

Bulletin

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OFFICER OF THE MONTH - AUGUST 2011

On August 3rd, at 2:29am, Officer Lesmes Ruiz and Officer John Gentile stopped a suspicious person carrying a backpack in the 9500 block of Byron Avenue. A pat down for officer safety revealed a Bay Pass in his pocket. The officers contacted the toll booth supervisor who advised that the Bay Pass belonged to resident in the 9200 block of Byron Avenue. The officers responded to that address and discovered the resident's vehicle had been burglarized and the Bay Pass stolen. The subject was arrested for auto burglary. On August 16th at 12:50am, Officer Gentile stopped a suspicious person in the 9000 block of Harding Avenue. The subject was arrested for loitering and prowling and was in possession of a knife, marijuana, and \$5,706 in cash. Further investigation revealed that the subject had stolen the cash from the City of Miami Beach Parking Department and he was subsequently charged with grand theft by the Miami Beach Police Department. Officers Ruiz and Gentile are commended for their thorough patrol and protection of the community!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – AUGUST 2011

Alvarez	47 traffic citations	13 traffic warnings	6 reports	1 FIC
Gentile	24 traffic citations	18 traffic warnings	4 arrests	6 reports
Smith	29 traffic citations	14 traffic warnings	1 arrest	2 reports
Carrasquillo	25 traffic citations	104 traffic warnings	3 reports	
Luke	29 traffic citations	14 traffic warnings	2 arrests	12 reports
Matelis	65 traffic citations	13 traffic warnings	1 arrest	3 community events
Macklin	27 traffic citations		1 arrest	

Thanks and keep up the good work!

NEW DISPATCHER

Congratulations to Bobby Gabriel as our new dispatcher. Bobby previously worked for the Parks and Recreation Department and was a Police Explorer.

SOUTHEAST CRIME PREVENTION ASSOCIATION AWARD

Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein and Officer Jay Matelis have been nominated as the Southeastern Crime Prevention Association Crime Prevention Unit of the Year. We wish them the best of luck and thank them for the many events they have organized over the year!

IN CAR LAPTOP PROGRAM UPDATE

The new laptops and air cards have been tested repeatedly over past several weeks. There is a conflict that cannot be corrected. A different model laptop has been tested and has worked successfully. The current laptops will be replaced within the next few weeks.

TOWN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The Collins Avenue project is progressing on time. Traffic has been heavy especially during rush hours. The project should move south into Miami Beach by the middle of September. The Town Water and Sewer project is moving ahead in the south end of the residential area. A thank you to Officer John Gentile for staffing the project and for all of the officers who have directed traffic in the heat and rain!

SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY

The Ten Year Anniversary of September 11th Memorial Ceremony will be held at the Community Center at 5pm on September 11. Surfside, Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Indian Creek PDs and the Miami-Fire Department will participate. Miami-Dade FD and Miami-Dade PD Aviation units will also take part. Sgt. Alberto and Officer Luke will be part of the multi-agency honor guard. All are invited to attend. Attire is Class A uniform. Officer Matelis and Dina Goldstein will coordinate this event.

EYE ON SURSIDE SIGNS

The Eye on Surfside crime prevention signs have been installed throughout Town.

10th CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Our 10th Citizens Police Academy is scheduled from September 8th to November 17th. Officer Matelis and Dina Goldstein will coordinate the academy.

BIKE WITH CHIEF

The Bike Ride with the Chief scheduled for Tuesday September 6, at 6pm. All personnel are welcome to participate and get to know our residents.

FALLEN OFFICER TRIBUTE OPENING CEREMONY

The Fall Officer Tribute Opening Ceremony is September 6, at 10am at the Miami-Dade Government Center, 111 NW 1 Street. The Honor guard will represent SPD.

GIRL SCOUT VISIT

The local Girl Scout Troop will visit the PD on September 13 at 5:00pm. Officer Hernandez will coordinate the tour and presentations.

SURVIVAL MINDSET TRAINING

This workshop is scheduled for September 20, 6-9pm in the Commission Chambers. This workshop is outstanding and open to residents and Town employees. Contact Dina Goldstein if interested.

ANNUAL POLICE MASS

The annual St. Michael Mass, the patron saint of police officers is September 23 at 11am at St. Patrick' Church in Miami Beach. Officer Ruiz and Detective Valino will represent SPD in the honor guard. All are invited to attend. Attire is Class A uniform.

EYE ON SURFSIDE MEETING

The Eye on Surfside monthly crime prevention meeting is September 27, at 6:00pm in the training room. The topic is to be announced.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK

The North Miami Beach Police Department is sponsoring the annual Domestic Violence Walk and Expo to increase community awareness about domestic violence issues and raise funds for victims and families of domestic violence. The event is October 1, at 7am at 16501 NE 16th Avenue North Miami Beach. October is also National Domestic Awareness Month. Sgt. Torres will assign an officer to attend.

CRIME PREVENTION EXPO

The Crime Prevention Expo is October 2, 1-5pm, in the 94 Street lot. The expo will demonstrate the latest crime prevention equipment and techniques. Many police agencies from South Florida and private companies will participate. Officer Matelis and Dina Goldstein will oversee this event.

TRAINING

Driver Improvement – Sgt. Torres
12 Danger Zones for Supervision – Sgt. Valino
Team Building Skills for Supervisors – Sgt. Pacheco
General Instructor Refresher – Sgt. Torres
RLEX: Train the Trainer – Sgt. Alberto, Det. Valino