

Bulletin

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Date: December 5, 2017

CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER 2017- EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF DINA GOLDSTEIN

Dina organized the annual Halloween Block Party which took place On October 31, 2017 at 92nd Street and Bryon Avenue. This event requires much time, effort and commitment. Over 1000 bags of candy were filled and 2,000 glow sticks were distributed to children. The block party required street closures, traffic direction and other personnel and logistics to ensure the safety of families and children attending the event and trick or treating throughout the community. Thousands of people filled the streets to safely enjoy the block party and Halloween night. This event is one of the largest events in Surfside each year. Congratulations to Dina as the recipient of Civilian of the Month...well deserved!

NOVEMBER SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Medical Practice without a License Arrest

11/15/2017 at 1515 hours

9400 block of Harding Avenue

Surfside detectives, in collaboration with the MDPD Medical Crimes Unit and the Florida Department of Health Miami-Dade Office conducted an undercover operation at Lemel Medical Spa. The subject who is not a licensed doctor in Florida agreed to perform Juvederm injections to the undercover officer's lip area and facial Botox. Prior to the subject administering the drug, the subject was arrested without incident. Consent to search was obtained and over \$5,000.00 dollars' worth of prescription drugs were impounded as evidence. The subject cooperated with detectives and gave a statement saying that she was hired by the owner approximately 9 months ago, and since then has performed these procedures to many patients. She admitted to not being licensed in Florida. Current employees confirmed that there has never been a doctor in the office. The subject was arrested and charged with one count of Practicing Medicine without a License (Felony) and three counts of Possession of Prescription Drug with intent to sell (Misdemeanor). The Department of Health investigator was on scene and issued the subject an \$1,800.00 dollar uniform unlicensed activity citation.

Elderly Exploitation

11/21/2017

9100 block of Collins Avenue

A detective received a call from the niece of an elderly woman who lives in the 9100 of block Collins Avenue. She had been notified by a DCF investigator that they received an anonymous complaint stating that her 86 year old aunt is being financially exploited by her three caretakers. The aunt suffers from Parkinson's & Dementia. Recently, the elderly woman was driven to her attorney's office by one of her caretakers and removed her niece from power of attorney and appointed a caretaker. She also went to her bank and removed her niece as beneficiary and added the same caretaker. This same caretaker was arrested in 2008 for uttering a forged instrument and grand theft by MDPD and is on probation until 2025. The DCF investigator spoke with the elderly woman's neurologist, who stated she is not competent to sign papers or make decisions for herself. The niece will file for emergency guardianship. As of now, the bank has frozen all of her accounts. This case is currently under investigation.

HIGH ACHIEVERS – NOVEMBER 2017

Officer Carrasquillo

Officer Hernandez

Officer McGavern

Officer Valino

Parking Enforcement Officer Acosta

Parking Enforcement Officer Castro

LEO AWARDS NOMINEES

We have several nominations for SPD for the 2016 Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police and Law Enforcement Officer Foundation (LEO) Awards which honor and recognize deserving sworn and civilian personnel:

- LEO Investigative Services Award – Sergeant Marian Cruz Sergeant Marian Cruz for her outstanding investigative skills, leadership, work ethic, dedication and commitment to the Town of Surfside
- LEO Uniform Services Award – Officer John Gentile for his exemplary dedication, work ethic and commitment to his profession.
- LEO Safety Award – Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein for excelling at her many administrative duties as well as implementing and managing the Police Department's many community engagement activities.
- LEO Support Services Award – Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph for his exceptional management of the Parking Enforcement Unit and parking services, overseeing the Property and Evidence Unit, and assisting the Communications Unit.

Congratulations to all! I am proud and wish all the best of luck!

NEW PERSONNEL

Effective December 6, 2017, Kenia Castillo will become a Communications Operator and will report to Lt. Bambis for orientation training. Please introduce yourself and welcome Kenia to SPD!

Effective December 11, 2017 CSA Ronald Donoso will become a Surfside Police Officer and will report to Lt. Bambis for orientation training. Officer Donoso will be sworn in on December 12th at 2:00 pm in the Commission Chambers. Please congratulate Ronald and welcome him aboard to his new position!

LIFE SCAN

Life Scan testing will take place between December 18th and December 20th for Surfside personnel. The patient packets and LabCorp locations have been provided to the participants. Bal Harbour Police Department will be using our facility for their examinations from December 11th to December 15th.

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE AND GIVEAWAY EVENT

The Police Department is collecting toys this holiday season for our Ninth Annual Holiday Toy Drive. Please show your support by bringing new unwrapped toys for children ages 1-13 to the Police Department. The last day to donate is Wednesday December 20th. The Holiday Party and Toy Giveaway Event is December 21st at 3:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Aventura Marketing Council/Chamber of Commerce hosted a Chairman's Roundtable luncheon on December 1st at 12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. at Turnberry Isle Resort. Captain Yero attended the luncheon.

During the holidays, the Police Officer Assistance Trust (POAT) collects donations for the families of fallen officers at several malls in Miami-Dade County. Sergeant Cruz, Officer Luke, Officer Lorente and Executive Assistant Goldstein volunteered their time on December 2nd at Aventura Mall and The Falls Shopping Center.

The supervisory staff meeting is December 13th at 5:00 p.m. in the training room.

The 16th Citizens Police Academy will conclude on December 14th with a graduation ceremony at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is December 20th at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is December 21st 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.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN OCTOBER

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres

Basic Crime Prevention Training – Ofc. Lorente

Autism Awareness for law Enforcement Training – Ofc. Carrasquillo, Ofc. Valino, Parking Manager Joseph, CSA Donoso, CSA Duran, PEO Acosta

Accreditation Training – Lt. Bambis

Bicycle Training- CSAs Donoso and Duran

TRAINING IN NOVEMBER

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres

Less Lethal Weapon training – All Sworn Personnel

Narcans Training – Sgt. Pacheco, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Hernandez, Ofc. Lorente, Ofc. Lovellette

Sovereign Citizen Training – Sgt. Matelis, Sgt. Pacheco, Ofc. Arch, Ofc. Campbell, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Lorente, Ofc. Luke, Ofc. Matthews, Ofc. Ruiz, Ofc. Smith

Probationary Police Officer Scenario Based Training – Ofc. Durante, CSA Donoso and CSA Duran

New Florida Driver's License and Florida ID Card Law Enforcement Training- All Sworn Personnel

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I wish all of you and your families a happy, healthy and safe holiday!