

# Bulletin

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Date: May 6, 2014

**HIGH ACHIEVERS – APRIL 2014**

Officer Arch  
Officer Mesa  
Officer Luke  
Officer Gabriel  
Officer Carrasquillo  
Parking Enforcement Officer Castro

**POLICE APPRECIATION MONTH**

May is Police Appreciation Month. The Police Memorial Ceremony was May 1, 2014. Lt. Matelis represented SPD. Lt. Williams attended the Memorial Prayer Breakfast.

**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. **SPD will fly the flag in front of Town Hall for the month of May.**

**CRIME PREVENTION/ COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/ LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS**

Officer Dianna Hernandez will participate in the career day event at Biscayne Elementary School.

The Red Light Camera Safety Program Special Magistrate Hearing is May 8. Lt. Williams will manage the hearing.

The University of Miami SkateSafe Program and the Surfside Police Department is hosting a free skateboarding event on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Officer Dianna Hernandez and Officer Donald McGavern are in charge of this event.

The regional Criminal Investigations Unit meeting is May 15, at 10:00 am at SPD. Sgt. Torres will coordinate the meeting.

Bring Your Child to Work Day is May 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm. There will be activities from the Police Department and Parks and Recreation. Dina Goldstein will oversee the event.

Officer Lorente will represent SPD in the honor guard at PBA Gala event for the Miami-Dade Officer of the Year.

The US Attorney's annual Law Enforcement Coordination meeting is May 21, at 10:30 am. A member of the command staff will attend.

The State Attorney's Office Police/ Prosecutor meeting is May 21, at 2:00 pm. A member of CIU will attend.

The Surfside Police Department is hosting a Women's Self Defense Class on May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Community Center. Sgt. Torres will be the instructor. The training shows you how to resist and how to escape a sexual assault. The techniques are easy-to-learn and easy-to-use. The training will show you how to escape a standing assault and what to do if the attacker has you pinned on the ground. These techniques do not require strength, speed or coordination and are perfect for women of all ages and physical types. This class is free of charge. If you have any questions or you would like to register for the class please contact Dina Goldstein at (305)861-4862.

The Bike with the Chief Ride is May 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is May 30th at 10:00 am. 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.

Officers Ruiz and Luke will represent SPD in the honor guard on May 26, at 10:00 am at the Town's Memorial Day event at Veterans Park.

Lt. Matelis, Lt. Williams, Officer Smith and Officer Carrasquillo will provide support to Miami Beach Police during Memorial Day Weekend.

The Cancer Awareness Relay for Life event is May 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am to 9:00pm at Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center. If you are interested in joining the Surfside team or helping out please contact Dina Goldstein.

## **TRAINING**

FBI Florida Executive Development Seminar- Sgt. Valino

Crime Scene Investigations- Det. Cruz

Crystal Report Training- Det. Cruz and Sgt. Valino

Undercover Survival & Drug Raids- Det. Dulaney