



Date: March 26, 2021

Employee Name: Elinor Joseph, Willie Perez, Alain Acosta, & Josue Castro.

Classification: Parking Enforcement

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

Narrative:

The Town of Surfside coordinated with the Florida Department of Health to become a COVID-19 vaccination site and administered the first-dose of the vaccine to qualifying Surfside residents on March 24, 2021 in the Town Hall Municipal parking lot. In the weeks leading up to the event, essential participants met to discuss the plans for the upcoming vaccination involving several Town of Surfside departments.

The Town of Surfside's exceptional Parking Department was critical in the success of the vaccination clinic. This Parking Division is comprised of Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph and Parking Enforcement Officers Alain Acosta, Josue Castro and Willy Perez. The coordination of this significant Town event was extensive involving several days of preparation encompassing parking enforcement officers along with other town employees going door to door throughout the town. The dedicated employees provided informational pamphlets to elderly residents and instructions on how to sign up to receive the vaccination. Additional preparation included setting up pre-designated parking lots for the Department of Health Employees and residents that would be coming to the town hall for the vaccine. Additionally, the parking workforce set up and directed all town employees to alternate parking as they arrived to work. On the day of the event, each member of the parking unit voluntarily adjusted their work schedule, arriving to work at 6:00 a.m. in order to ensure everything ran smoothly and cohesively. The parking personnel set up a staging area for residents that arrived early to their appointments, keeping social distancing guidelines a priority. Each employee manned key positions on foot in the two designated parking lots for the Department of Health Employees and residents to park.

If not for the leadership of Parking Operation Manager Joseph, along with the work ethic of Parking Enforcement Officers Acosta, Castro and Perez, this event could not have been as seamless and successful as it was. These true professionals perform in an exceptional manner every day. Whether for a special event or their daily responsibilities, the dedication exhibited by these employees as they assist others and the community they service is unwavering. These exceptional people are commended for their extraordinary work and commitment to the Town of Surfside. Congratulations to Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph and Parking Enforcement Officers Alain Acosta, Josue Castro and Willy Perez as the recipients of the March Civilians of the Month award...well deserved!