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POLICE CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – MAY 2012

Parking Enforcement Officer Alain Acosta is the Police Civilian of the Month for his outstanding effort and professionalism during May 2012. Officer Acosta issued 495 parking citations and worked 25 shifts. He is very proactive, willing to help and never complains. At the start of his shift, Officer Acosta takes the initiative to get the keys for the pay stations and the single space meters to service the equipment. He also has received many compliments from the public for his assistance to the community. He voluntarily patrols the residential neighborhood and business district using the Segway and T3. Parking Enforcement Officer Alain Acosta is be commended for his excellent work and commitment during the month of May 2012.

HIGH ACHIEVERS – MAY 2012

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| Smith | 34 traffic citations | 33 traffic warnings | 1 arrest | 7 reports | 2 FIs |
| McGavern | 48 traffic citations | 20 traffic warnings | 2 arrests | 7 reports | |
| Gentile | 56 traffic citations | 27 traffic warnings | 3 arrests | 6 reports | |
| Acosta | 495 parking citations | | | | |

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

An accreditation program has long been recognized as a means of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism. Accreditation is the certification by an independent reviewing authority that an entity has met specific requirements and prescribed standards. Schools, universities, and hospitals are some of the most well-known organizations that are required to maintain accreditation. Law enforcement agencies in Florida may attain accredited status through the Commission for Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc.

The Surfside Police Department went through initial Accreditation in 2009. The certification remains for three years. At the conclusion of the three years, agencies must go through reaccreditation. This process is very similar to the initial process.

Our next reaccreditation the agency will be having a mock assessment July 10-11, 2012 and our on-site August 1-3, 2012. During the mock and on-site, three (3) state-certified assessors will come to our agency to determine if we are in compliance with the standards. In addition, they will be verifying (through file review and interviews) that we have in fact been adhering to our policy and accreditation standards for the past three years (since initial accreditation).

The mock and on-site will follow the listed format (subject to minor alternations):

- The assessment team will take a brief agency tour to acclimate them with the building layout and key personnel.
- The assessment team will spend several days reviewing the accreditation files in the training

- Assessors will be visiting each area (as they come to the specific assigned chapter) to verify observable standards and talk with assigned personnel. Please be prepared for a visit at any time during the three days the assessors are here.
- Assessors will ride along with an officer for some part of a shift. The Department will accommodate a request to ride at any time during the three-day period (after the applicable request form has been completed). Don't be surprised if an assessor shows up at 11:00 p.m. and requests to ride.
- At the conclusion of the three days, the assessors will meet with the Chief and give him an indication whether they will be recommending the agency be reaccredited.

Members in a supervisory position should expect to be asked simple questions related to our policy and how we operate (as related to a specific standard). It's highly recommended that if you are a supervisor, review the Administrative Directives which relate to your job function.

Expect questions like:

- When's the last time you qualified with your issued firearm/baton/OC?
- When did you last attend blood borne pathogens/biohazard/infectious diseases training?
- What's your pursuit policy?
- What do you do with evidence after business hours? Submission procedures?
- Do you ever leave a prisoner unattended in the holding area? What happens if you have to use the restroom or retrieve a form from another area of the building?
- What are the agency procedures if a prisoner escapes?
- What's the agency's policy on protective vests?
- Do you always put on a reflective vest/jacket when directing traffic?
- What's the agency's policy on warning shots?
- How do you sign up for extra-duty employment?
- What are the levels of response to calls for service?
- What's the agency's seat belt policy?
- How do you document towed vehicles?
- When do you search an arrestee?
- What happens if you are transporting a person and they become violent?
- What do you do if you have a vehicle contaminated with blood?
- When you issue a citation, are you required to provide any information to the violator? What type of information?
- What's your agency's policy on DWLS? Are you required to make an arrest?
- When can you use your siren?
- What procedures do you follow to use barricade or traffic cones?
- What do you carry on your belt?
- Are you issued any weapons? If so, have you received training on those weapons? How frequently?
- What happens if you are on a call and a suspect returns to the scene?
- What kind of training do you receive on an annual basis?

Agency members should be prepared. But above all, be honest. If you don't know the answer, state so and advise that you can review the policy for an answer.

Be aware of what accreditation is and the process. Review the above mentioned. The assessors may ask how you feel about accreditation, what it does for you, and your agency.



Prior to the mock and on-site, the assessor names will be posted. If you see any of the persons, please be friendly and welcome them to the agency. If they look puzzled or lost, ask if you could assist them. Don't be afraid. Assessors hone in on those who try to avoid them.

Approximately 37% of all Florida law enforcement agencies are state accredited. It's a tough process, but those agencies that succeed can be proud and are classified as "the best". To achieve and maintain accreditation, it takes the whole agency – each member must contribute.

EYE ON SURFSIDE MEETING

The monthly Eye on Surfside crime prevention meeting will be June 19, 2012 at 6:00 pm. The topic will be Hurricane Preparedness.

BIKE WITH THE CHIEF

The monthly resident bike ride with the Chief is June 26 at 5:30 pm. All personnel are welcome to participate.

TRAINING

- Traffic Control – All Sworn and Parking Enforcement Personnel
- Accreditation – All personnel
- Firearms Qualifications and Training – All Sworn Personnel
- Speed Measurement - Ofc. Matthews
- Mixed Defensive Tactics – Ofc. Ruiz
- Officer Involved Shooting – Lt. Alberto
- Officer's Rights in the Workplace – Lt. Alberto