

POLICE BEAT

OFFICER/CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – MARCH 2015

Police Conduct High-Tech, Nationwide Search for Victim

On March 24, 2015, Ofc. Craig Lovellette received a call from an out-of-state family to check on the welfare of a man who had been missing for several days. Two possible addresses were checked, but the victim was not found. The family later reported messages that the missing man was threatening to commit suicide.

Ofc. Lovellette then began a quest to locate the victim using cell phone triangulation working with telephone companies. Ofc. Lovellette checked with authorities as far away as Alaska, but had no luck in finding the man. As his shift ended, Ofc. Lovellette passed the information to Communications Operator Peter Filiberto. With the assistance of the N.Y.P.D. Technical Response Unit, additional locations were found via cellular tracking leading to the West Palm Beach area. During this time, Ofc. Lovellette continued to communicate with Operator Filiberto in the intensive search. Operator Filiberto contacted the man's credit card companies and discovered the last charge was from a hotel in West Palm Beach. The location of the hotel was close to the cell phone communications. The West Palm Beach



(L-R) Captain Julio Yero, Officer Craig Lovellette, Communications Operator Peter Filiberto and Chief David Allen.

Police Department was contacted and directed to the hotel. They located the victim in a hotel room. Nearby was an empty prescription medication bottle, alcohol and a suicide note. The victim was committed for a psychological evaluation and transported to the hospital for medical treatment.

Through excellent police work, persistence and creativity, Ofc. Lovellette and Operator Filiberto located a victim before a life was lost.

Tails Wag at First Dog Safety Expo



The Surfside Police Department joined with several Miami-Dade agencies and private vendors to host the first Dog Safety Expo on April 12 at the Haulover Bark Park. The successful event attracted dog lovers and featured obedience and K-9 demonstrations, dog health and nutrition and give-aways. Most importantly, dogs were adopted into good homes! At left, a dog from the Humane Society that was offered for adoption gets a hug.

PHOTOS
COURTESY
of Donna
Natale
Planas



Top left: K-9 demonstration by Ricaurte Lugo from Miami-Dade Schools Police with Rocko from Sunny Isles Beach Police Department

Bottom: A group poses with a relaxing pooch in front of a firetruck from Miami-Dade Station 21 in Haulover.

Lieutenant John Bambis Joins Surfside PD



John Bambis (pictured with wife Julie and daughters Alexa, Brooke and Jenna) has joined the Surfside Police Department as a new Lieutenant. He recently retired after a decorated 25-year-career with the Miami Beach Police Department, where he was assigned numerous positions until holding the rank of major for seven years. Welcome to Surfside!