

# Bulletin

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## Recognition

### Officer of the Month – March 2010

On March 14, 2010 at 5:51am, Surfside police officers were dispatched to a shots fired call in the 9000 block of Harding Avenue. The victims advised the officers that during an argument they were threatened by a suspect with a firearm and a baseball bat. A second suspect also fired one round at the victims that struck a parked car. The suspects fled in a truck. Detective Frank Colonna secured the scene and called for Miami Beach Police Crime Scene and Surfside detectives.

Sgt. Loxley Arch and Detective Joseph Matthews arrived and took control of the crime scene. The victims were interviewed, a canvass was conducted for witnesses, the crime scene was processed, and one spent round was recovered.

Sgt. Arch, Detective Colonna, and Detective Matthews responded to a location in south Miami-Dade County after receiving information on the tag number of the truck. With the assistance of the Miami-Dade Police Department, the detectives apprehended both suspects, recovered the suspect vehicle, and a fully loaded AK-47 rifle. MBPD Crime Scene responded to this location and retrieved the suspects' clothing for evidence. The detectives transported both suspects to the Surfside Police Station for interviews and gunshot residue processing. The suspect truck was also towed to the station for evidence. The detectives were able to elicit a confession from one suspect during the interview.

On March 15, the detectives and Miami Beach PD Crime Scene Unit completed the processing of the suspect vehicle. The firearm and bat used in the crime and two casings were recovered. The suspects were charged with Attempted Murder and Aggravated Assault.

Sgt. Arch, Detective Colonna, and Detective Matthews are commended for managing a tedious and comprehensive criminal investigation involving two other law enforcement agencies that successfully resulted in the arrest of two violent subjects.

### Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award

Ofc. Marian Valino will be recognized at the annual MADD Awards dinner on May 4 for her exceptional performance and commitment to DUI enforcement. Congratulations Marian!

### High Achievers – March 2010

G. Fernandez 67 traffic citations 13 traffic warnings 1 arrest 13 reports 3 FICs 1 community event

T. Arboleda 59 traffic citations 24 traffic warnings 3 arrests 8 reports 5 FICs

M. Valino 37 traffic citations 3 traffic warnings 2 arrests 3 reports

E. Carrasquillo 34 traffic citations 75 traffic warnings 3 arrests 4 reports

J. Gentile 32 traffic citations 20 traffic warnings 5 arrests 9 reports

J. Matelis 31 traffic citations 12 traffic warnings 3 arrests 3 reports 3 FICs 4

community events

**National Telecommunications Week**

April 12-16 is the week we recognize our dispatchers each year. As you are aware, our dispatchers have many additional functions including front desk reception, call taking, criminal checks, subpoena distribution, and data entry. A thank you to Susie Sperbeck, Jackie Kaye, Tameka Burnell, Tabatha Washington, Ofc. Diana Dulaney, and PSA Elinor Joseph for their year round support.

**Publix**

Dewayne Berger, the manager of Publix, will be recognized next week with a plaque from the police department for his ongoing support for the PD's crime prevention and community events.

**Crime Update****Residential Burglaries**

Two residential burglaries, a vacant home and an unoccupied home, were reported in March. The unoccupied burglary was somewhat similar to the burglaries from our previous trend in January. The residents had left in the late afternoon and returned that evening. Entry was gained through an unlocked window. There was no alarm, no lights left on, no car in the driveway, entrance was through an unlocked window, cash and electronics were stolen. The canvass resulted in no witnesses. A third burglary was also reported on April 2. The victims were out of town on vacation. A neighbor had last checked the house on March 31. Entry was made by breaking a window. It is unknown what was taken but the bedroom and closets were disturbed. Please focus your efforts on the residential neighborhood and let's apprehend the person(s) responsible for these burglaries. Make this a priority! Any officer interested in working a plainclothes burglary detail on Sunday, April 4 from 1500 -2300 should contact Asst. Chief Di Censo ASAP.

**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Strike Force**

ATF has requested Surfside PD detective to participate in a multi agency task force, Firearms Interdiction, Reduction, and Enforcement (FIRE). The goal of FIRE is to address armed violent gangs, firearm traffickers, armed career criminals, convicted felons, and armed fugitives. The detective will be on call and available for response to local investigations. ATF will be responsible for the training, vehicle, equipment, and overtime.

**Quality of Life Issues**

- Written warnings are to be issued for dogs on the beach or jogging path. Residents may walk their dogs leashed on the hardpack.
- MIRs should be completed on abandoned buildings that need to be secured. Supervisors are responsible to forward a copy of the report to Code Compliance.
- Noise complaints should also be documented on an MIR and forwarded to Code Compliance.
- Supervisors will continue to assign an officer to monitor the 96 Street Park Friday afternoons.
- The one hour parking signs recently installed in the residential area were due to many complaints from residents that construction workers from the St. Regis site in Bal Harbour were parking in front of their homes all day. In order to curtail this problem, the signs were installed to allow enforcement. Residents are still allowed to park on the street.
- Written warnings are to be issued for cars parked the wrong way in the residential area.
- Streetlights not working are to be reported immediately to the dispatcher to contact FPL.

### **Components of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Act**

What are the core components of the JJDP Act? There are three core components that are important to know.

- DSO – states that a youth who is detained for a status offense (something an adult cannot be arrested for – runaway, truancy, curfew, possession tobacco/alcohol, etc) cannot be held within an adult jail or lockup if detained in a secure manner. Secure is defined as restriction of movement through the use of mechanical (handcuffing to stationary object) or structural means (i.e. locks on doors, holding cells, etc). It does not include restriction of movement through staff supervision.
- Jail Removal – this states that if a delinquent youth is held securely within an adult jail/lockup, they must be removed within 6 hours. This mirrors Florida State Statute 985.211.
- Separation – this states that if a delinquent youth is held securely within an adult jail/lockup, they must be sight/sound separated from any adult offenders, inmates or trustees. Again, this mirrors Florida State Statute 985.211

An adult jail is self explanatory. An adult lockup is a police or sheriff's office building – where detainees may be brought for processing, interviewing or interrogation. The use of the term adult only means that it is not a juvenile only building/facility – such as a juvenile assessment center or juvenile detention center.

### **Community/ Crime Prevention Events**

April 1 – Crime Prevention for Women, Surf Club – Ofc. Matelis and Dina Goldstein

April 6 – Identity Theft Prevention, Commission Chambers – Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office and Dina Goldstein

April 10, 17, 27 – Community Emergency Response Team, training room - Miami-Dade Department of Emergency Management and Dina Goldstein

April 15 – Third Thursday, Business District – Ofc. Matelis

April 21 - Passport Outreach, training room – US Department of State

April 25 – Take Your Child to Work Day, training room – Dina Goldstein, Pricilla Krutules, Det. Torres, Ofc. Lovellette

7<sup>th</sup> Citizens Police Academy – Thank yous to Sgt. Arch, Dets Colonna and Matthews, Ofc. Jay Matelis, MBPD Crime Scene, MBPD Marine Patrol, Bal Harbour PD Marine Patrol, and Golden Beach PD Marine Patrol for participating in the CPA during the month of March

### **Training**

Residential Crime Prevention – Ofc. Matelis

FDLE Leadership Academy – Sgt. Alberto, Sgt. Williams, Sgt. McKenna

Lexis/Nexis – Ops Asst. Goldstein

Property and Evidence Management – Sgt. Williams