

Bulletin

16-06

Date: June 3, 2016

OFFICER OF THE MONTH - MAY 2016 - OFFICER ANTONIO MESA

On Friday May 6th, 2016, while on patrol in the 9300 block of Byron Ave, Officer Tony Mesa saw a suspicious looking male pushing a shopping cart down the street. The shopping cart also contained boxes of body wash soap and laundry detergent. Officer Mesa stopped the male and began to inquire about the shopping cart and the merchandise it contained. The officer became suspicious after the subject kept changing his story with regards to the merchandise and the shopping cart. The subject confessed to the officers he walked into the loading dock area at Publix, entered an occupied storage room that is closed to the public and stole the merchandise. Publix management was quickly contacted and responded to the scene. The Publix manager confirmed the stolen property belonged to the store. Video footage of the subject inside the storage room was also obtained and the stolen merchandise was returned to Publix. The subject was placed under arrest and charged with occupied burglary, petit theft and possession of a shopping cart.

Officer Mesa's alertness in seeing this subject led to exceptional police work which ultimately resulted in the arrest. I commend Officer Tony Mesa for his professionalism and dedication to the community.

CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH - MAY 2016 - COMMUNITY SERVICE AIDE DANIEL SANCHEZ

On Wednesday May 4th, 2016, Community Service Aide (CSA) Danny Sanchez was at Publix Supermarket on his lunch break when he saw the store manager chasing a subject who stole merchandise. CSA Sanchez, who is an unarmed police employee, took charge of the situation and ordered the subject to stop. The subject disregarded his verbal commands to stop and fled on foot east on 94th Street. CSA Sanchez immediately broadcasted over the main police radio channel that a theft had just occurred and gave an excellent description of the subject, what he was wearing and his direction of travel.

Sergeant Jay Matelis heard CSA Sanchez broadcast the information over the radio and quickly arrived in the area. Due to the excellent subject description given by CSA Sanchez, Sergeant Matelis identified the subject and saw him running east in the 200 block of 94th Street. Sergeant Matelis exited his vehicle, confronted the subject and ordered him to stop. The subject disregarded his verbal commands and continued to flee on foot. Sergeant Matelis chased the subject on foot, south on Collins Ave. After a brief foot chase, the subject was apprehended in the 9300 block of Collins Ave. without further incident. The subject was arrested and charged with theft and resisting arrest.

CSA Danny Sanchez's actions were quick thinking and effective. Exceptional police work was conducted by CSA Danny Sanchez which ultimately resulted in an arrest of a subject. I commend CSA Danny Sanchez for his professionalism and dedication to the community.

HIGH ACHIEVERS – MAY 2016

Officer Arch
Officer Campbell
Officer Colonna
Officer Gabriel
Officer Gambirazio
Officer Lorente
Officer Luke
Officer Ruiz
Officer Smith
Officer Valino
Parking Enforcement Officer Castro
Parking Enforcement Officer H. Smith

MAY SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS

Missing Juvenile/Recovered
May 5, 2016 at 1935 hours

A phone call was received to SPD communications from the complainant and she said her 10 year old son went missing at approximately 1830 hours from the 9400 block of Abbott Avenue. After making contact with the mother she said the son was told to read and do homework but he did not want to. At some point after that the juvenile left the apartment. When the mother discovered him not in the apartment she called the Surfside Police Department at 1935 hours. She said he was missing has Autism and is concerned for his safety. A BOLO was issued and a search began of the places he frequents most. During the search a phone call was received at 2010 hours that the juvenile was located in Haulover Park near the fishing fleet. He was safe and in good condition and was at MFD Station 21. The BOLO was canceled and mother and son were reunited at 2020 hours. The juvenile was missing for a total of two hours and forty minutes from his mother. Surfside Police searched for forty minutes before the juvenile was reunited with his mother.

Missing Endangered Elderly/Recovered
May 7, 2016 at 1630 hours –May 8, 2016 at 1050 hours

A 91 year old female was reported missing from the 9000 block of Emerson Avenue. The son advised his mother went out for a walk and never returned. A missing person message and flyer were immediately broadcasted countywide and units began to canvass with the assistance of Miami-Dade Aviation and surrounding jurisdictions. The search efforts continued all night and into to the morning when she was located in Miami Beach. The elderly female was found to be in good health and was transported back to her home and reunited with her family for a special Mother's Day.

Discharge of Firearm

May 22, 2016 at 1803 hours

Units responded to a call of a shot fired through a balcony glass sliding door in the 9100 Block of Collins Avenue. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the homeowner who stated she came home to her apartment after spending the night at her daughter's home to find her south facing balcony glass sliding door shattered with a bullet hole in it. The bullet traveled across her living room and lodged into a small television stand. The woman also found a fragment of the bullet in front of her front door inside the apartment. No one was injured.

On May 25, 2016, detectives identified and interviewed the subject who lives in the building next door to the victim as the shooter. The subject admitted to detectives that she pulled the trigger in her firearm thinking it was not loaded. Charges are pending.

SERGEANT'S PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION

The Miami-Dade College School of Justice Assessment Center will direct a Sergeant of Police examination for the Surfside Police Department on Tuesday June 21st, 2016. The assessment examination will be a Behavioral Assessment Dimension Guided Evaluation (BADGE). Candidates are presented with job related scenarios (5) that are intense and challenging situations that require immediate decisions and action. Candidates will have 25 to 30 minutes to respond to all scenarios and the sessions are video-taped. The candidate is to answer each scenario in free-response manner and must arrange their own time. Candidate video-taped responses will be evaluated by an assessor team at a later date/time.

Candidates are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the following informational resources from which the BADGE Evaluation will be based:

- Town of Surfside Police Department Administrative Directives- available on the Surfside Police Department server P: drive.
- Town of Surfside Police Department Temporary Administrative Directives- available on the Surfside Police Department server P: drive.
- FOP Contract: Agreement Between The Town of Surfside, Florida and The Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police Contract for the period October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2016- available on the Town of Surfside website at http://www.townofsurfside.gov/Pages/SurfsideFL_Police/policeforms/fraternal-order-of-police-contract.pdf
- Town of Surfside Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual- available on the Town of Surfside website at http://www.townofsurfside.gov/Pages/SurfsideFL_HumanResources/Policies Chapters 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07

The BADGE assessment is worth 95% of the total score and seniority is worth 5% of the total score. Employees must have a minimum passing score of seventy five (75%) percent including seniority points in order to be placed on the eligibility list. There is presently one Sergeant of Police Position opening that will be filled from the eligibility list.

The sergeant's examination shall be restricted to present non-probationary Police Officers with not less than three (3) years sworn full-time service in this Department. Notwithstanding the above-referenced provision, if an employee has served in another law enforcement department as a sworn officer for at least (2) years, the Chief of Police may waive up to twelve (12) months of required employment with this Department. In addition, if an employee has at least a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college, an advanced degree in an area approved by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Criminal Justice Standards Training Commission from a recognized institute of higher learning or has served in the United States military for a minimum of two (2) years with an honorable discharge, the Chief of Police may waive up to one (1) year of the required employment with this department. Promotional candidates shall only be awarded one of the above listed waivers.

A list of eligible candidates will be compiled in the order of their cumulative score. All employees will be notified of their score. Promotions shall be made from the top three (3) names of the list. The eligibility list will remain active for a three (3) year period from the date the list was published.

All eligible officers who want to participate in the Surfside Police Department Sergeant's Examination process must sign up in the Town of Surfside Human Resources office between Thursday May 5th, 2016 and Monday May 16th, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. The Human Resources Office is open Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Eligibility List for candidates will candidates will be posted by Wednesday 07-13-2016 at 5:00 p.m.

TRIAL PROGRAM - SURFSIDE RESIDENTIAL OVERNIGHT PARKING

The Town of Surfside has initiated a "Trial Program" that allows Town residents to park their vehicles overnight at designated locations between the hours of 9:00pm – 7:00am each day of the week. Town Residents will utilize the present Town Parking Permit that is affixed to their vehicle's front windshield as an identifier for the overnight parking. Residents will be permitted to park overnight at on-street parking spaces that are currently pay for parking spaces and to also park overnight at Town of Surfside Parking Lots with the following exceptions:

- No overnight parking will be permitted in the Abbott Parking Lot
- No overnight parking in the on-street spaces in the 9400 block of Harding Avenue and the 9500 block of Harding Avenue (Business District)
- No overnight parking will be permitted in the on-street parking spaces in the 300 block of 94th Street (between Harding Avenue and Abbott Avenue)
- No overnight parking will be permitted in the on-street parking spaces in the 300 block of 95th Street (between Harding Avenue and Abbott Avenue)

This "Trial Program" will be offered from May 03, 2016 through July 31, 2016 at which time the program will be evaluated to determine if it will continue or if any modifications are necessary. To ensure the success of this program we are asking that all residents parking their vehicles overnight to please move them by 7:00am. This "Trial Program" is the result of resident requests for additional parking options.

OPENING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AIDE POSITION

We are anticipating an opening for the position of Community Service Aide to replace Danny Sanchez who has been hired by the Broward Sheriff's Office as a police officer and will attend the police academy in June. Human Resources has advertised the position. Interviews are being conducted this week. Congratulations to Danny Sanchez. We wish him the best of luck in his new career!

MULTI-AGENCY TRAFFIC EDUCATIONAL/ENFORCEMENT EVENT

A traffic educational/enforcement detail was conducted on May 18, 2016. The purpose of this operation was for the apprehension and/or citation of drivers and for public education and awareness of the dangers of driving under the influence, aggressive driving, distracted driving, speeding, red-light running, move-over law violation, seat belt compliance, and general traffic safety. This operation was conducted at various locations in unincorporated Miami-Dade County.

This traffic educational/enforcement detail was a success. Through the mutual-aid agreement and the Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) program, participating agencies (Surfside Police Department, Miami-Dade Police Department, Florida Highway Patrol, and Sunny Isles Beach Police Department) were effectively able to educate the general public on traffic safety and those that violated traffic safety laws were cited accordingly. The event yielded 58 citations, one arrest and over 20 educational items were also distributed to support the on-going Drive Safe – Aggressive Driving Awareness Campaign and general traffic safety. The NE CTST team plans to conduct a similar operation next month.

CLICK IT OR TICKET IT CAMPAIGN

The next click it or ticket campaign begins May 23rd and runs through June 6th 2016. This is the border to border National Campaign. Please come up with a plan to competitively participate in this program. The last click it or ticket campaign was very successful. Please maintain the same if not greater level of effort. The statistics for this campaign should be documented on the end of shift reports and one final stat sheet should be sent to Sgt. McKenna no later than June 10th.

SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

SPD will hosted a community blood drive on June 1st from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The blood mobile was in the Town Hall lot.

The Monthly Crime Stoppers' Board of Directors meeting was on June 1st at 10:00 a.m. in Doral. NRO Hernandez attended.

Surfside PD, Sunny Isles Beach PD, Indian Creek PD and Bal Harbour PD will host a Shred a Thon on June 11th at Bill Bird Marina (Haulover Park) from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. NRO Dianna Hernandez will coordinate this event.

Chief Allen will be recognized as the American Legion Post #67 Police Officer of the Year on June 12th at 2:00 p.m. in North Miami.

The supervisory staff meeting is June 14th at 5:00 p.m. in the training room.

The Police Teen Summer Camp will begin on June 14th and conclude on August 4th with a graduation. The teenagers will have presentations from Fire Rescue Station 21, the Coast Guard, Officer Survival, Crime Scene Investigations, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and a K-9 demonstration.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is June 15th at 2:00 p.m. Sgt. Alberto will assign a detective to attend.

The Surfside Police Department will host a Mobile Department of Motor Vehicles event for residents to apply for and renew their driver's licenses on June 15th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

The Miami-Dade County Emergency Operations Center is hosting a regional Hurricane Strategy meeting on June 15th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Florida International University. Chief Allen, Captain Yero and Lieutenant Bambis will attend.

The Southeast Florida Crime Prevention Association will meet on June 22nd at 10:30 a.m. The location is to be determined. NRO Dianna Hernandez will attend.

The Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting is June 23rd at 10:00 a.m. at the Bal Harbour Police Department. The Criminal Investigations Unit will attend.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is June 24th at 10:00 a.m. 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 monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is June 29th at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

ANNUAL FIREARMS QUALIFICATIONS

Annual firearms qualifications with the Glock 22 will take place on June 7th and June 9th, at the Miami Beach Firearms Range.

Tuesday, June 7th

0730 - Squad D

0830 - 2 from Squad B

0930 – CIU

1030 - 3 officers from Squad B and Reserve Officers

Thursday, June 9th

0730 - Squad C

0830 – 3 from Squad A and NRO

0930 – Command Staff

1030 - 2 officers from Squad A

LONG RIFLE FIREARMS QUALIFICATIONS

Firearms qualifications in conjunction with the Miami Beach Police Department for the AR-15 Rifle will take place on June 22, 23, 24, 29, and at the Medley Police Range from 0700 to 1400 hours. Officers that have previously completed the twenty four hour long rifle course and wish to carry the AR15 on duty shall attend the qualifications. Please use the duty ammunition that you currently have for the qualifications and new duty ammunition will be provided to you after you qualify.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN MAY

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres
Sniper Training- Sgt. Torres
Fair and Impartial Policing-Ofc. Gentile
Marijuana Impaired Driving Detection- Ofc. Lorente
Speed Measurement- Ofc. Gambirazio

TRAINING IN JUNE

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres
Sniper Training- Sgt. Torres
Annual Firearms Qualifications- All Sworn Personnel
Infectious Disease/Biohazard Training- All Sworn Personnel