

Bulletin

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Date: April 1, 2015

OFFICER OF THE MONTH – MARCH 2015

On Tuesday, March 24, 2015, Ofc. Lovellette received a call for a check on the welfare of an adult male, who according to an out of state family member had been missing for several days. He was given two local addresses as possible locations for the victim. Ofc. Lovellette immediately dispatched officers to the locations but they were unable to locate the victim. Later, Ofc. Lovellette received calls from family members who had received texts and emails from the victim indicating he was going to commit suicide. Ofc. Lovellette had the family members send him the emails to confirm the suicide threats and secured them as evidence. Ofc. Lovellette then began a quest to locate the victim by utilizing cellular phone site triangulation with the assistance of telephone companies. The first location collected directed efforts to Alaska. Ofc. Lovellette contacted a local police agency in Alaska and advised them of the situation. They had officers respond to locations and even check area airports and ferries for information regarding the victim with negative results. Ofc. Lovellette ended his tour of duty and passed along all information gathered to Communications Operator Peter Filiberto. Having been appraised of the situation by Ofc. Lovellette, Communications Operator Filiberto took it upon himself to continue efforts in locating the victim. With the assistance of the N.Y.P.D. Technical Response Unit additional locations were developed via cellular tracking using latitude/longitude, ultimately leading to the area of West Palm Beach. During this time, Ofc. Lovellette was receiving pings (location signals) while at home and continued to communicate with Communications Operator Filiberto in assisting with the ongoing search of the victim. Communications Operator Filiberto thought to contact credit card companies in the hopes they could use billing information to further identify an exact location for the victim. The last credit card use identified a Ramada Inn located in the West Palm Beach area. Communications Operator Filiberto then thought to Google this information and discovered a Ramada Inn in the area the cellular signals were being detected. Communications Operator Filiberto contacted the West Palm Beach Police Department, advised them of the possible suicide attempt in progress and provided the specific Ramada Inn location where the victim was believed to be. West Palm Beach officers were dispatched to 1901 Palm Beach Blvd reference a check on welfare. They located the victim in a hotel room. When the victim was located they discovered an empty prescription medication bottle and signs that the victim had been drinking alcohol. A suicide note was located in the victim's room. The victim was committed for a psychological evaluation and transported to the hospital for medical treatment. His family members were notified by West Palm Beach Police.

As a result of the dedication and initiative of Officer Craig Lovellette and continued resilience and quick thinking of Communications Operator Peter Filiberto a life was saved. Their professionalism, determination and unyielding desire to help a person in distress are commendable. I proudly nominate Officer Craig Lovellette for Officer of the Month and Communications Operator Peter Filiberto for Civilian of the Month in March 2015.

HIGH ACHIEVERS – MARCH 2015

Ofc. Lorente
Ofc. Luke
Ofc. Smith
Ofc. Arch
Ofc. Matthews
Ofc. Gabriel
Ofc. Colonna
Ofc. Lovellette
Ofc. Gentile
Parking Ofc. Acosta
Parking Ofc. Castro

SHIFT BID CHANGES

The following assignments and squads are effective Monday, April 27:

Squad A
Sgt. Valino
Ofc. Arch
Ofc. Mesa
Ofc. Gentile
Communications Operator Sperbeck

Squad B
Sgt. Alberto
Ofc. Luke
Ofc. Colonna
Ofc. McGavern
Ofc. Lorente
Communications Operator Burnell

Squad C
Sgt. McKenna
Ofc. Leonard
Ofc. Carrasquillo
Ofc. Matthews
Ofc. Lovellette
Communications Operator Villar

Squad D
Sgt. Pacheco
Ofc. Ruiz
Ofc. Knight
Ofc. Smith
Ofc. Gabriel
Communications Operator Filiberto

PROPOSED TRAFFIC MITIGATION PLAN

A plan of action has been developed with the support of area residents to address the public safety matters related to vehicular traffic in the single family residential areas. After lengthy reviews of documented traffic studies, analysis and temporary measures, the following actions will take place:

90 Street & Byron Avenue will be closed to northbound vehicular traffic. A landscaped concrete curb will be installed on the north side of the intersection of 90 Street & Byron Avenue allowing pedestrian, special needs and bicyclist’s access only. The 9000 block of Byron Avenue will become a dead end street with vehicular access from the north / 91 Street. 18 of the 18 residents who live on this block are in favor of the closing.

94 Street & Byron Avenue will be closed to southbound vehicular traffic. A landscaped concrete curb will be installed on the south side of the intersection of 94 Street & Byron Avenue allowing pedestrian, special needs and bicyclist’s access only. The 9300 block of Byron Avenue will become a dead end street with vehicular access from the south / 93 Street. 13 residents are in favor of the change, 3 are not, and 3 did not respond of the 19 who live on this block.

The traffic circle in the intersection of 95 Street & Byron Avenue will be removed. That intersection will be a three way stop intersection.

The 9500 block of Byron Avenue will be enhanced by the addition of four landscaped concrete curb extensions, two at the beginning of the block (North side of intersection at 95 Street & Byron Avenue) and two more at mid-block. The curb extensions will better delineate a single northbound vehicle lane. This feature will make it easier and safer for those exiting residential driveways in the block. The 16 of the 20 residents living at these locations are in favor of the enhancements. We did not get a response from the other four.

There will be speed calming tables installed at the following locations:

- 88 Street, west of Garland Avenue

- 91 Street & Abbott Avenue

- 9500 block of Byron Avenue (mid-block)

SPECIAL INFORMATION/ COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/ LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

Good work by Town Clerk Sandra Novoa, Sergeant Jay Matelis, Detective Marian Cruz, Detective Kemuel Gambirazio, and CSA Danny Sanchez during the Police Department's records disposition process. They took the time to go box by box and properly classified each document per the State of Florida General Records Schedule for Law Enforcement Agencies for proper disposition in March.

Sergeant Pat McKenna has been appointed the added responsibility of Fleet Manager for the SPD. Please refer all matters regarding fleet to Sergeant McKenna from this day forward.

Sergeant Julio Torres will manage the Red Light Camera Safety Program effective April 1.

Two new shotguns and six Tasers will be purchased this month.

The Town purchased a Livescan device for fingerprinting and for background checks. We no longer go or send Town applicants and/or Parks and Recreation instructors to BHPD. Human Resources and the Criminal Investigations Unit have been trained how to operate it.

Nationwide Financial will conduct brief presentations on the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan at the morning and evening roll-calls. The presentations will last approximately fifteen minutes. Please see below for the dates and times for your respective squads: April 2 Charlie 1900 hours, April 6 Bravo 0700 hours, April 6 CIU and Parking 1900 hours, April 7 Delta 1900 hours, April 10 Alpha 0700 hours.

SPD will host a Dog Safety Expo in Haulover Park along with Miami-Dade Police and Miami-Dade Fire Rescue on April 12, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. There will be K-9 demos, and dog health and wellness information. Dina Goldstein is responsible for this event.

The supervisor staff meeting is April 14, at 5:00 pm in the training room.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is April 15 at 2:00 pm. Sgt. Matelis will assign a detective to attend.

The regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting is April 16 at 10:00 am at SPD in the training room.



SPD will host mobile Department of Motor Vehicle event in the training room on April 19, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Residents can get new or renew their driver licenses. Dina Goldstein is responsible for this event.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is April 24 at 10:00 am. Residents, business persons, and visitors can meet with the Chief and his staff over coffee to discuss community issues or provide feedback on the Police Department.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is April 29, 25, at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to participate.

TRAINING

Leadership in Police Organizations – Captain Yero
Weapons Retention – All sworn personnel