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POLICE CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER 2013

Over the past month Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein directed the Police Department's fifth annual Holiday Toy Drive. Her effort is not only collecting toys for needy children but also identifying and contacting their parents to attend the toy giveaway party. Dina also recruited Town staff to play the part of Santa, Mrs. Claus, and elves. In addition, she had the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department and the Miami-Dade Police Department Aviation Unit participate in the event.

This was our largest event ever with over eighty children attending. The Commission Chambers and the training room were needed for this number of children and their parents. Dina also decorated the rooms and purchased refreshments.

The party was a tremendous success and each child received three toys as well as having a great time. Dina is always the person that can be counted on for handling any challenge given to her. I thank and praise her for another job well done.

HIGH ACHIEVERS – DECEMBER 2013

Officer John Gentile
Officer Bryant Luke
Officer Gabriel
Parking Officer Melendez

Thanks and good work by all!

LEO AWARD FINALISTS

The LEO Awards Committee has selected Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph and Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein as finalists for the Support Services Award and the Safety Award. LEO AWARD winners will be selected on March 8, 2014 at the annual Awards dinner. Congratulations to Joseph and Dina and best of luck!

CRIME PREVENTION/ COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/ LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Hatzalah Emergency Medical Technicians will host a meet and greet breakfast in the training room for Police Department personnel on January 6, 2014, at 9:00 am.

Lt. Williams will assist with the Coral Gables Police Department Sergeant Promotional Assessment on January 7, 2014, at the Police Academy.

The Red Light Camera Special Magistrate Hearing is January 9, 2014 at 9:00 am in the Commission Chambers.

Third Thursdays begin again this month on January 16, 2014. Lt. Matelis will be responsible to staff the events.

SPD will host the regional Criminal Investigations Units for intelligence sharing on January 16, 2014 at 10:00 am in the training room. Sgt. McKenna is responsible for this meeting.

The Miami-Dade School Police Department multi-agency active shooter drill is January 17, 2014, at 9:00 am at North Miami High School. Lt. Williams and Officer Campbell will participate.

The Parks and Recreation Department's Family Fun Day is January 19, 2014 from 12:30-4:30 pm at the 96 Street Park. Lt. Matelis is responsible to staff personnel for security and parking concerns.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is January 24, 2014 at 10:00am. Residents, business persons, and visitors can meet with the Chief and his staff over coffee to discuss community issues or provide feedback on the Police Department.

The Northeast Community Traffic and Safety meeting is January 29, 2014, at 10:00 am at the Sunny Isles Police Department. Sgt. Torres will attend.

Officer Dianna Hernandez will participate in the Parks and Recreation Department Bully Awareness event on January 29, at 6:30 pm at the Community Center.

The Bike with the Chief Ride is January 29, 2014, at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

VEHICLE REPORT CARD PROGRAM

In December 2013, 103 report cards were issued in the residential areas. 65 vehicles passed and 38 failed. Items observed in the vehicles that failed are electronics, bags, backpacks, sunglasses, keys, clothes, files, documents, multiple GPS's, radar detector and several cars were found with windows down, and doors unlocked and open.

The Vehicle Report Card statistics since the program was implemented on July 1 through December 2013 were 576 cards issued with 423 passing and 153 failing. During this time period, we experienced 13 auto burglaries town-wide with 10 of the vehicles left unlocked.

NEW TRAINING EQUIPMENT

We will purchase new training equipment for building searches and active shooter events along with rifles from the forfeiture fund. Thank you to Sgt. Torres for researching the products.

JANUARY TRAINING

Speed Measurement – Officer Gabriel
Internal Affairs – Lt. Matelis and Lt. Williams
Leadership in Police Organizations – Lt. Matelis

2013 CRIME AND ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

Preliminary reports show that Part I and Part II crimes decreased from 2012 to 2013. Crimes also decreased from 2011 to 2012. Enforcement statistics also improved over the past year. Our community initiatives increased and had their best attendance ever. I thank and commend all police personnel for a job well done in keeping Surfside safe all year long!

A HAPPY AND SAFE 2014 YEAR TO ALL AND YOUR FAMILIES!