

# Bulletin

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**CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER 2015- EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF- DINA GOLDSTEIN**

Over the past few months, Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein professionally and resourcefully managed the 14<sup>th</sup> Citizens Police Academy. During the eleven week course, she directed NRO Dianna Hernandez, CSA Daniel Sanchez and Reserve Officer Pamela Ogden to assist and who were all invaluable in this most popular Surfside community project. The program was tremendous success due to them. Over 25 residents attended and thoroughly enjoyed all of the classes such as Patrol Procedures, Fire Rescue, Crime Scene, Homicide, Firearms Range, Driving Range, and Marine Patrol Procedures.

Behind the scenes of this academy there is an enormous amount of work. The logistics include managing and scheduling classes, instructors, transportation, refreshments, venues, equipment, certificates, thank you correspondence, room set up, and the graduation ceremony. Much of this is done on Dina's own time and outside her workday. She also volunteered her own time each Tuesday evening for eleven weeks to ensure the continued success of the CPA. Dina is truly committed to the academy and making it better each year.

**HIGH ACHIEVERS – NOVEMBER 2015**

Officer Carrasquillo  
Officer Colonna  
Officer Gabriel  
Officer Knight  
Officer Lorente  
Officer Lovellette  
Officer Luke  
Officer Ruiz  
Officer Smith  
Parking Enforcement Officer Castro

## **PERSONNEL TRANSFERS**

The following personnel transfers are effective December 7, 2015:

- Sgt. Rory Alberto to the Criminal Investigations Unit and will report to Captain Yero
- Sgt. Julio Torres to Patrol Squad A and will report to Captain Yero
- Officer John Gentile as Acting Sergeant of Squad B until December 20, 2015 and will report to Captain Yero
- Sgt. Patrick McKenna to Support Services Administrative Sergeant and will report to Lieutenant Bambis

The following personnel transfer is effective December 21, 2015:

- Sgt. Jay Matelis to Patrol Squad B and will report to Captain Yero

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT RE-ACCREDITATION DATES CHANGED TO JANUARY 20, 21, AND 22**

The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA) was established by charter on December 13, 1994 and incorporated on February 9, 1995. It is an independent, tax-exempt, not-for-profit corporation designated as the accrediting body for Florida law enforcement agencies, corrections agencies, pretrial, and Inspectors General Offices. The Commission's purpose is to establish a program for accreditation that can be achieved by all Florida law enforcement agencies.

The Accreditation Assessment Team of the CFA is an independent reviewing authority that determines if a law enforcement agency has met specific requirements and prescribed standards. To be accredited the agency must be in compliance with hundreds of standards established by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. These standards address all facets of the agency including administration, internal affairs operations, investigations, patrol, personnel, training, traffic, response to resistance, support services functions and more. Many of the over 260 current standards are critical to life, health and safety issues. The Certificate of Accreditation is awarded for a three year period.

The Surfside Police Department applied to participate in the CFA Accreditation process in 2009. The department passed the rigorous process and received initial accreditation status. Every three years CFA Accredited law enforcement agencies must again go through the accreditation process, called re-accreditation, to ensure that they are maintaining the highest standards of professionalism. The Surfside Police Department went through the re-accreditation process in 2012 and successfully passed.

On January 20, 21, and 22, 2016 the Surfside Police Department will begin its second re-accreditation process with The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. A team of assessors from the CFA will arrive at the Surfside Police Department to conduct the on-site inspection, interviews, and necessary file reviews as part of the department's re-accreditation process.

The Surfside Police Department has proudly attained and maintains accredited status demonstrating to the community that the agency is committed to the highest standards of professional law enforcement service.

### **NEW POLICE VEHICLE-POLARIS**

The Police Department purchased a 2015 Polaris from confiscations funds to provide safety, patrol, and emergency response to the beach. The new Polaris is ready for use. The ignition must be on for the lights and siren to function. The vehicle needs to be hosed down after each use. This includes tilting the hood and dumper to wash underneath. All Sergeants and A/Sergeants inspect the Polaris after use to ensure compliance. The Polaris is to be stored in the garage after each use.

### **SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS**

SPD's 14<sup>th</sup> Citizens Police Academy concluded with a graduation party. The class was extremely successful and enjoyed by all who attended. I thank those who made it so successful: EA Dina Goldstein, NRO Dianna Hernandez, CSA Daniel Sanchez, Sgt. Julio Torres, Sgt. Jay Matelis, Detective Kemuel Gambirazio, Reserve Officer Pamela Ogden, Reserve Officer Felix Jimenez, and Hector Perez for their support and outstanding effort.

Miami-Dade County Crime Watch meeting is December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Crime Watch Headquarters in Doral. NRO Hernandez will attend.

Hatzalah of Miami-Dade and Miami-Dade Fire Rescue will host a Fire Safety presentation on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 p.m. at the Shul of Bal Harbour. Sgt. Valino will attend.

The Miami-Dade School of Justice is hosting a Human Diversity training class on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Detective Gambirazio and NRO Hernandez will attend.

The Hanukah Parade is December 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. Sgt. Alberto is responsible for the action plan and staffing with SPD, Bal Harbour PD and Bay Harbor Islands PD.

The Young Israel Chanukah Candle Lighting is on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Sgt. Alberto will represent the Police Department.

The Community Hanukah party is December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 pm in the Town Hall lot. Off duty officers will assigned for security and traffic control. Sgt. Torres is responsible for the action plan and to oversee the event.

The supervisory staff meeting is December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the training room. The South Florida Money Laundering meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the HIDTA Building in Doral. Chief Allen will attend.

The Tourist Board is hosting a Classic Car Show on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the 94<sup>th</sup> Street Municipal Parking Lot. NRO Hernandez and CSA Sanchez will attend.

The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a Winter Extravaganza (snow on the beach) on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Sgt. Pacheco and Acting Sgt. Gentile are responsible for arranging escorts on the beach from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

SPD will host a Mobile Department of Motor Vehicles event for residents to apply for and renew their driver's licenses on December 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the training room.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Sgt. Matelis will assign a detective to attend.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. 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.

SPD's annual Toy Drive and Holiday Party is December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

#### **TRAINING COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER**

Fraud Training - All Sworn Personnel

Incident Command Management - All Sworn Supervisors

Accreditation Training- All Personnel

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres

Sniper Training- Sgt. Torres

Young Israel Walkthrough- All Sworn Personnel

Advanced Report Writing- Sgt. Valino, Sgt. Matelis, Det. Gambirazio, Ofc. Lorente

Lessons Learned from the Florida State Shooting- Chief Allen, Capt. Yero

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SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres

Sniper Training- Sgt. Torres

Traffic Control Officer for Civilians- CSA Sanchez, PEO Acosta, PEO Castro, PEO Perez

Human Diversity Training- Officer Campbell and NRO Hernandez

Patrol Rifle- Officer Lovellette

Advanced Patrol Rifle- Officer Lorente

#### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

I wish all of you and your families a happy, healthy and safe holiday!