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POLICE CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – AUGUST 2014 - EA DINA GOLDSTEIN

Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein organized a crime prevention seminar for female residents on August 11, 2014. The workshop was Survival Mindset, A Personal Safety Seminar with a nationally known instructor who is a friend of Dina's. The class taught women to recognize and avoid potentially dangerous situations; learn practical safety measures designed to keep them safe; and learn what sex offenders do not want to know. About forty people attended. The seminar and the instructor were extraordinary. I have received much praise and thanks for hosting the class.

However, the praise and thanks should be directed to Dina who did all of the work – scheduling, advertisement, registration, venue, equipment, materials, and refreshments. She continues to offer excellent programs to the community. Her dedication and commitment to Surfside is apparent to all. She certainly makes me and the Surfside Police Department always look impressive. Again I thank her for a job well done!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – AUGUST 2014

Officer Gabriel
Officer Carrasquillo
Officer Luke
Officer Ruiz

Thanks for the good work!

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Daniel Sanchez joined SPD as the new Community Service Aide on September 2, 2014. He will report to Sgt. Torres.

Pamela Hidalgo will be sworn in as a Surfside Reserve Police Officer this month. Pamela will report to Sgt. Torres.

Rolando Baldomero resigned as a Surfside Reserve Police Officer on September 2. Rolando served 44 years in law enforcement with the North Miami Beach Police Department and the Surfside Police Department. Rolando will continue to conduct our polygraph examinations. We wish him the best of luck!

SPECIAL INFORMATION/ COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/ LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

SPD's 13th Citizens Police Academy began on September 2 and will run through November every Tuesday from 6 pm – 9 pm. Dina Goldstein and Dianna Hernandez will coordinate the academy. Please stop by and introduce yourself to our residents and business persons attending.

Surfside, Ball Harbor, and Bay Harbor Islands Departments implemented a new Police Explorer Program. Eight teenagers have signed up. Officer Dianna Hernandez is the liaison for the program.

The Surfside Police Department is hosting a regular Women's Self Defense Classes for residents and police officers from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the training room. Sgt. Julio Torres is the instructor. This class is free of charge. Dina Goldstein will coordinate the dates for the classes.

Some cities have reported their residents becoming victims of fraud or robbery when meeting with customers or sellers to conduct online transactions. The Surfside Police will offer residents a safe place to conduct their transactions at the police station. The premise is to conduct business in a safe environment to deter crime.

The Surfside Police Department is offering emergency preparedness seminars to condominium associations. Officer Dianna Hernandez is the contact person to schedule a workshop.

The Surfside Police Department is offering free residential and commercial security assessments for residents and business owners. Sgt. Matelis is the contact person to schedule the assessment.

The Northeast Community Traffic Safety Committee meeting is September 16 at 10:00 am at the Miami-Dade Police Department's Intracoastal Station. Lt. Williams will assign a supervisor to attend.

The Municipal Quarterly EOC meeting is September 23 at 1:00 pm at the Miami-Dade Fire Department's EOC. Lt. Williams will attend.

On Fridays afternoons and evenings, SPD will participate in bicycle details with Bal Harbor and Bay Harbor Islands Police Departments for the safety of pedestrians traveling to and from the Suhl and the three Towns. Sgt. McKenna and Sgt. Valino are responsible to staff the positions. Special patrol should also be in effect during the High Holidays September 24 – 27.

The Bike with the Chief Ride is September 24, at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to participate.

The regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting is September 25 at 10:00 am at SPD in the training room.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is September 26, 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.



The annual St. Michael Mass, the patron saint of police officers is September 26, at 11:00 am at St. Patrick's Church. Officers Lorente and Luke will participate in the honor guard detail. All are welcome to attend.

SPD is hosting a National Take Back Initiative – Prescription Drug Drop Off Day on September 27, from 10 am – 2 pm. Dina Goldstein will coordinate.

TRAINING

Rapid Action Tactics – Officer Gentile

Crime Prevention – Officer Hernandez

Aurora Theater Shooting Presentation – sworn personnel

General John Barry Leadership Philosophy – supervisors

Perimeters - supervisors