

Bulletin

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LEO NOMINATEES

Congratulations to the following personnel on their nominations to the Miami-Dade County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Awards (LEO):

- Officer Jay Matelis – Crime Prevention/ Community Policing Award
- Sgt. Richard Williams – Support Services Award
- PSA Elinor Joseph – Support Services Award
- Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein - Support Services Award

The nominees from agencies throughout Miami-Dade County will be narrowed to finalists for the March 5 awards ceremony. Best of luck to our Surfside nominees!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – DECEMBER 2010

G. Fernandez	55 traffic citations	27 traffic warnings	2 arrests	5 reports	1 community event
Matelis	52 traffic citations	30 traffic warnings	17 parking citations	5 community events	
Arboleda	41 traffic citations	33 traffic warnings	3 arrests	6 reports	2 community events

Keep up the good work!

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

The Town Manager has appointed Assistant Chief Di Censo as the interim Public Works Director until a permanent director has been selected. Performance appraisals, detail statistics, control of persons, overtime, leave, and police reports will be forwarded to me directly during this time period.

NEW POLICE CHAPLAIN

Rabbi Schneur Zalman Lipskar was born in 1976 in Miami, Florida. He was raised and educated in Miami and graduated from Landow Yeshiva High School. His rabbinic studies took him all over the world including a year in Manchester, England; Montreal Canada and Johannesburg, South Africa. He received his rabbinic ordination from The United Lubavitch Yeshiva in Brooklyn, NY in 1998.

Currently, Rabbi Lipskar serves as a Rabbi at The Shul of Bal Harbour and is involved in the spiritual development, teaching and counseling of teens and young adult Jewish leaders. He also started a successful organization, the Society of Jewish Entrepreneurs which meets monthly and provides guidance, expertise and high level networking for young Jewish entrepreneurs.

Rabbi Lipskar also completed the KJL (Kellogg Jewish Leaders) program at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

Zalman Lipskar is married with four daughters residing in Bay Harbor Islands. He will be sworn in next week.

QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES

In our ongoing efforts to improve, to be a leader in policing, and provide the highest level of police services to the community, it is our responsibility to take the extra step. This means not only in law enforcement and preventing crime but also addressing quality of life issues in the Town. During your patrol if you observe street lights or traffic signals out, trash on the roadways, graffiti on signs, traffic backed up, vacant homes, illegal parkers, abandoned cars, etc.; it is your responsibility to address the problem if you can or report it and notify your supervisor. It is your supervisor's responsibility to follow up and make sure that the issue is corrected.

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Our second annual Holiday Toy Drive was December 23. Over forty needy children received toys and were greeted by Santa and his elves. Thank you to Ofc. Jay Matelis and Dina Goldstein for coordinating the toy drive and party. It was tremendous success. The support from the Town residents and employees and M-D Fire Station 21 who assisted at the event or donated toys is truly appreciated. Also thanks to Larry Feder,

Junior Gonzalez, the North Shore Kiwanis Club, and the Bay Harbor K-8 students for their generous donation of many of the toys.

CHARITY CAR WASH

The police department will sponsor a charity car wash on Saturday, January 22 9am-1pm. All proceeds will go to the North Shore Kiwanis Club's children programs. Volunteers are needed to assist. Please contact me if you can help for a few hours.

FAMILY FUN DAY

The Parks and Recreation Department's Family Fun Day is January 23. The PD will present K-9, SWAT, and Crime Prevention demonstrations.

RED LIGHT CAMERA SAFETY PROGRAM UPDATE

Cameras have been installed at 88 Street and Harding Avenue and 88 Street and Collins Avenue. Registered owners of vehicles running red lights will receive a warning in the mail for the month of January 2011.

Effective February 1, 2011, citations will be issued after review by the Police Department. Cameras will also be installed at 90 Street and Collins Avenue, 93 Street and Collins Avenue, and 96 Street and Collins Avenue.

NO TURN ON RED SIGNS

No Turn On Red signs have been installed at 93 and Harding Avenue, 94 Street and Harding Avenue, and 95 Street and Harding Avenue. The purpose of the signs is to increase pedestrian safety at the crosswalks in each intersection. The additional signs add visibility and should decrease violations.

TRAINING

General Instructor – Ofc. Matelis

Interviews and Interrogations – Det. Knight, Ofc. M. Valino

Accreditation – Sgt. Williams

Red Light Camera Review – Sgt. Williams, Ofc. Dulaney, Ofc. M. Valino, Ofc. Matelis, Ofc. Luke