively and efficiently in great part because of Dina's passion and dedication to this holiday celebration each year.

The Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department once again drove Santa and his crew to Town Hall on the fire truck with flashing lights and siren to the amusement of the excited children. Town personnel were recruited to assist with the event for registration, the set-up, decoration, and cleanup of the Commission Chambers and the training room. Other Town personnel played the parts of Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elves. Dina's kind nature and exceptional relationships sets a joyful and exciting milieu where folks want to assist the PD and participate in this event. A pre-event meeting was held to give out assignments, duties and responsibilities. Sponsors were recognized with plaques and thank you letters were composed and mailed out. All of these responsibilities and functions were managed and coordinated by Dina.

The event resulted in a fun filled exciting day for the happy children. I commend, thank and praise all who helped with this event but Dina certainly deserves special recognition. Congratulations to Executive Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein as the recipient of the December 2019 Civilian of the Month...well deserved!