

## 2014 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

### Ambitious and Productive Officer Bobby Gabriel

Proactive, courteous, enthusiastic, eager to learn and generous to the community, Officer Bobby Gabriel has been named the Surfside Police Department's 2014 Officer of the Year.

In 2014 he received the Officer of the Month Award, two Department letters of commendation and eight letters of appreciation from the community or other law enforcement agencies. He led the Department in 2014 for arrests, traffic citations and traffic warnings and was recognized each month by



the Chief for high productivity.

Though young in years, he has been a part of the community since he was a teen – first as a police explorer, then a Parks and Recreation leader, a police communications operator and now a Police Officer.

Continually seeking experience, in the past year he teamed with the Aventura Police Department's Crime Suppression Team, the Northeast Wolf Pack Detail targeting violent criminals and the Miami-Dade Police Multi-Agency Gang Task Force. He is also on the Surfside, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands Crime Suppression Team. He participates in the Citizens Police Academy, the Police Teen Summer Camp and the Police Explorer Program. His positive attitude makes him a favorite with police and Town employees as well as residents, tourists and business persons. He enjoys coming to work every day and we are proud to have him as one of the department's finest officers.

## 2014 POLICE CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR

### Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein

Skillfully performing numerous administrative responsibilities critical to the operation of the Police Department, Executive Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein is the 2014 Police Civilian of the Year.

She helps create three budgets each year: Public Safety, Municipal Parking and Forfeiture/Confiscation. She also handles the complicated police payroll and the off duty payroll. She compiles regular crime and enforcement statistics and is the liaison for the website and Channel 77. In addition, Dina represents the Chief's Office at Town meetings and community events. From issuing parking permits to registering dogs, she always completes tasks in a professional, meticulous and timely manner.

Dina has developed and implemented many programs that enhance public safety, such as the 13th Citizens Police Academy, Halloween Safety Night block party, the Police Department Holiday Toy Drive and Party, Take your Children to Work Day, Summer Police Teen Camp and crime awareness classes for women. She hosts on-site community programs ranging from blood drives to the Prescription Drug Drop Off Day. Her work ethic, dedication, voluntarism and commitment to the Town, its employees and residents are remarkable. Dina is not only a great employee but a great person and well respected by all!



(L-R) Chief David Allen, Town Manager Guillermo Olmedillo, Dina Goldstein and Vice Mayor Eli Tourgeman.

## JANUARY 2015 OFFICER OF THE MONTH

### Officer Tony Mesa Collars 'Dine & Dash' Specialist

Surfside's Restaurant Row can rest a bit easier now that Officer Tony Mesa has arrested a diner who repeatedly left an eatery without paying his bill. On January 14, Officer Mesa was flagged down by a waitress from Flanagan's restaurant who told him a patron left before paying. She followed the subject and confronted him and he pushed her and ran.

Officer Mesa found the subject a block away and took him into custody. The waitress positively identified him and said he committed the same crime two days earlier. The subject was placed under arrest for strong arm robbery and fraud and taken to jail.



Chief Allen congratulates Officer Tony Mesa.