

Squad-A Prevents a Tragedy

POLICE BEAT



(L-R) Communication Operator Susie Sperbeck, Officers Loxley Arch, Tammy Campbell, Antonio Mesa, Chief David Allen and Officer John Gentile.

Out-of-state family members called Surfside Police and said a relative staying in Surfside said she was going to kill herself on the beach. After collecting all the important information, Communications Operator Susie Sperbeck quickly advised all available officers. Officers Tammy Campbell and

John Gentile responded to the hotel, but the woman was not there. Local agencies were contacted to assist in the search. Officer Campbell located her car in the business district. Officer Gentile, Officer Antonio Mesa and Sergeant Valino methodically searched the hardpack and beach. While patrolling the beach in the Polaris, Officer Loxly Arch located the woman in the 9500 block of the beach. She told officers she wanted to commit suicide. Officer Campbell calmed and restrained the woman. She was transported to Mount Sinai Hospital for treatment and her family was contacted. The officers of Squad A conducted a well-coordinated effort to locate the victim and prevented a tragedy. They are commended their actions, dedication and professionalism.

Angel Melendez Sworn in as Reserve Officer

Angel Melendez, a Surfside Parking Enforcement Officer and former Parks & Recreation lifeguard, was recently sworn in as a Reserve Police Officer. With the encouragement of Chief Allen, he enrolled in the Police Academy last year. He graduated in May and was named Squad Leader for his Academy Class. He passed the State Law Enforcement Certification Exam and is the newest member of the Surfside Police Department as a Reserve Officer.



(L-R) Chief David Allen, Angel Melendez and family, Captain Julio Yero and Vice Mayor Eli Tourgeman.

Crime Watch Comes to the Neighborhood



Neighborhood Crime Watch has been implemented in the 9000 block of Abbott Avenue. If your neighborhood block is interested in becoming a Neighborhood Crime Watch, please contact NRO Hernandez at dhernandez@townofsurfsidefl.gov or (305) 861-4862.

At left, Neighborhood Resource Officer Dianna Hernandez, Chief David Allen and Executive Director of Miami-Dade County Citizen's' Crime Watch Carmen Caldwell are pictured with the residents.

Women's Self-Defense Classes Return

The Surfside Police Department is hosting a free Women's Self-Defense Class on Thursday, August 6 and Thursday, August 20 in the police training room at the 2nd Floor of Town Hall at 6:15 pm. The class will teach easy to learn and use techniques to escape from an assault. The class is for women of all ages and abilities. Gym clothes and sneakers are required. Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. To register, contact Dina Goldstein (305) 861-4862. For more information, call (305) 866-3635.

Summer Fun at Police Teen Camp



The Surfside Police Department helped teenagers beat the heat at a fun and educational Police Teen Summer Camp. Presentations and activities included Dog Training and Safety (at far left) and a Crime Scene Investigations class. At left, participants learn how to processes fingerprints.