



Date of occurrence: August 2, 2021

Employee Name: Officer Ronald Donoso and Officer Juan Duran

Classification: Police Officer

Unit/Division: Patrol

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation / Officers of the Month.

Narrative:

On August 2, 2021 at 7:06 p.m., Surfside Police Department units were dispatched to the 9300 block of Abbott Avenue in reference to a residential fire. Upon arrival, units observed heavy smoke coming from the interior of the home. Several family members were outside of the home however, their elderly/disabled grandmother was still in the home in her bedroom. Officer Ronald Donoso, Officer John Gentile and Officer Dianna Hernandez were led to the north west corner of the home and shown the nearest window to where the fire was emanating. These officers then utilized their department issued fire extinguishers to combat the fire. Soon after, Officers Donoso and Duran entered the home locating the female in the south east bedroom with the assistance of a family member. Officer Donoso and Officer Duran carried the female out of the home, utilizing a blanket as a gurney. MDFD Engine 76, under the command of Lt. Diaz, treated and released the elderly female on scene. The cause of the fire was an overheated lithium scooter battery which was located in the bedroom. Thankfully, there were no serious injuries. The fire caused approximately \$5,000. worth of damage to the residence. The home was deemed safe by both MDFD and FPL. The family temporarily relocated to a friend's home.

Officer Ronald Donoso and Officer Juan Duran are commended for their quick thinking and swift actions resulting in the rescue of a disabled female. The admirable qualities these officers possess are indicative of the caliber, bravery, dedication and training of the Surfside Police Department personnel. Congratulations Ronald and Juan on this well-deserved honor!!!