



**Date of occurrence:** May 2021-November 2021

**Employee Name:** Alejandro Lorente, Ronald Donoso, Juan Duran, Marianne Howard, Bryant Luke, Andres Mendoza

**Classification:** Sergeant and Police Officer

**Unit/Division:** Patrol

**Award/Commendation type and recommendations:** Officer of the Month

**Narrative:**

The Honor Guard is a ceremonial unit comprised of sworn members of the police department who maintain an impeccable appearance, high moral standards, discipline and serve as the official representatives of the Surfside Police Department. The primary role of the unit is to provide funeral honors for fallen police officers that have given their lives while protecting our civil liberties and freedom. Honor Guard officers must have the strength to withstand overwhelming emotions when they're called upon to serve in times of tragedy.

Each year, the Honor Guard performs in dozens of high visibility and high profile ceremonies in Miami-Dade County and throughout Florida proudly representing the Surfside Police Department as members of multijurisdictional Honor Guard Teams. The Honor Guard is comprised of Sergeant Alejandro Lorente and Officers Ronald Donoso, Juan Duran, Marianne Howard, Bryant Luke, and Andres Mendoza. Sergeant Lorente oversees the Honor Guard coordinating which officer(s) will participate in the momentous events. Officer Howard contributes a unique service to this team and ceremonial events, she sings and performs a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem.

Sergeant Lorente and Officers Donoso, Duran, Howard, Luke, and Mendoza also perform ceremonial duties at special events such as the Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department's annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day events. Members of the honor guard also participate in National Police Week which takes place yearly in May, the month where the Nation celebrates Memorial Day and National Police Appreciation Month. This event has grown into a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors

and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year. The members of this team have traveled to Washington, D.C. to be a part of this meaningful event as well as honor the men and women of law enforcement at a local level. Most significantly, the annual Miami-Dade Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony held at Tropical Park. Furthermore, Honor Guard representatives participate in the presentation of colors at the South Florida PBA Law Enforcement Awards Gala and the Police Department's annual Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police (MDCACP) dinner.

These remarkable individuals are recognized for their exceptional service as members of the Honor Guard, their dedication to the Town of Surfside, and embodying the Police Department's core values while performing their significant responsibilities with integrity and in an exemplary manner. Congratulations to Sergeant Alejandro Lorente and Officers Ronald Donoso, Juan Duran, Marianne Howard, Bryant Luke, and Andres Mendoza as the recipients of the November Officer of the Month award...well deserved!