

# Bulletin

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## OFFICER OF THE MONTH – JUNE 2013

On Sunday, June 30, 2013 at 1047 hours the Surfside Police Department received 911 call of a fight between two males in the 8800 Block of Dickens Avenue. Officer Diana Hernandez was dispatched as the primary officer and Officer Donald McGavern as the backup officer. Upon arrival at the scene, Officer Hernandez and Officer McGavern found two landscapers who had been engaged in the physical altercation. One victim was in distress and unresponsive due to his injuries. Officer McGavern and Officer Hernandez immediately began CPR on the victim and continued cycles of breathe and compressions until Miami- Dade Fire Rescue arrived. The victim was transported to Jackson Memorial Hospital by Miami- Dade Fire Rescue and later expired.

Officer McGavern and Officer Hernandez were brought to exhaustion from their relentless efforts of administering CPR to the victim. Officer McGavern and Officer Hernandez maintained their composure and professionalism throughout this high stress incident. Officer McGavern's and Officer Hernandez's training, interpersonal communication skills and above all else their "compassion and commitment" to our community are commendable. Their actions provided the highest level of police service possible.

## HIGH ACHIEVERS – JUNE 2013

Gentile	43 traffic citations	25 traffic warnings	4 reports	
Ruiz	34 traffic citations	9 traffic warnings	2 reports	
Luke	34 traffic citations	17 traffic warnings	4 reports	2 community events
Campbell	35 traffic citations	12 traffic warnings	2 reports	
McGavern	37 traffic citations	24 traffic warnings	11 reports	2 community events
Smith	36 traffic citations	9 traffic warnings	4 reports	1 arrest
Knight	34 traffic citations	16 traffic warnings	4 reports	
Arch	32 traffic citations	5 traffic warnings	4 reports	2 community events
Lovellette	25 traffic citations	7 traffic warnings	4 reports	3 arrests
Melendez	346 parking citations			
Acosta	353 parking citations			
Smith-Bustillo	315 parking citations			

Excellent work!

## POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATION

Police Trainee Bobby Gabriel will graduate from the Miami-Dade College School of Justice Police Academy on July 17. Trainee Gabriel was a Platoon Leader in the Academy. He will be assigned to Officer Gentile in the Field Training Program. Congratulations Bobby! The SPD Honor Guard will participate in the Academy's Pass and Review Ceremony before Graduation.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations are in order for Officer Loxley Arch who completed his 20<sup>th</sup> year of service for the Town of Surfside.

## **CRIME PREVENTION/ COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The Surfside Police Department will introduce a new crime prevention initiative in July. Police Officers will issue Vehicle Report Cards to parked cars in the residential neighborhoods. Noted on the Vehicle Report Card will be a passed or failed score. Failed vehicles were found unlocked or with items visible inside. The purpose of the initiative is to remind residents to secure their property and lock their cars. Most vehicle burglaries occur overnight to unlocked cars.

In July, Surfside Police Officers will also issue written courtesy warnings to residents observed violating minor traffic laws in July. This is a warning only and not a citation and will not affect the driving record. The purpose of this initiative is to remind residents to drive safely in Surfside. With school out, the neighborhood streets have many children, joggers, walkers, and bikers.

The Summer Police Teen Camp is up and running. The teens have been instructed on Patrol Procedures and Crime Scene Investigations and visited the Fire Rescue Station. In July, they will be treated to a K-9 demonstration and learn about Criminal Investigations and the use of the polygraph. Contact Dina Goldstein if you would like to assist.

The Community Blood Drive is July 4, 2013, from 3p-9p in the Town Hall lot. Sgt. Pacheco is responsible to secure the parking area for the bloodmobile.

Sgt. Matelis will be responsible to staff the St. Joseph's Church Summer Camp on July 20, 2013 with an officer for Career Day.

The Bike with the Chief Ride is July 31, 2013, at 5:00pm.

## **4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY EVENT**

Officers Dianna Hernandez and Don McGavern are assigned to 4<sup>th</sup> of July event and will work with the Parks and Recreation staff and provide security for the fireworks display. PSA Smith-Bustillo will assist with pedestrian crossing at the Community Center.

## **2013 POLICE AND FIRE GAMES**

The 2013 Annual Police and Fire Games were held in Ft. Lauderdale during the third week in June. Surfside Police Officers took home six medals. Congratulations to Sergeant Julio Torres who was awarded three gold medals in grappling, Officer Tony Mesa who won two gold medals in swimming and a silver medal in mountain biking, and to Officer Don McGavern for receiving a bronze medal in the shot put competition!

## **NEW PATROL STATISTIC**

Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, a new category of statistics will be tracked. Beach Patrol (BP). Please use the new patrol statistics worksheet.

## **TASER TRAINING**

SPD will host a TASER training seminar on July 17 and 18, 2013. Sgt. McKenna and Officer Lovellette will attend.

**JUVENILE SAFETY COMMITTEE**

This working group will meet monthly to review different prevention and intervention programs, training topics, and other youth related issues. The committee will also discuss various initiatives that resulted from the recent Roundtable on Youth Safety, for countywide implementation. Detective Marian Valino has been assigned to participate.

The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 8, 2013, from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., at Miami-Dade Schools Police Department Headquarters, located at 6100 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132 in the Chief's Conference Room. At this meeting, a variety of topics, such as critical incident response, the SMART prevention program by the Public Defender's Office, countywide access to floor plans software, and our signature program will be discussed. It is anticipated that the Juvenile Safety Committee will be a catalyst in improving communication and innovation within the juvenile justice system, and reducing delinquency and crime.

**JULY TRAINING**

Senior Services – All sworn officers

Field Force – All sworn officers

Terrorism Liaison – Detective Lorente

Glock Armorer – Sgt. Torres

Identity Theft – Parking Manager Joseph, Parking Officers Acosta and Perez

FBI National Academy Conference – Chief Allen, Lt. Alberto