

# Bulletin

# 2-12

Date: 2/03/2012

**POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR – OFFICER JOHN GENTILE**

Officer John Gentile has consistently been a high achiever as demonstrated by his monthly enforcement statistics. During 2011, he issued 358 traffic citations and 257 traffic warnings. He also made 25 arrests which led the department. His annual performance appraisal was outstanding.

In April, John arrested a suspect hiding between buildings who was attempting to steal bicycles. In July, he arrested a subject stealing a Town life ring from the beach and stopped a trend of these thefts. In August, he was named Officer of the Month. John arrested a subject who had broken into a car in the residential area. He also stopped a suspicious person in the residential area. The suspect had a knife and narcotics with him and over \$5000 in cash. Further investigation revealed that he had earlier stolen the cash from the City of Miami Beach Parking Department.

In addition to the above, John is the acting supervisor when his sergeant is on leave. He also coordinates and schedules all of the off duty details for the department. He is a Field Training Officer entrusted to train our new officers the right way. John always displays initiative, a strong work ethic, professionalism, and treats the public with respect. He is well respected by his supervisors as well as his peers in the department.

Officer Gentile is an exceptional police officer and an exceptional person well deserving of the Officer of the Year honors. John will also be recognized by the Rotary Club as the Police Officer of the Year on February 16, 2012. Congratulations!

**POLICE CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR- EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT DINA GOLDSTEIN**

During 2011, Dina Goldstein received eleven letters of appreciation from the public, nine Police Department commendations, two Town of Surfside Certificates of Appreciation, the 2011 Southeast Florida Crime Prevention Association of the Year Award, and is the winner of the Miami-Dade Law Enforcement of the Year Award for Crime Prevention. She also participated in over thirty crime prevention or community events during 2011. Many of these events she organized and managed herself, and many on her own time.

In addition to the above, she is also my Executive Assistant but in reality she is the department's only administrative assistant and is the office manager for the entire police department. Alone, she manages the payroll, the off duty payments, the parking permit programs, the monthly crime and enforcement statistics, correspondence to and from the Chief's Office, departmental public record requests, tow company billing, check requests, ordering of supplies, update of the website, and creation of community flyers.

Dina is a quality person, always willing to help and always makes the Town and the Police Department look good. She is well respected in the community as well as in the workplace. Her work ethic and dedication to the Police Department is remarkable. I am very honored and fortunate to have her as my Assistant. Congratulations!

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEO AWARD WINNERS**

Uniform Patrol Services Division Award – Diana Dulaney

For saving the life of one year old child who was choking to death on a lodged bone.

Crime Prevention/ Community Policing Division Award – Dina Goldstein and Jay Matelis

For their unselfish contributions and countless hours of their own time to promote crime prevention and community events in Surfside.

Great work by all!

**POLICE OFFICER OF THE MONTH – JANUARY 2012**

On January 21, 2012 at 08484 hours, Sgt. Jose Valino, Officer Frank Colonna, and Officer Don McGavern responded to a disturbance call of a man with a knife in the 9000 block of Froude Avenue. Upon arrival, the officers observed a man covered with blood. He had his hands concealed inside his clothing. He refused to listen to commands of the police officers. At this point, he charged at the officers. Officer Frank Colonna deployed his Taser striking the victim without effect. The subject continued to fight the officers and the Taser was deployed several more times. The officers finally wrestled the subject to the ground and handcuffed him. All three officers were heavily exposed with the subject's blood. Witnesses stated that the subject had stabbed himself in an attempt to commit suicide. The subject had two deep self-inflicted stab wounds to his arms. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department responded and treated the subject who was subsequently airlifted to Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Sgt. Valino, Officer Frank Colonna, and Officer Don McGavern are recognized for their courage and restraint during a highly charged confrontation with a mentally disturbed individual intent on killing himself. Congratulations!

**HIGH ACHIEVERS – JANUARY 2012**

Matelis	34 traffic cits	31 traffic warns	3 arrests	5 community events
McGavern	38 traffic cits	36 traffic warns	10 reports	
Gentile	36 traffic cits	27 traffic warns	2 arrests	3 reports
Lovellette	32 traffic cits	14 traffic warns	1 arrest	4 reports

Thanks and keep up the good work!

**INTERVIEWS WITH THE CHIEF**

Personnel interviews with the Chief will be completed this month.

**IMPORTANT DETAILS FOR NARRATIVES IN ARREST REPORTS AND OFFENSE INCIDENT REPORTS**

- What is the value of the stolen property?
- Who is the rightful owner of the stolen /burglarized property?
- What is the dollar amount of the damaged caused by the defendant?
- What was the traffic offense (not just citation number) for which the defendant was stopped?
- Who owns the car the defendant was in?
- Who else was in the car beside the defendant?
- Who is the account holder of the fraudulently used credit card?
- Who is the account holder of the forged check?
- How old is the victim (when the statute requires it – eg. elderly or child victim)?
- Where was the gun found on “armed” charges?
- On a curtilage burglary, how is the curtilage enclosed?
- How did the defendant know that the property was stolen?
- If a gun is found concealed in a car, was it securely encased?
- Was it loaded or was there ammunition in the car?
- Is there a statutory sign posted when charging trespass on a construction sign?

**MEDICAL EXAMINER PROCEDURES**

Medical examiner case natural deaths at private residence, if:

- Decomposed
- No treating doctor
- Treating doctor refuses to sign death certificate

Notify on-call ME for the following cases:

- Homicides
- Hit and run pedestrians
- Vehicular homicide (vehicle used as a lethal weapon)
- Multiple fatalities
- Vehicular suicide
- Accidents involving county vehicles
- Work-related accidents
- Case where law enforcement request the assistance of an M.E.

Natural deaths Private residences/ Non-medical examiner case

- Treating doctor will sign death certificate (even if not immediately available)
- Prescription meds issued or renewed in last 30 days

Arrangements by:

- Next of kin
- Living will release to funeral home

No arrangements:

- No Next of kin
- Next of kin but no money release to me for storage (305) 545-2400

### **EYE ON SURFSIDE**

The monthly Eye on Surfside crime prevention meeting is February 16 at 6pm. Contact Dina Goldstein for additional information.

### **BIKE WITH CHIEF**

The next date for the Bike Ride with the Chief is February 28 at 5:00pm. All personnel are welcome to ride and get to know our residents.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Kick Off Sunday and the Kiwanis Club Charity Dog Show are February 5 at the Community Center. Sgt. Valino is responsible to meet with the coordinators and monitor both events.

The 5K Race is February 12 is behind the Best Western Hotel. Sgt. Valino will meet with Parks and Recreation Department staff and assign officers to the detail.

On February 13, the mobile veterinary services van for the Trap, Neuter, and Release Feral Cat Program will be at the Town Hall lot. Sgt. Valino will meet with the coordinator and monitor the event. On February 12, in the afternoon and overnight hours, Sgt. Valino and Sgt. Pacheco will meet with the coordinator and allow access to the PD garage for the trappers. Sgt. Pacheco will also block off the east section of the Town Hall for parking in the morning for the van and volunteers.

February 16 is the Third Thursday event. The 200 block of 95<sup>th</sup> Street from 6-11pm will be closed. A band will perform. An overtime officer will be assigned to the event.

### **2011 Red Light Camera Safety Program Report**

Total Citations: February 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011 - 8,525

Citations by Intersection: February – December 2011

88<sup>th</sup> Street and Harding Avenue – 2,311

88<sup>th</sup> Street and Collins Avenue – 912

90<sup>th</sup> Street and Collins Avenue – 912

93<sup>rd</sup> Street and Collins Avenue – 3,214

96<sup>th</sup> Street and Collins Avenue – 1,176

Citations by Month: February – December 2011

February – 1,143

March – 1,227

April – 964

May – 880

June – 683

July – 724

August – 763

September – 472 \*

October – 325 \*

November – 557 \*

December – 787

Citations down due to Sewer Force Main Construction on Collins Avenue during September, October, and November

Traffic Crash Analysis: Red light camera intersections

2011: 7 accidents

1. 88<sup>th</sup> Street and Collins Avenue (careless driving – rear end)
2. 96<sup>th</sup> Street and Collins Avenue (improper change of lanes)
3. 96<sup>th</sup> Street and Collins Avenue (careless driving)
4. 88<sup>th</sup> Street and Harding Avenue (red light) \*
5. 93<sup>rd</sup> Street and Collins Avenue (careless driving)
6. 96<sup>th</sup> Street and Collins Avenue (careless driving)
7. 96<sup>th</sup> Street and Collins Avenue (improper left turn)

2011 crashes increased by one at the red light camera intersections from 2009 and 2010. Crashes caused by running the red light decreased (2011-1), (2010-2), (2009-3). All crashes caused by red light running have occurred at 88<sup>th</sup> Street and Harding Avenue over the past three years.

**FEBRUARY TRAINING**

Juvenile Civil Citation Process – Sworn personnel  
Special Weapons and Tactics – Officer Alvarez