

Bulletin

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OFFICER OF THE MONTH – MAY

On May 9 at 4:00am, Officer Lesmes Ruiz responded to Bal Harbour to back up a Bal Harbour Officer on a traffic stop. Officer Ruiz immediately recognized the vehicle stopped as the same one that had been BOLOed earlier from Sunny Isles PD as stolen and committing a theft. The driver was interviewed and admitted to the crimes. He was charged by both Bal Harbour PD and Sunny Isles PD. Officer Ruiz is commended for his alertness and exemplary police work.

CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH - MAY

Dina Goldstein organized, managed or assisted at several crime prevention and community events. The events were Self Awareness Familiarization and Education (SAFE), Identity Theft Prevention, three days of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and certification, First Aid/ CPR, the Town of Surfside's 75th Anniversary Parade and Barbecue, and a visit to Town Hall and the Police Department from members of the State Attorney's Office from the nation of Columbia .

It should be noted that none of these duties are part of her regular work responsibilities. She volunteered on her own time on weekends and evenings to ensure that the events were successful and helpful to the community. Her dedication and commitment to the Town of Surfside and its residents is exceptional and sincerely appreciated.

HIGH ACHIEVERS - MAY

J. Matelis 48 traffic citations 80 parking citations 14 traffic warnings 2 arrests 2 FICs
3 community events

G. Fernandez 69 traffic citations 23 traffic warnings 7 arrests 12 reports 2 FICs

T. Arboleda 44 traffic citations 38 traffic warnings 10 arrests 9 reports 1 community event

M. Valino 42 traffic citations 15 traffic warnings 1 arrest 10 reports 1 community event

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order for Assistant Chief Di Censo and his son Peter who graduated from the Orlando Police Department Academy on May 24. We wish Peter the best of luck with Orlando PD.

Congratulations also to Ofc. Eddie Carrasquillo and mom Julissa on the birth of their son, Brandon Alexander on May 19!

HONOR GUARD

During the month of May, the Surfside Police Honor Guard participated at the Miami Dade Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service, the Police Benevolent Association Annual Awards Ceremony, the North Miami Police Department Memorial Service, the Town of Surfside Memorial Day Event, Town of Surfside 75th Anniversary Parade, and the funeral of a Florida Highway Patrol Officer killed in the line of duty.

Sergeants Richard Williams and Rory Alberto and Officers Lesmes Ruiz, Bryant Luke, and Marian Valino are recognized for their outstanding performance and representation of the Surfside Police Department.

HURRICANE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

We are back in hurricane season. All personnel should again familiarize themselves with Administrative Directive 03-01 Hurricane Emergency Operations Plan. Supervisors are also to review this directive at roll calls.

7th CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The 7th CPA was held from March to May. Sergeant Patrick McKenna, Detective Joseph Matthews, Detective Julio Torres, Officer Jay Matelis, Officer Marian Valino, Officer Craig Lovellette, and Hector Perez are thanked for their participation and instruction. The police officers trained residents on Criminal Investigations, Patrol Procedures, K-9 Operations, Special Weapons and Tactics, and demonstrated the police specialized equipment. Hector Perez as always ensured that the training room was orderly and prepared and that refreshments were served. A special thanks and applause is acknowledged for Detective Frank Colonna who organized and managed the eleven week academy. Miami Beach PD, FBI, Bal Harbour PD, Golden Beach PD, and retired MBPD Sgts. Joseph Matthews and Tom Lederman are also recognized for their support of the academy.

The Surfside Citizens Police Academy again was a tremendous success and enjoyed by all who attended. This success can be attributed to the above personnel who not only shared their expertise but created a stronger bond with the community they serve each day.

HOLDING FACILITY/ OFFICER SAFETY

Officers are reminded to transport violent prisoners directly to Dade County Jail. **Violent prisoners are not to be transported to the holding facility.** Unless a prisoner is to be interviewed by CIU or there is another exception, all prisoners should always be transported directly to DCJ. Supervisors will be held responsible.

JUVENILE PROCEDURES – Sgt. Richard Williams

Requirements of the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

Status offenders (juveniles detained for things that adults are not – such as truants, curfew violations, minor in possession of tobacco or alcohol, and runaways) **should never** be held behind doors that contain a lockable device (such as cells, lockable interview rooms) or handcuffed to a stationary object. Status offenders are best held in a non-secure area such as an unlockable interview/ interrogation room, report writing room, or office while awaiting transport to a more appropriate facility or awaiting the parent/guardian to come and get them.

Co-defendants - when they are an adult and a juvenile: While Florida state statute allows for transportation together, once they arrive at our station, they must be sight and sound separated. They cannot be placed within the same room or area where there is any form of contact.

And don't forget that any youth detained for delinquent behavior cannot be held longer than six (6) hours within a secure area of our facility. This core requirement of the Federal Act is mirrored in Florida State Statute 985.115(3).

TRAINING

Firearms Training

Firearms training and qualifications will take place at the Miami Beach Police Department Firearms Range this month. Supervisors will schedule their squads.

Officer Involved Shooting

Ofc. Giranny Fernandez will attend on June 28.

FDLE Leadership Academy

Sgt. Alberto, McKenna, and Williams will complete and graduate from the four week supervision training on June 18.