



SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

AWARD OR COMMENDATION

Date of occurrence: September 12, 2023

Employee Name: Micah Smith

Classification: Police Officer

Unit/Division: Police Department

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

On Tuesday, September 12, 2023, a call for service was dispatched with regards to a violent and unstable male in his 20's who was armed with a firearm and arguing with his mother. Officer Smith quickly responded to the location of this volatile and critical call. The male was observed through the front window of the residence placing a gun in his waistband. With bravery and composure, Officer Smith proceeded to open the front door to establish dialogue with the male knowing he was armed with a firearm. Upon contact and in a split second, the male attempted to retreat further into the home. Officer Smith pursued the male preventing him fleeing the scene or concealing himself in the house. Remarkably with the only the use of his left hand and arm, Officer Smith grabbed the male and redirected him to the ground while his firearm remained in his right hand. A firearm was recovered from the male's waistband and the situation was swiftly deescalated. This incident could have ended in tragedy if not for Officer Smith's rapid response, keen insight and expertise exhibited from a prolonged law enforcement career. Officer Smith embodies the Police Department's core values professionalism, respect, integrity, dedication and excellence. Officer Smith is commended for his praiseworthy and courageous actions signifying his oath to protect and serve the Town of Surfside. His exceptional response to this perilous call for service potentially saved the lives of the subject and his fellow officers. Congratulations to Officer Micah Smith as the recipient of the September Officer of the Month award...well deserved!