

# Bulletin

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**CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR- 2015- COMMUNITY SERVICE AIDE DANIEL SANCHEZ**

Daniel Sanchez is the Police Department's only Community Service Aide. His position of Community Service Aide has many responsibilities including writing reports, issuing citations, investigating traffic crashes, parking enforcement, traffic details, beach patrols, and responding to non-criminal calls and other patrol functions. CSA Sanchez is excellent at all of these tasks. CSA Sanchez is the Police Department's quartermaster and is responsible for many administrative functions including the ordering of equipment and uniforms. He is also the assistant fleet manager and arranges for vehicle repairs and the purchase of vehicles and equipment. What makes Danny even more exceptional is that he volunteers to assist with many of our crime prevention and community activities such as the Citizens Police Academy, Police Teen Summer Camp Program, Dog Safety Expo, and the women's self-defense classes. In addition, he oversees the Intracoastal (Surfside, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Island) Police Explorer Program. He recently graduated over 40 cadets from the Miami-Dade Schools Police Explorers Academy at the Miami-Dade College School of Justice as an advisor. Danny was also recognized with four separate Police Civilian of the Month Awards in 2015. Currently he is assisting the accreditation manager in our re-accreditation assessment in December.

As you can see, Danny Sanchez does it all and with a smile. He is professional, courteous, eager to learn, optimistic, provides exemplary support to the police department in many areas and is an outstanding representative of the Town of Surfside as well as a great candidate for the Police Civilian of the Year. Congratulations Danny!

**HIGH ACHIEVERS – JANUARY 2016**

Officer Carrasquillo

Officer Gabriel

Officer Knight

Officer Leonard

Officer Lorente

Officer Luke

Parking Enforcement Officer Castro

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT RE-ACCREDITATION**

As you all know we have been full steam ahead in our re-accreditation efforts for the last few months. On January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> , the Commission on Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation assessors from Jacksonville, Palm Beach, and Key West were onsite reviewing policies and procedures, examining accreditation files as well as interviewing staff, inspecting units, and conducting ride alongs with officers. The assessors held an exit interview with me. I am pleased and proud to announce that they will recommend that we are awarded re-accreditation status before the State Commission next month in St. Augustine. All three had high praise for SPD civilian and sworn staff for their positive attitudes, strong partnership with community and family type relationship within the PD. In particular, they mentioned Captain Julio Yero, Lt. John Bambis, Sgt. Patrick McKenna, Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph, Communications Supervisor Susie Sperbeck, Officer Tammy Campbell, NRO Dianna Hernandez, CSA Danny Sanchez, and Parking Officer Josue Castro. I thank all of you for making SPD look good!

This is a remarkable accomplishment since we were not up to date with many of the 240 standards we were required to meet due to a change in personnel in the Command Staff. As the Chief, I certainly cannot take credit for this success. The credit goes to Lt. John Bambis. The re-accreditation process is a three year project. Lt. Bambis was hired last year to manage the Support Services Division as well as accreditation. He had about six months to learn and fix our accreditation concerns. He has worked many hours including evenings and weekends and holidays to catch up. In December we held a mock accreditation and we still had problems to resolve with little time remaining. Lt. Bambis continued pushing ahead, demanding more from himself and staff towards achieving this goal. Over the past few weeks or so, he put together a team with Sgt. Pat McKenna and CSA Danny Sanchez to concentrate full time on this project. Sgt. Jay Matelis, Sgt. Rory Alberto and his detectives and Elinor Joseph also spent countless hours compiling proofs and documents to meet the mandatory standards for Patrol and the Criminal Investigations and Property and Evidence Units. I praise each of you for your solid dedication and commitment to completing this mission.

I thank all of SPD for a job well done. You should all be very proud!

Chief Allen and Lieutenant Bambis will attend the Commission for Law Enforcement Accreditation Conference on February 24<sup>th</sup> in St. Augustine. The Department will be reviewed by the State Commission members who will make the final determination of the re-accreditation status of Surfside Police Department.

## **UNIFORM CRIME REPORT**

Florida Department of Law Enforcement Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)

Total Offenses in 2015 were 137, a 13.3% decrease from 158 in 2014.

Total Non-Violent Crimes (Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft) in 2015 were 128 (8 burglaries, 112 larcenies, 8 motor vehicle thefts) and 154 in 2014 (16 burglaries, 131 larcenies, 7 motor vehicle thefts).

Total Violent Crimes (Homicide, Sexual Battery, Robbery, Aggravated Assault) in 2015 were 9 (3 robberies, 6 aggravated assaults) and 4 in 2014 (2 robberies, 2 aggravated assaults).

	<b>Index</b>		<b>Violent</b>		<b>Property</b>				<b>Crime</b>	
	<b>Total Crimes</b>	<b>%CH</b>	<b>Crime</b>	<b>%CH</b>	<b>Crimes</b>	<b>%CH</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>%CH</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>%CH</b>
2011	183	9.6	4	-69.2	179	16.2	5,749	1.1	3183.2	8.4
2012	167	-8.7	15	275.0	152	-15.1	5,776	0.5	2891.3	-9.2
2013	123	-26.3	7	-53.3	116	-23.7	5,794	0.3	2,122.90	-26.6
2014	158	28.5	4	-42.9	154	32.8	5,722	-1.2	2,761.3	30.1
2015	137	-13.3	9	125.0	128	-16.9	5,703	-0.3	2,402.2	-13.0

Enforcement statistics for 2015/ 2014:

Arrests in 2015 were 151 and 142 in 2014. 4,647 traffic citations were issued in 2015 and 4,311 in 2014. 3,825 traffic warnings were issued in 2015 and 3,235 in 2014. 13,816 parking citations were issued in 2015 and 13,963 in 2014.

267 traffic crashes were investigated in 2015 and 246 in 2014. SPD conducted 190 community/ crime prevention events in 2015 and 113 in 2014. Total calls for service were 23,216 in 2015 and 22,800 in 2014. Excellent work, thank you!

## **2015 LEO AWARDS FINALISTS**

Officer Craig Lovellette, Communications Operator Peter Filiberto, Community Service Aide Daniel Sanchez and Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein have been selected as finalists for the prestigious 2015 Miami-Dade County LEO Awards. The winners will be chosen at the awards ceremony on March 19, 2016 at Jungle Island. Congratulations and best of luck!

## **HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS WALK**

Every day, people are forced into a life no one would choose--sold into the sex trade, locked up and forced to work in sweatshops and made to work for little or no pay. Human Trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery and we, as a community, must do all we can to bring light to this important issue. The Human Trafficking Awareness Walk took place on January 29<sup>th</sup> at Florida National University in Hialeah at 10:00 a.m. Officer Tony Mesa represented the Town of Surfside and our Police Department in this inaugural event.

### **THIRD THURSDAYS EVENT SERIES**

The Third Thursdays series began on January 21<sup>st</sup> and takes place on the 200 block of 95<sup>th</sup> Street from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The dates to follow will be February 17<sup>th</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>. Each event the following will be required of the police department and parking department personnel working the event.

- Close parking on the 200 block of 95<sup>th</sup> Street (all day)
- The southern side (ONLY) of the “Shul” parking lot free of cars and blocked for the delivery trucks\*\*\* PLEASE ADVISE ON WHAT TIME YOU WILL BLOCK THESE SPACES. This will assist with traffic flow while the event is being set up.
- The 200 block of 95<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed to traffic from 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. while keeping the alley pass through open.

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

The Monthly Crime Stoppers’ Board of Directors meeting will be at Miami-Dade Police Department Headquarters on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. NRO Hernandez will attend.

The Shul of Bal Harbour is hosting their 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Formal Ground Breaking Celebration on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Captain Yero will attend.

The Florida Department of Transportation is hosting a 2016 “Drive Safe” Aggressive Driving Awareness media event on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at FDOT in Miami. Sgt. Torres will attend.

The Grand Beach Hotel is hosting an event on February 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. with a fireworks display at 10:15 p.m. Off Duty officers will be assigned and the shift supervisor will monitor the event.

The supervisory staff meeting is February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the training room.

The National Conference Host Committee Meeting is presenting Preventing Crime in the Black Community on February 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Urban League of Broward County. NRO Hernandez will attend.

The Surfside Police Department and AmTrust Bank are hosting a free Fraud Awareness seminar on February 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at AmTrust Bank. NRO Hernandez will attend.

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

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is February 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Sgt. Alberto will assign a detective to attend.

The Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting is February 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Surfside Police Department. The Criminal Investigations Unit will attend.

The Tourist Board's Third Thursdays event is February 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Two police officers and a parking enforcement officer will work the event.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is February 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is February 26<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.

The Police Department is scheduled to receive a DAVID Audit Site inspection from the Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 a.m. The audit will ensure all that Surfside Police Department is in compliance with all regulations and practices of the Department of Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

#### **TRAINING COMPLETED IN JANUARY**

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres

Sniper Training- Sgt. Torres

First Responder Training- All Sworn Personnel and Parking Enforcement Officers

Defensive Driving Training- Chief Allen, Sgt. Pacheco, Officers Smith, Lorente, Ruiz, Carrasquillo, Luke, Arch, Colonna, McGavern, Hernandez and Parking Enforcement Officers Perez, Castro and Melendez

Incident Command Training- Supervisors

Falcon Application Administrator Class- Sgt. McKenna

Critical Incident Management- Sgt. Torres and Sgt. Pacheco

#### **TRAINING IN FEBRUARY**

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres

Sniper Training- Sgt. Torres

Crisis Intervention Training- Sgt. McKenna, Ofc. Arch, Ofc. Campbell

UCR Crime Stats and Numbers- Sgt. Alberto and Detective Cruz

Initial Law Enforcement Response to Suicide Bombing Attacks- Sgt. Torres