

Bulletin

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Date: March 4, 2014

POLICE OFFICERS/ CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY 2014

On Monday February 17, 2014 at 3:00 pm, Sergeant Julio Torres, Officer Bryant Luke, Officer Craig Lovellette, Officer John Gentile, and Officer Dianna Hernandez responded to the 9500 block of Abbott Ave in reference to a stolen vehicle pursuit initiated by the Bal Harbour Police Department. The stolen vehicle crashed at the corner of Abbott Ave and 95th Street where four subjects bailed out and fled into the residential area. Officer Dianna Hernandez immediately arrested one subject who dropped a firearm. The other Surfside Officers took perimeter points and with the assistance of Pilot Patrick Van Gils of the Miami-Dade Police Department Aviation Unit, the location of the subjects who were hiding in an alleyway was detected. Communication Operator Tameka Burnell handled two radio channels, numerous telephone calls from citizens calling about the incident as well as tracking the location of the officers for their own safety.

Three of the four subjects were arrested and the stolen vehicle was recovered as well as a firearm that was used in a home invasion robbery in Miami Gardens. This crime was a high priority and exceptional and efficient police work was conducted by all in a short period of time. All should be thanked and praised for their dedication to the community and the arrest of these subjects. Job well done!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – FEBRUARY 2014

Officer Micah Smith
Officer Bryant Luke
Officer John Gentile
Officer Bobby Gabriel
Parking Officer Angel Melendez

Thanks and good work by all!

CRIME PREVENTION/ COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/ LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Mobile Department of Motor Vehicle event is March 5, in the training room.

The My Life My Power anti-bullying seminar is March 5 in the Commission Chambers. Police Officers and Parks and Recreation staff from Surfside, Bay Harbor Islands, and Bal Harbour will attend.

The Secret Service VIP Detail is March 5. Officer Ruiz is assigned.

The annual LEO Awards Ceremony is March 8. Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph and Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein are finalists.

The Blood Drive is March 14 in the Town Hall parking lot.
The monthly State Attorneys' Office/ Police meeting is March 18.

SPD will host the regional Criminal Investigations Units for intelligence sharing on March 20 in the training room.

The Third Thursday's event is March 20. Lt. Matelis will be responsible to staff the events.

The Bike with the Chief Ride is March 26 at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is March 28 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.

A new community initiative program is being implemented by the Surfside Police Department in April for residents who are dog owners. SPD will offer tags for the collar of the pets. The dog tag will have the Police Department's telephone number and a registration number. The registration number will enable us to contact the owner of lost or loose dogs without calling Miami-Dade Animal Control. The tag does not replace the County dog tag. This service is free of charge and will be managed by Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein.

A new Police Explorer Program is being developed by the Chiefs of Surfside, Bay Harbor Islands, and Bal Harbour Police Departments for children of the three towns. The Police Explorer Academy will begin this summer. Police Officer/ instructors will be needed from each agency. If interested in participating, contact Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein.

AUTO CRIMES TREND

Due to overnight crimes to autos in the residential area on February 25 and 26, a crime suppression detail was conducted from February 26 to March 2 at 7:00 am. Sunny Isles Beach PD and Bay Harbor Island PD participated in the detail. There were no crimes committed during the time span of the detail. Final enforcement statistics were:

- 134 Suspicious Person/ Vehicles Checks
- 27 Field Interview Reports
- 7 Arrests
- 95 Citizen Contacts
- 29 Traffic Citations
- 73 Traffic Stops

CRIME SUPPRESSION TEAM

In order to combat future crime problems and trends such as the current auto crimes suppression effort, I may create a squad of officers/ detectives that can directly and rapidly address these specific problems when they occur. This squad must be willing to at times adjust or modify its regular schedule during the time frame of the crime problem. The qualifications for these personnel would include very good and above evaluations, high performance and productivity in arrests and suspicious vehicle and persons stops, low sick time usage, and the ability to work non regular hours during a crime problem. Additional training will also be provided. If you have further questions, feel free to contact me. If interested, please submit an email to Lt. Matelis by March 15.

MARCH TRAINING

Blue Courage – Detective Cruz

Pension Conference – Sgt. Torres

Perimeter Training – All sworn officers