

Bulletin

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Date: July 8, 2015

OFFICERS/CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH-JUNE 2015**OFFICERS LOXLEY ARCH, TAMMY CAMPBELL, JOHN GENTILE AND ANTONIO MESA, COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR SUSIE SPERBECK**

Family members in New Jersey called the Surfside Police Department advising that their sister called and made suicide threats. They stated that she was possibly staying near the Sun Harbor Hotel in Surfside and that she was going to kill herself on the beach. The family provided her name, age, clothing description and vehicle description to the Communications Operator. Communications Operator Sperbeck used her training and experience to gather all necessary information and quickly disseminated that information to all available officers. Officer Campbell and Officer Gentile responded to the Sun Harbor Hotel but she was not staying there. A BOLO was issued over municipal radio and local agencies were contacted to assist in the search for the young woman. Her vehicle was located in the business district by Officer Campbell. Officer Gentile, Officer Mesa and Sergeant Valino canvassed the hard pack and the beach area for the young woman. Officer Arch patrolled the beach area using the Polaris and he located the woman in the 9500 block of the beach. The woman was very distraught and told officers that she wanted to commit suicide. Officer Campbell used her communication skills to calm down the young woman and peacefully restrained her in handcuffs without any physical resistance. She was Baker Acted and transported to Mount Sinai Hospital for treatment. The woman was also a missing person out of the State of New Jersey and she was taken out of the NCIC system by Communications Operator Sperbeck. The family was contacted with this information. The officers of Squad A processed the information gathered and immediately organized a professional and methodical search to find this young woman in distress. Their well-coordinated efforts lead to swift developments and ultimately in locating the victim. These officer's actions directly prevented a tragedy. They were able to provide the needed assistance and have saved a young life in doing so. It is with great respect and appreciation that I commend the actions, dedication and professionalism of Communications Operator Sperbeck, Officer Arch, Officer Mesa, Officer Campbell and Officer Gentile.

HIGH ACHIEVERS – JUNE 2015

Officer Carrasquillo
Officer Colonna
Officer Gabriel
Officer Lorente
Officer Lovellette
Officer Luke
Parking Enforcement Officer Castro

FOURTH OF JULY EVENT

I appreciate the outstanding work all day on the 4th of July. It was a long hot day standing at posts on the beach, community center, and Collins Avenue and patrolling the beach on the Polaris. I also thank Officers Gentile, Arch, and Mesa for holding over to assist with calls, arrests, transports, and security at the event. Due to everyone's effort, patience with the large crowds, and high visibility, the event was a success and enjoyed by all. I commend all for your teamwork and for keeping Surfside safe!

INTERVIEWS WITH THE CHIEF

I appreciate everyone's honesty and feedback during your individual interviews with the me. All issues and recommendations have been or will be addressed. Lt. Bambis created a spreadsheet to track the completion date on each concern. You will be kept up to date.

SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The annual Police Summer Teen Camp program runs from June 11th – July 30th, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The teens visited the Coast Guard Air Base, Homestead US Customs and Border Protection Air Base, and Miami-Dade Fire Air Rescue. The teens also attended presentations by the Miami-Dade Schools Police K-9 squad, North Miami Police Crime Scene Technician, and dog safety trainer in June.

Crime Watch: the Police Department along with the Miami-Dade Citizens Crime Watch implemented a crime watch program on June 15, 2015 for the 9000 block of Abbott Avenue. Fourteen residents attended the first meeting. The second meeting was held on July 1, 2015 and residents received their crime watch stickers for their homes. Crime watch signs were also installed in the 9000 block of Abbott Avenue.

The Surfside Police Department submitted a Grant/Program Application to participate in the 2015-2016 FDOT High Visibility Enforcement for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program for the period of July 2015 through May 2016. The grant if awarded will reimburse overtime for officers assigned to the business district to educate the public of pedestrian and bicycle safety and enforce violations.

Christmas in July event at Key Biscayne Beach Park on July 11th from 10:00am to 2:00pm. NRO Dianna Hernandez will attend.

The supervisory staff meeting is July 14th at 5:00 pm in the training room.

Parking Enforcement Officer Angel Melendez will be sworn in as a Surfside Reserve Police Officer on July 16th at 3:00pm in the Commission Chambers.

Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez and District 8 County Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava will be holding a Homes for All Pets Workshop on Saturday, July 25 at Port Miami from 10 am – 4 pm. The workshop will update the community on the progress of animal welfare in Miami-Dade County and identify gaps in the system and explore ways to close them. The workshop welcomes animal protection and rescue groups, civic leaders, concerned citizens, vets, and elected officials. NRO Dianna Hernandez will attend.

The Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting is July 16th at 10:00 am at the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department. The Criminal Investigations Unit will attend.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is July 29th at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to participate.

The Police Summer Teen Camp graduation is July 30th at 12:00pm at the Community Center.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is July 31st 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.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN JUNE

Building Searches- all sworn personnel

Handgun Firearms Qualifications- all sworn personnel

Accreditation Conference- Lt. Bambis

ATS Red Light Camera Training- Officers Lovellette and Matthews

MBPD SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres

MBPD Sniper Training-Sgt. Torres

Marchman Act Training-Sgt. Torres

High Risk Tactics Course- Ofc. Gabriel

Crisis Intervention Training- Communications Operators Burnell and Filiberto