

Bulletin

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OFFICER OF THE MONTH – OCTOBER

On October 15, 2010 the Surfside Police Department along with Bay Harbor, Bal Harbour, and Indian Creek Police Departments held their third annual Moonlight MADDness Parade and Beach Party. The event has become larger each year and was again a great success raising awareness and funding for Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Officer Jay Matelis was assigned for the second year to coordinate the event for the Surfside Police Department.

Over the past four months Officer Matelis attended many preparation meetings with representatives from MADD and other law enforcement agencies. He requested and received authorization from the Florida Department of Transportation for the road closure of 96 Street for the parade. He completed a site plan and chart for the 96 Street beach area to illustrate the placement of the stage, vendors, booths, and command post. He scheduled two events at Publix to advertise for Moonlight MADDness. He recruited sponsors to donate proceeds from their products to MADD. He created an action plan with assignments for Surfside personnel. He coordinated the set up and the breakdown of the site at the beach on the day of the event.

Moonlight MADDness was a tremendous success. Officer Jay Matelis is applauded for taking the lead for Surfside on a demanding and challenging project and becoming an integral role in its success. Well done!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – OCTOBER

G. Fernandez 59 traffic citations 15 traffic warnings 6 arrests 10 reports 1 community event
M. Valino 55 traffic citations 21 traffic warnings 5 reports 1 FIC

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Crime was down and kept to a minimum last month. Enforcement statistics have increased over the past month. Both sworn and civilian personnel participated in several successful community events. Our red light camera project and master meter pay stations project are in progress and the implementation dates are December and January, respectively. The new FOP contract was ratified by members. We did experience the arrest of one of our own officers. Although this may be viewed by some as a negative to the department; a bad cop was identified, thoroughly investigated, and ultimately arrested. The right thing was done. Keep up the excellent work!

NEW PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Parking Enforcement Officer Alain Acosta's work schedule will be as follows:

Tuesday and Wednesday: **OFF**

Monday, Thursday and Friday: **1400 - 2200hrs**

Saturday and Sunday: **1000 - 1800hrs**

CRIME PREVENTION/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sgt. Williams represented SPD at the annual Red Ribbon Day at Bay Harbor K-8.

The Chief's Office attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The Parks and Recreation Department commended Ofc. J. Matthews for his assistance at the Halloween Hay Ride event at the 96 Street Park.

Assistant Chief Di Censo, Sgt. McKenna, Dina Goldstein, Ofc. Matelis, Parking Officer Acosta, Reserve Officer McGavern provided security and distributed candy and glow sticks at our annual Halloween Safety Block Party with the Surfside Civic Association.

Girl Scout visit to the PD is November 9. Ofc. Matelis will coordinate a tour and presentation.

The SPD Honor Guard will take part in the Veterans Day Ceremony at Miami Beach Adult Education Center on November 9.

Officers Luke and Ruiz will participate as the Honor Guard for the Veterans Day Event on November 11.

Third Thursday is November 18 – Ofc. Matelis will coordinate with the Tourism Director.

The Miami Dolphins Cycling Challenge is November 20. The event raises awareness for cancer research and proceeds will be donated to the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. The cyclists will travel through Surfside from approximately 8am-9:30 am. The on duty sergeant will coordinate the traffic plan.

This past month, the MBPD, Golden Beach PD, and Bal Harbour PDs Marine Patrol; Reserve Officer Jim Mazer - Police Ethics; and the MBPD Firearms Range Staff participated in the 8th CPA. Graduation is November 16. Everyone is welcome to attend.

HOLIDAY STAFFING

In the future we will block off certain holidays that require full staffing by highlighting the date(s) in yellow in the attendance book. No time off is to be granted when a date(s) is blocked off.

Patrol supervisors are reminded that their requests for Kelly time usage, like any other time off request, must be approved by Assistant Chief Di Censo. The request should be sent via e-mail.

POLICE CHAPLAIN POSITION

Our Police Chaplain, Father Enrique Estrada, has been transferred from St. Joseph's Church to another parish. Due to the transfer, he had to resign his chaplain position. We wish him the best of luck. We are looking for new police chaplain. Sgt. Williams has the requirements if you know of someone interested.

STATUS OFFENSES FOR JUVENILES

Status offenses are those behaviors in which an adult would not be arrested – e.g., truancy, runaway, curfew violations, possession of tobacco and possession of alcohol.

Restrictions on holding for status offenders are defined as "secure holding is prohibited". In other words, you cannot place them within a holding cell, within a room that is used for detaining, within a room that is lockable (whether locked or unlocked), and cannot be handcuffed to a stationary object.

TRAINING

Detective Torres will attend Basic SWAT Sniper Course in November.

Code Compliance training will be scheduled this month for sworn personnel.

Officers are reminded that there are open slots for Courtroom Testimony training. Please contact Sgt. Williams by Nov 5.