

# Bulletin

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**OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2010 – SGT. RORY ALBERTO**

Sgt. Rory Alberto has been selected as the Officer of the Year by the Awards Committee. In January 2010, Sgt. Alberto received the Officer of the Month for arresting a subject who broke into two automobiles. In February 2010, Sgt. Alberto was commended for arresting a subject prowling in the residential area. Further investigation revealed that he had just broken into an automobile. In February 2010, Sgt. Alberto was commended by the Pack Leader for a Cub Scout visit and tour of the Police Department. In March of 2010, Sgt. Alberto was commended for leading a group of police officers during a two week plainclothes detail to combat a residential burglary problem. In May of 2010, Sgt. Alberto was commended for arresting two subjects who had stolen two bicycles from a house. In May 2010, Sgt. Alberto was commended by the State Attorneys from the nation of Columbia for instructing a police course for them in Surfside. In July of 2010, Sgt. Alberto was commended for leading a committee of police officers and dispatchers in developing new and uniform radio and laptop procedures for the department. In September of 2010, Sgt. Alberto was selected as the new supervisor of the Criminal Investigations Unit. In September of 2010, Sgt. Alberto was selected as Officer of the Month for the arrest of a subject for armed home invasion. He arrested two other subjects on other charges and recovered two firearms and the stolen property. He also had perfect attendance in 2010.

In addition to his numerous commendations and outstanding police work, Sgt. Alberto represents the Police Department in an exceptional professional manner. He leads by example and is well respected not only in the Police Department but also in the community where he is always willing to assist residents. Congratulations and well deserved!

**POLICE CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR 2010 – PSA ELINOR JOSEPH**

PSA Elinor Joseph has been selected as the Police Civilian of the Year by the Awards Committee. Elinor Joseph is the Surfside Police Department's only Public Service Aide. Due to budget cuts over the past several years, many civilian and sworn positions were eliminated. Although the positions are no longer in the budget, these same responsibilities must still be completed daily. PSA Joseph has stepped up to the plate each time without complaint and taken on more and more tasks.

PSA Joseph begins each day monitoring the school bus stops to ensure the safety of our children. From there he responds to the business district to enforce parking violations from several thousand construction workers who park daily in Surfside and work in Bal Harbour. PSA Joseph will also deploy the electronic sign to deter speeders throughout the Town. He also maintains and troubleshoots any problems with the new multi-space pay stations.

His next stop in his day is the Property and Evidence Room. Since the layoff of the full time property clerk, PSA Joseph has taken over his duties of maintaining the daily critical functions of the operation of this unit. PSA Joseph then checks the fleet for repairs. He also ensures that the vehicles, radios, and speed measuring devices are in working order and calibrated. He changes his hat one more time to provide dispatcher relief, another position that he is trained for.

PSA Elinor Joseph's best qualities are his outstanding work ethic, his positive disposition, and his willingness to help others. He is an excellent team player and an even better person and certainly provides outstanding or exemplary support to the Surfside Police Department in achieving its mission. Congratulations and thank you for the great work!

## **NEW SERGEANT OF POLICE**

Julio Torres will be promoted to Sergeant of Police on February 7 at 2:00pm in the training room. Julio will bring back to patrol much experience in undercover investigations and tactical operations. Congratulations!

## **HIGH ACHIEVERS – JANUARY 2011**

C. Lovellette	100 traffic citations	50 traffic warnings	3 reports	1 community event
M. Valino	55 traffic citations	13 traffic warnings	2 arrests	6 reports 1 community event 1 FIC
D. Dulaney	46 traffic citations	20 traffic warnings	2 arrests	8 reports 2 community events
G. Fernandez	46 traffic citations	14 traffic warnings	2 arrests	4 reports

Thanks for the great work!

## **STRIKE FORCE DETECTIVE POSITION**

We are anticipating a detective position at the South Florida Money Laundering Strike Force. Interested officers should email Assistant Chief Di Censo this week.

## **POLICE SHOOTINGS**

As you are aware, there has been recent spike in police shootings throughout the country. Many have involved the same scenario: a desperate wanted felon in possession of firearm with no hesitation to shoot a police officer. In many of these incidents, the involved officers did not have time to react to defend themselves. Although this situation can happen at anytime and is part of our jobs, there are some things we can do. Wear your body armor, stay proficient with your weapons, train like it is the real thing, be tactically sound, be physically fit as well as mentally alert, and back each other up. Stay safe.

## **CHARITY CAR WASH**

Thank you to Assistant Chief Di Censo, Sgt. Williams, Officer Matelis, Executive Assistant Goldstein and alumni from the Citizens Police Academy for volunteering their time at the North Shore Kiwanis Club charity car wash on January 22. \$480.00 was raised for the children programs.

## **EYE ON SURFSIDE**

The Surfside Police Department introduces its newest community awareness program, the Eye on Surfside. This program is designed to raise public safety awareness and address quality of life issues in our community. The meetings will take place the third Tuesday of each month at a different location. We are forming a committee to be involved with this program and encourage all residents and business owners to participate. The first meeting will take place on February 15, 2011 at CABA Real Estate, 9461 Harding Avenue at 6:00pm.

## **RED LIGHT CAMERA SAFETY PROGRAM UPDATE**

All cameras are up and running. They are located at 88 Street and Harding Avenue, 88 Street and Collins Avenue, 90 Street and Collins Avenue, 93 Street and Collins Avenue, and 96 Street and Collins Avenue. Effective February 1, 2011, citations will be issued after review by the Police Department.

## **ON LINE CRASH REPORTS**

The State of Florida mandated all crash reports to be submitted electronically as of January. Persons requesting copies of crash reports can no longer obtain the documents from the Police Department. We have installed a link on the Police Department website titled "**Traffic Crash Report**" that leads directly to [www.AuthorizeTransaction.com](http://www.AuthorizeTransaction.com) where traffic crash reports are available for purchase.

## **FEBRUARY TRAINING**

Active Shooter – all sworn personnel  
Firearms Instructor – Colonna  
Accreditation – Williams  
Criminal Investigations – Alberto  
Traffic Crash Reports – Matelis, Gentile, Fernandez  
Pursuit Policy Procedures – McKenna  
Line Supervision - Torres