

## May Officer of the Month Alberto Knight

Surfside officers responding to a domestic disturbance call heard yelling at the rear of the home. Because the house had locked iron gates on the front and sides of the yard, an officer climbed a fence from the neighbor's yard and identified himself to a man by the backyard swimming pool. The man told the officer to leave his property or he would shoot him and then went back inside the house. The man next appeared in the front patio area with a handgun, pacing back and forth and telling the officers to leave. Officer Alberto Knight began talking with the subject, who was upset, irrational and intoxicated. Officer Knight was able to calm the man



Chief David Allen, Officer Alberto Knight.

and get him to put the gun away and unlock the patio gate. The subject was distracted while talking and Officers Knight and Ruiz lunged through the gate and placed the subject in custody. The man had previously assaulted his wife after an argument had become physical. He was arrested and charged with aggravated assault, domestic battery and resisting without violence. The firearm was seized and no one was injured. Officer Knight's tactics with the unstable armed subject resulted in a successful outcome. Congratulations to Officer Alberto Knight as Officer of the Month!

### CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH - MAY

## Parking Enforcement Officer Hans Smith

By assisting to regulate traffic during a power outage and helping apprehend a man who damaged property at a Harding Avenue restaurant, Parking Enforcement Officer Hans Smith was named Civilian of the Month. Hans observed a man cause a disturbance and damage property at a restaurant and radioed in the incident. He then followed the subject on foot and gave updates



Chief Allen, Hans Smith, Lt. John Bambis.

as to the subject's whereabouts until he was apprehended by Officers. Hans's efforts and assistance during the course of the shift are deserving of recognition.

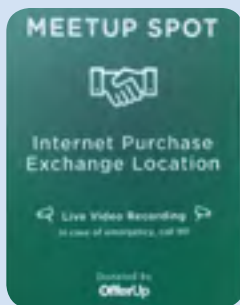
## Citizen Aids Police in Burglary Arrest

Kenneth Gilbert was working in the neighborhood when he saw a suspicious vehicle parked in the driveway of a home. He reported the car to the Police Department. The home was burglarized and the description of the



Chief Allen, Kenneth Gilbert, Lt. Bambis.

vehicle led to the arrest of the burglars. Kenneth was recognized by the Surfside Police Department for keeping an "Eye on Surfside."



## Town Hall Lobby an Official 'Meetup Spot'

The Surfside Police Department is offering a safe place for an internet purchase location for buyers, sellers and their communities. A "Meetup Spot" sign, donated by OfferUp, is now installed in the lobby near the Police Dispatch as a deterrent to criminal intent and activity.

If the parties involved in an internet exchange know law enforcement is watching, they're less likely to engage in a crime. The Surfside Police Department will be a designated location on the OfferUp app as a suggested place to complete an in-person transaction.

## 9th Annual Police Teen Summer Camp

Summer is off to a great start for the youngsters attending the 9th Annual Police Teen Summer Camp program which began June 13. The teenagers received presentations from the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation

Commission and a class on courtroom procedures and fundamentals of law from Jason Pizzo, formerly with the State Attorney's Office.

