

Bulletin

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POLICE OFFICER OF THE MONTH – AUGUST 2012

On Friday August 3, 2012 at 3:50, Sergeant Julio Torres initiated a traffic stop at the 8900 block of Collins Avenue on a white pick-up truck traveling at a high rate of speed. Sgt. Torres made contact with the male driver and the female passenger. The driver stated he did not have his license on him and that the pick-up truck belongs to his father. A records check of the driver and the vehicle revealed the driver was never issued a license and the vehicle he was driving was reported stolen out of North Miami and was taken in the commission of an armed robbery.

Further investigation showed the female passenger in the vehicle was a missing runaway juvenile from Miami Gardens who was later reunited with her mother. North Miami Police Detectives responded to the station and interviewed the driver who admitted to being present at the robbery. The efficient police work that was conducted by Sgt. Torres led to the arrest of robbery suspect, the recovery of a missing juvenile and the recovery of a stolen vehicle. Sgt. Torres should be praised for his role in taking a criminal off the street quickly and proficiently. Great work!

POLICE CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – AUGUST 2012

On Saturday, August 25, 2012 at 5:15 pm, Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein was on her day off driving home when she observed a suspicious male loitering in the 400 block of 95 Street. Dina circled back to get a better description of the subject. She called the Surfside Police Department to report the incident and the description of the subject. The Communications Operator broadcasted the information and dispatched an officer. The Bal Harbour Police Department also responded as they were looking for a subject with the same description who had committed a grand theft from the Bal Harbour Shops. The subject was stopped and arrested and the stolen property was recovered. He also had outstanding warrant for his arrest. Excellent job!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – AUGUST 2012

Luke	62 traffic citations	82 traffic warnings	3 arrests	13 reports	1 FI
Arch	48 traffic citations	23 traffic warnings	3 arrests	13 reports	1 FI
Lorente	45 traffic citations	39 traffic warnings	2 arrests	8 reports	
Campbell	42 traffic citations	37 traffic warnings	1 arrest	10 reports	2 FI
Gentile	37 traffic citations	17 traffic warnings	2 arrests	6 reports	1 FI
Hernandez	36 traffic citations	53 traffic warnings	2 arrests	6 reports	
Smith-Bustillo	610 parking citations				

RE-ACCREDITATION RECOGNITION

The Department will be awarded re-accreditation status on September 23, 2012 in Sarasota. Again congratulations to all for a job well done!

MIAMI-DADE FALLEN OFFICER TRIBUTE MONTH

September is "Fallen Officer Tribute Month". The month-long tribute is a reminder to honor and pay tribute to the sacrifices law enforcement officers make while protecting our community. The opening ceremony will be September 5 at 10:00 am at the Stephen P. Clark Government Center. Lt. Rory Alberto will represent the Police Department.

FIREARMS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Firearms Committee has selected the Glock 22, 40 caliber, Generation 4, with night sight. The weapon will come with a Blackhawk Nights Op light, 3 magazines, and a holster. The firearms have been ordered and are expected to arrive within 60 days. All officers will be trained and certified with the new weapon. Thank you to the committee for their review and recommendation.

BIKE TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Bike to School Program was implemented on September 4. An officer will accompanied Surfside children from four bike stops to the Bay Harbor Islands K-8 School each morning on school days.

DOG SPAY/ NEUTER EVENT

Surfside and Miami-Dade County will host a free spay/neuter program for dogs on September 9 at beginning at 7:30 am. Officer Dianna Hernandez is the contact.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Police Department will sponsor a blood drive on September 11, 1:00pm – 7:00pm in the training room. Dina Goldstein is the contact.

SHIFT BID SELECTION

We will begin the shift bid process on Monday, September 10 and it will take effect Monday, October 15. Lt. Williams will be contacting each officer and communication operator in order of their seniority to bid for shift assignment. Supervisors will bid first. Available positions will be posted on a dry erase board in Sergeants' office.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The 11th Citizens Police Academy begins on September 20 at 6:00pm in the training room. Please contact Dina Goldstein if you would like to participate.

ST. MICHAEL THE PATRON SAINT OF POLICE OFFICERS MASS

The annual mass for police officers is September 28, at 11:00am at St. Patrick's church in Miami Beach. The Department's Honor Guard will participate. All and your families are welcome to attend.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP OFF DAY

The Police Department will host a Prescription Drug Drop Off Day on September 29, from 10:00 am – 2:00pm in the Town Hall lobby. Dina Goldstein is the contact.

BIKE RIDE WITH CHIEF

The date for the monthly Bike Ride with the Chief will be announced.