

Bulletin

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Date: September 6, 2013

OFFICERS OF THE MONTH – AUGUST 2013

On May 22, 2013, at 1120 am, subjects stole a boat valued at \$54,000 from the 600 block of 91 Street. A home security camera videotaped the theft and the subjects and the video was released to the media. After a three month long investigation, Sergeant McKenna, and Detectives Marian Valino and Alejandro Lorente were able to identify one of the subjects through tips from the public, confidential sources, interviews, and meticulous investigation. The subject was captured on August 30, 2013 and charged with Grand Theft, Burglary, and False Statements. The subject has an extensive criminal history including a previous arrest for Grand Theft of a boat. Well done!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – AUGUST 2013

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| Gentile | 34 traffic citations | 24 traffic warnings | 3 arrests | 8 reports | |
| Luke | 49 traffic citations | 15 traffic warnings | 5 arrests | 11 reports | 2 FICs |
| Campbell | 48 traffic citations | 10 traffic warnings | 5 arrests | 7 reports | 1 FIC |
| Carrasquillo | 42 traffic citations | 21 traffic warnings | 2 arrests | 6 reports | 1 FIC |
| Melendez | 324 parking citations | | | | |
| Smith-Bustillo | 345 parking citations | | | | |
| Castro | 327 parking citations | | | | |

Good work!

PERSONNEL

Congratulations to Jay Matelis on his promotion to Lieutenant.

Officer Bobby Gabriel is transferred to FTO Bryant Luke on Squad A.

Communications Operator Peter Filiberto is transferred to Squad D.

CRIME PREVENTION/ COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

The Bike with the Chief Ride is September 18, 2013, at 5:00pm.

The 12th Citizens Police Academy began on September 3, 2013. 35 students signed up and it is our largest class ever. Thank you to Dina Goldstein and Officers Dianna Hernandez and Don McGavern for the outstanding work with preparation, scheduling, staffing, recruiting instructors, and adding new topics.

Lt. Richard Williams represented SPD at the fifth annual Dade County PBA Fallen Officer Tribute on September 4, 2013.

The Community Blood Drive will be in the training room on September 26, 2013 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

The annual St. Michael, the Patron Saint of Police Officers, Mass is on September 27, 2013 at 11:00 am at St. Patrick's Church in Miami Beach. Officer Bryant Luke and Detective Alejandro Lorente will represent SPD in the multi-agency honor guard.

NEW LAWS

Chapter 2013-58:

New section 316.305 prohibits **texting**, emailing and instant messaging while operating a motor vehicle. Motor vehicles which are stationary are not included. There are also several exceptions to the applicability of the law. It is a non-criminal infraction, but citations can only be issued when an operator of a motor vehicle has been detained for a suspected violation of *another* provision of Chapters 316, 320 or 322.

Chapter 2013-117:

New subsection 837.05(1) (b) makes it a third degree felony for a person to knowingly give **false information to a law enforcement officer about the commission of a crime**, if the person has previously been convicted of the offense **and** either:

1. The information was communicated orally and the officer's account of that information is corroborated by an audio recording, a video recording with audio, a written or recorded statement, or another person was present and heard the false information being given to the officer, or
2. The information was communicated in writing.

JUVENILE REPORTS

Please ensure that your report is complete and includes the most serious charge. This charge is what determines the offender type. For youths who are detained and then released with no charges after an investigation, should be listed with the charge they were originally detained under. Youths held secure once you have decided to not charge would be a violation and should be entered on the Juvenile Log as such.

Status offenders, youths charged with behaviors that are not illegal for an adult, cannot be held secure for any length of time beyond the fingerprinting and taking photographs. You cannot hold them secure while you are awaiting their parent/guardian to pick them up or during the investigation.

What is secure? Under the JJDP Act, secure is defined as the restriction of movement or the potential restriction of movement through mechanical or structural means. So placing a youth within an interview room that has the potential to be secured (locked) would be considered secure. Holding a youth who is handcuffed to a stationary object is considered secure. A youth who is handcuffed to himself and held in a report writing room is considered non-secure.

SEPTEMBER TRAINING

Less than Lethal Weapons – all sworn personnel

Rifle/ Shotgun – Lorente, Leonard, Ruiz, Luke, Gentile

Burglary Crimes Symposium – Matelis, McKenna, M. Valino, Lorente

Safe Steps - McGavern