

# Bulletin

# 12-05

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**A MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT CHIEF DI CENSO**

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation to all the men and women of the Surfside Police Department for your hard work and dedication. Due to your efforts we have transformed this Department into a well-respected, professional law enforcement agency. Together, we have accomplished a lot in a short period of time and I am proud to have been a part of this team. It has been a pleasure working with you. Keep up the good work and be safe!

**PROMOTIONS**

With the retirement of Assistant Chief Di Censo, the position of Assistant Chief will be eliminated. In its place will be two sections – Operations and Support Services. Each Section will be commanded by a Lieutenant. The Operations Section is the four squads in Patrol and the Criminal Investigation Unit. This section will be commanded by Lt. Rory Alberto.

The Support Services Section will consist of the Communications Unit, the Parking Enforcement Unit, the PSA (and accreditation, fleet, property and evidence, supplies, etc.) This section will be commanded by Lt. Richard Williams. Elinor Joseph will be promoted to Parking Operations Manager and oversee the Parking Enforcement Officers and the master pay station system.

Congratulations to Lt. Rory Alberto, Lt. Richard Williams, and Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph on their promotions!

**POLICE OFFICERS OF THE MONTH – APRIL 2012**

On 4/24/12, at 11:40 am, the suspect entered a bank in the 9500 block of Harding Avenue wearing a mask and gloves. He demanded the teller give him all of her money which he placed into a bag and fled.

Officer Tammy Campbell was on patrol in the Abbott parking lot. She was notified by a witness that a man had just robbed the bank. She immediately pursued the suspect on foot as the suspect made his way to his car parked in the same lot. She called for assistance via radio as she held the suspect at gunpoint. Officer Jay Matelis arrived and they ordered the suspect to exit the vehicle but he refused. Officer Matelis opened the driver side door of the vehicle and removed the subject from the vehicle, put him on the ground, and handcuffed him.

A search warrant of the vehicle recovered gloves, a mask, and a bag containing over \$4,000. The subject arrested also had a criminal history for bank robbery.

Officers Campbell and Matelis should be recognized for their professionalism and courage during a very dangerous situation. Great arrest and congratulations to both!

### **HIGH ACHIEVERS – APRIL 2012**

Arch	34 traffic citations	14 traffic warnings	8 reports	
Matelis	60 traffic citations	38 traffic warnings	2 arrests	2 community events
Gentile	42 traffic citations	34 traffic warnings	2 arrests	4 reports
Ruiz	28 traffic citations	27 traffic warnings	3 arrests	6 reports

### **CRIME TRENDS**

The Town is experiencing two crime trends; distraction type crimes targeting seniors and overnight bike thefts. It is imperative that we not only make arrests and prevent more crime but also keep the community aware of the problems. As part of our community policing efforts, information flyers are available for distribution. Tell our residents that the water and sewer project workers are also required to wear Ric-man Construction hardhats and orange safety vests. Stop and talk in the community of the two distraction scams, the need to secure their bicycles at night, and of our crime prevention meetings.

### **SERGEANT PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION**

The examination is scheduled for May 10 at the Miami-Dade College School of Criminal Justice. Best of luck to all seven candidates!

### **POLICE MEMORIAL MONTH**

The Miami-Dade County Police Memorial Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2012. This will be the 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Miami-Dade Police Memorial Ceremony. The Surfside Police Honor guard will participate. All are welcome to attend. Other important events are:

May 1, 2012 – Police Memorial Breakfast – Tropical Park  
May 2, 2012 – Memorial Golf Tournament – Indian Creek Country Club  
May 3, 2012 – Police Memorial Ceremony – Tropical Park – sunset

Florida Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service - Tallahassee

May 6, 2012 – Florida Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service – Evening of Remembrance

May 7, 2012 – Florida Law Enforcement Officers Memorial – processional of officers and survivors to the Capitol Courtyard

National Police Week 2012 May 13-19, 2012 – Washington, DC

May 12 – Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony

May 13 – Annual Candlelight Vigil

May 14 – Annual Emerald Society & Pipe band March and Service

May 15 – Memorial Service 11:00 a.m.

May 15 – Wreath-laying ceremony – FOP – immediately following ceremony at U.S. Capitol



**ETERNAL BLUE LINE FLAG**

The Police Officer Assistance Trust (POAT) was founded in 1989 as a support organization for the law enforcement community of Miami-Dade County, Florida. Traditionally, POAT has provided support for the families of those officers killed in the line-of-duty. Most importantly, the organization has dedicated its resources to honoring our fallen officers during the yearly Police Memorial Ceremony.

The POAT recognizes the importance of honoring those who have sacrificed their lives for the sake of making our communities a safer place to reside. In an effort to further recognize the fallen officers of Miami-Dade County, POAT has initiated Project Honoring Every Resting Officer (HERO). The goal of Project HERO is to honor officers killed in the line-of-duty at their resting location. The officers will be honored during the month of May, annually. During this period, POAT will place United States and Eternal Blue Line flags at the foot of each grave or crypt. Grave markers, labeled *Police Officer* and in the shape of police badges, will hold the flags in place. In addition, POAT is requesting that local agencies fly the Eternal Blue Line flag

at their stations to honor the fallen officers and raise community awareness. The flag measures 4' x 6', and will be flown beneath the State of Florida flag, in locations with two poles. SPD will fly the flag in front of Town Hall for the month of May.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

We will be back in hurricane season soon. All personnel should familiarize themselves with Administrative Directive 03-01 Hurricane Emergency Operations Plan. Sergeants are to review the same at roll calls.

**CIU TRAINING**

Thank you and good work by Lt. Alberto and Detective Marian Valino providing the training on and how to properly complete the new witness/victim statement form and arrest form and recent updates and changes from the State Attorney's Office.

**STOP FOR SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM**

Good work by all on the enforcement of vehicles not stopping for school buses when loading and unloading children. Thank you to Sgt. Pat McKenna for overseeing the detail and creating and distributing the community flyer with EA Goldstein. Thirty citations and eleven warnings were issued during the first two weeks.

## **COMMUNICATIONS UNIT**

There are several policies and regulations which require this Department to maintain limited access to the dispatch area. These policies are not only generated by this Department, but also by the state and federal government. Access to this area will be restricted to the following list of authorized personnel:

- The on-duty dispatcher and/or the oncoming dispatcher during shift change.
- The command staff.
- Police officers who are serving as acting dispatchers.
- The shift supervisor, detective, or the public service aide when necessary to perform official duties pertaining to the operation of the department.
- At no time will any visitors be permitted.
- Please review Administrative Directive 11-01 Communications
- All personnel with the exception of communication operators, supervisors and command staff shall sign in and out in using the *Communications Center Sign-In Log*

## **SCHOOL CAREER DAYS**

May 1, Biscayne Elementary – EA Goldstein, Officer Matelis

May 9, Bay Harbor K-8 – Officer Arch

## **MANDATORY COMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR TRAINING**

Florida Statutes , mandates that the Department of Management Services develop and maintain a statewide plan for emergency medical telecommunications within the state. The purpose of EMSCP is to establish and regulate EMS radio communications and emergency departments. The 911 Public Safety Telecommunicator curriculum will consist of Professional Ethics and the Role of the Public Safety Telecommunicator, Call Classification and Prioritization, Communication Equipment and Resources, Communication and Interpersonal Skills, Operational Skills, Hazardous Materials and Fire Department Response, Basic principles of Components and Law Enforcement, Stress Management Techniques, Duties of the Public Safety Telecommunicator, Emergency Management and CPR. Police Officers will begin their applications for the month of July.

## **PATROL LAPTOP PROGRAM**

Please remember that if you have any IT issues with your laptop, contact the IT Department by phone or by email. Do not try to repair the computer yourself by opening the laptop or replacing parts, as all the laptops have full warranty through Dell and all parts and service are covered. If you are not able to transfer reports or are having trouble with USA Software, please also send an email to the Helpdesk or call so we can fix the issue or place a service call to the software vendor. Lastly, remember that the VPN only stays connected for 12 hours, after that time expires, the VPN will drop and you will have to reconnect again.

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## **MULTI AGENCY DUI CHECKPOINT**

SPD will participate in a multi agency DUI checkpoint at 96 Street and Collins Avenue on May 18, beginning at 8 pm. Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Sunny Isles Beach, Miami-Dade PD and other agencies will also join. If interested in participating contact Lt. Alberto.



**EYE ON SURFSIDE CRIME PREVENTION MEETING**

The monthly Eye on Surfside meeting is May 15 at 6:00 pm. The topic will be Distraction Thefts. Contact Dina for further information.

**BIKE WITH CHIEF**

The April Bike Ride with the Chief had 14 bikers. May's ride will be on the 21<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. All personnel are welcome to ride and get to know our residents.

**RELAY FOR LIFE**

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's overnight, community event; where teams form, raise money and walk throughout the night, camp out, while enjoying a DJ, entertainment, food, fun and camaraderie. Cancer Survivors are the shining stars of Relay For Life; we celebrate their courage in the fight. The Relay For Life is coming to Surfside, Bal Harbour, and Bay Harbor on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> on the beach. Teams are forming from local companies, businesses, schools, churches, hospitals, clubs & organizations. During the 2011 fiscal year, the Miami-Dade Community raised an estimated \$1,672,000 towards the fight against cancer. If you are interested in joining the Surfside Team or donating to this cause, contact Yami Slate-McCloud in Human Resources.

**TRAINING**

FBI Executive Leadership Seminar – Lt. Williams  
Crisis Intervention Conference – Officer Leonard