

POLICE BEAT

OFFICER OF THE MONTH JULY 2015

Officer Lesmes Ruiz Apprehends Car Jacking Suspect

In the early morning hours of July 27, Officer Lesmes Ruiz pulled over a vehicle for a headlight out. Before exiting his car, Officer Ruiz reported the vehicle description and tag number to the dispatcher. He was advised the vehicle had been stolen in an armed carjacking in the City of Miami two days ago. Officer Ruiz remained by his vehicle and waited for back up officers to respond to this emergency situation. The lone driver was taken off guard, removed from the vehicle and placed in handcuffs. A records check revealed that the subject was wanted for theft and the vehicle had a hold placed on it for fingerprints because of the carjacking. Officer Ruiz was awarded the Officer of the Month for being proactive, acting quickly, professionally and tactically taking a dangerous criminal into custody and off the streets without incident.



Officer Lesmes Ruiz (L), Chief David Allen

CIVILIANS OF THE MONTH JULY 2015

Teamwork Results in Successful Summer Teen Camp

In the past two months, Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein has organized, directed and coordinated the Police Department's 7th Police Summer Teen Camp. NRO Dianna Hernandez and CSA Danny Sanchez assisted with the programming, transportation and supervision of the teens. Administrative Assistant Donna Natale-Planas took photographs. New instructors and classes were implemented. The Camp was visited by the K-9 Squad, the SWAT Team, the State Attorney's Office and Crime Scene. There were educational trips to the Fire Station, Coast Guard Air Base, Homestead Air Force Base, and the Miami-Dade Police and Fire Aviation Units (see photos at left). The teens learned much and had a great time. Thanks to Dina, Danny and Donna for the tremendous amount of commitment and effort to organize, manage and build this camp into another highly successful SPD community program. This camp was the best ever due to an outstanding and dedicated staff.



Teen Summer Camp graduation



(L-R) CSA Danny Sanchez, Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein, Administrative Assistant Donna Natale-Planas and Chief David Allen.



Above: Teen Summer Campers with the Miami-Dade Schools Police K-9 Unit and at left at a presentation from the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office.

Surfsiders Attend Police Explorers Academy

Community Service Aide Danny Sanchez attended the Police Explorers Academy with six graduates from the Surfside/Bal Harbour/Bay Harbor Islands Police Explorer Post from July 27 to August 7 at Miami-Dade College North Campus. Below left, Danny and Chief David Allen are at far right. Below right, local Explorers with Miami Dade County Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho.

