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POLICE OFFICER OF THE MONTH - JUNE 2012

Over the past two months, we had experienced an increase of unlocked bicycle thefts overnight. Officer Jonathan Alvarez was on patrol on June 18, 2012, at 1:00am, when he observed a subject on a bicycle with a backpack between two buildings. Officer Alvarez stopped the subject who admitted that he had just stolen the bicycle. The subject was arrested. A search of his backpack revealed bolt cutters, pliers, and gloves. The victim was located and the bicycle returned. A subsequent interview by detectives led to a second charge for an additional bicycle theft. Congratulations and excellent work!

RECOGNITION OF POLICE OFFICERS

Lt. Rory Alberto has been selected to attend the FBI National Academy in January 2013. Officer Tammy Campbell was selected as the Miami-Dade Police Officer of the Month for May 2012 for her bank robbery arrest. Congratulations to both!

NEW PERSONNEL

Please welcome Police Officer Alejandro Lorente and Public Service Aide Andrea Smith-Bustillo to the Police Department. Officer Lorente will be assigned to Field Training Officer John Gentile and PSA Smith-Bustillo will report Lt. Williams and Parking Operations Manager Joseph.

HIGH ACHIEVERS – JUNE 2012

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ACCREDITATION

The Department's mock accreditation will be July 10 and 11. Lt. Williams will oversee this preliminary project with local assessors from Key Biscayne PD and Davie PD.The mock accreditation is in preparation for the state re-accreditation in August.

FIREARMS COMMITTEE

Lt. Alberto, Lt. Williams, Sgt. Torres, Sgt. Matelis, and Officer Alvarez have been selected for the Firearms Committee. They will review and recommend a new service firearm to replace the current Glock pistols. The Glocks are older models, outdated, and some are in need of repair.

CONSTRUCTION/ TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON COLLINS AVENUE

In addition to the water/sewer project in the residential area and on Collins and Harding Avenues, and the truck traffic from the hotel construction on Collins Avenue; the FDOT/ Weekly Paving job is underway on Collins Avenue from 75 Street to 97 Street and then on Harding Avenue south to 94 Street. All three lanes will be paved and sidewalks and intersections redone. Due to the traffic congestion, both on duty and off duty officers, as well as parking enforcement officers and the PSA have been reassigned between their regular duties to keep traffic flowing. All personnel are reminded while directing traffic to stay out of their vehicles, wear their safety vests, stay off their cell phones, and to place the traffic lights on flash when it is safe. Supervisors are to check the traffic throughout their shifts and adjust their personnel accordingly. Communication Operators will have traffic updates for responding to telephone calls.

POLICE TEEN CAMP

Our 4th annual Police Summer Teen Camp is now in session. The camp consists of twenty teenagers who meet Thursdays for six weeks at the Police Department. The camp is part of the Parks and Recreation Summer Camp. The teens have learned about patrol procedures, crime scene investigations and have visited the Fire Department. A thank you to Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein for managing the program again!

BIKE WITH THE CHIEF

The monthly resident bike ride with the Chief is on July 25 at 5:30 pm. All personnel are welcome to participate.

TRAINING

Firearms Qualifications and Training – All Sworn Personnel Officer Certification and Discipline – Lt. Alberto