

Bulletin

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OFFICERS OF THE MONTH - AUGUST 2018 - SERGEANT MARIAN CRUZ AND DETECTIVE DIANA DULANEY

On Thursday, August 16th, 2018, Sergeant Marian Cruz met with a victim at the SPD who reported he received an email notification about a new unauthorized credit card that was being shipped to his home. His suspicion lead him to review home surveillance footage that revealed a male approaching the front door and remove a FedEx package containing a previously delivered credit card on June 27th, 2018.

Utilizing this information, Sergeant Cruz quickly established a surveillance team at the victim's residence. Detective Dulaney observed a FedEx driver deliver a white envelope package to the residence, leaving the package on the ground by the front door. A short time later, she observed a vehicle driven by a male subject, drive by the front of the victim's home and make a U-turn at the end of the block and parked across the street from the victim's home. The driver/subject then exited the vehicle and approached the victim's front door, taking the package left by FedEx. The subject then returned to his vehicle and drove away. An officer was nearby waiting for Detective Dulaney's signal to conduct a traffic stop on the subject. Once stopped, the vehicle was searched and the victim's FedEx package was located under the passenger side seat. Also, a ledger listing various addresses in Miami-Dade County was located which included a second Surfside resident. It was later discovered that another package had just been delivered by FedEx and was still at the Surfside resident's front door. The package was retrieved, impounded and the resident was contacted and confirmed that the package contained a credit card that had not been authorized. The subject was placed under arrest and transported to the Surfside Police Department (SPD) for questioning. Detective Dulaney and Sergeant Cruz questioned the subject and he consented to a search of his hotel room in the City of Doral. Detective Dulaney coordinated the search of the subject's hotel room with detectives from the Doral Police Department. The search revealed two additional stolen credit cards. Detective Dulaney researched the names on the credit cards and was able to contact both victims, adding two additional charges.

During questioning, the subject stated that he is visiting the United States from Belgium and working for an acquaintance who lives in London. The acquaintance was paying him approximately \$7,000.00 U.S. dollars to pick up packages and send them to him in London. The subject also stated that the package he took from the victim on June 27th was sent to the male in London. He further admitted to taking the credit cards that were located in his hotel room but could not recall the address of where he took them from. The subject was arrested and charged with four counts of Possession of Stolen Credit Cards.

Through their diligence, quick response, professionalism and experience, Sergeant Cruz and Detective Dulaney identified a subject and disrupted a criminal fraud ring with possible international connections. Congratulations to Sergeant Marian Cruz and Detective Diana Dulaney as recipients of Officer of the Month...well deserved!

CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH - AUGUST 2018 - EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF DINA GOLDSTEIN

From June 14th – August 2nd, 2018, Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein organized, directed and coordinated the Police Department's 10th Police Summer Teen Camp. Behind the scenes of this program there is an enormous amount of work. The logistics include managing and scheduling classes, instructors, transportation, refreshments, venues, equipment, certificates, thank you correspondence, room set up, supervision of the teenagers and the graduation ceremony. The workload to continue this program to be successful and educational each year is considerable and extremely challenging. Dina did all of this expertly and in addition to her regular duties as the Executive Assistant to the Chief. This year new instructors were added and new classes were implemented. The teenagers had fascinating and enlightening presentations such as Legal, Crime Scene Investigation, SWAT, K-9, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection Marine Interdiction. The teens also enjoyed trips to Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Station 25 and U.S. Coast Guard Air Base in Opa-Locka, U.S. Air Force Base and U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Homestead. The teen camp was exceptional and thoroughly enjoyed by the participants. All of the credit goes to Dina who did an outstanding job organizing the program. Congratulations to Dina as the recipient of Civilian of the Month...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – AUGUST 2018

Officer Donoso
Officer McGavern
Officer Gentile
Officer Valino
Parking Enforcement Officer Castro

AUGUST SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Auto Burglaries

08/03/2018

9300-9500 block of Bay Drive

Six unlocked vehicles were entered at different locations in the 9300-9500 block of Bay Drive. All vehicles were unlocked, \$25.00 dollars in bills and coins were stolen. A surveillance video camera captured three male subjects attempting to enter vehicles. A community awareness flyer has been distributed reminding residents to lock their vehicles.

Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Officer without Violence Arrest

08/13/2018 at 2349 hours

9400 block of Collins Avenue

An officer observed a traffic violation and initiated a traffic stop. After issuing the citation, the driver exited his vehicle and began yelling at the officer. The driver ignored the officer's commands to return to his vehicle. The officer then attempted to place the driver under arrest, but the driver broke away from the officer and attempted to go back in his vehicle. Fearing the subject may retrieve a weapon the officer ordered him to stop and the subject continued. The officer gained control of the subject and placed him under arrest.

Assault on Law Enforcement Officer and Resisting Arrest without Violence Arrest

08/18/2018 at 0234 hours

9293 Harding Avenue

During a traffic stop at the home of the driver in the residential neighborhood, the driver's husband began yelling at the officers on scene and threatened to harm the initiating officer. Shortly after, the husband walked into the SPD parking lot approached the officer who issued the traffic violation and made verbal threats. The subject was arrested. His wife was informed of the arrest and drove to the police station where she approached officers cursing, acting belligerent and was ultimately arrested.

Suspicious Incident

08/23/2018 at 1218 hours

9400 Block of Collins Avenue (Hardpack)

Officers were dispatched to a call reference a male exposing himself and masturbating. An area canvass was conducted, but the male could not be located.

Possession of Burglary Tools Arrest

08/27/2018 0112 hours

8800 block of Byron Avenue

While on patrol, an officer observed and stopped a male riding a bicycle with no lights and rolling another bicycle by his side. The bicyclist stated he was on his way home to Miami Beach however he could not provide a specific address. The bicyclist also stated he had just purchased the second bicycle from someone in Miami Gardens but could not provide the name of the person who sold him the bicycle. A search of his back pack revealed a pair of bolt cutters. The bicyclist was arrested and charged with one count of Possession of Burglary Tools and Loitering and Prowling

HIGH HOLIDAY DETAIL

The High Holiday services begin on Sunday evening, September 9, 2018 and will conclude on October 2, 2018. Please see the schedule below of service dates and times that will have high attendance. Many of the holidays have driving restrictions which means a large number of pedestrians.

The Surfside Police Department has increased police presence with assigned details for high visibility during the High Holidays in the areas of The Shul 9540 Collins Avenue, Young Israel 9592 Harding Avenue, Hechal Shalom Sephardic Congregation 310 95th Street and Magen David Sephardic Congregation 9348 Harding Avenue. The enhanced patrols will be concentrated before and after services when congregants from the surrounding area and neighboring communities are walking to and from these locations. In addition, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands Police Departments will assign officers to further augment patrols in the area.

There will be uniformed security guards working at the Shul and Young Israel. The Shul will have three to five security guards working daily throughout the holidays. Young Israel will have one to four guards working daily throughout the holidays.

<u>DATES</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
<u>Rosh Hashanah</u>	
Sunday, September 9, 2018	6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Monday, September 10, 2018	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 11, 2018	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
<u>Yom Kippur</u>	
Tuesday, September 18, 2018	6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 19, 2018	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
<u>Sukkot</u>	
Sunday, September 23, 2018	6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Monday, September 24, 2018	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 25, 2018	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Friday, September 28, 2018	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 29, 2018	6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 30, 2018	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Monday, October 1, 2018	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 2, 2018	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
<u>Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah</u>	
Sunday, September 30, 2018	6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Monday, October 1, 2018	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 2, 2018	6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

John Healy has been hired as a new Lieutenant of Police and was sworn in on August 27th. Lieutenant Healy's law enforcement career began in 1991 as a Patrol Officer with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. During his 25-year career with LVMPD, he was assigned to numerous positions to include, Field Training, Community Oriented Policing, Problem Solving Unit, Auto Theft (VIPER) Task Force, Gang Crimes Bureau, Internal Affairs Bureau, and the Resident Officer Section. He rose through the ranks at LVMPD attaining the rank of Police Lieutenant. Additionally, Lieutenant Healy is a 22-year Veteran of the United States Air Force, having served on both active duty and the reserves. He was recalled back to Active Duty after September 11, 2001 for 15 months and retired in January 2003. Please welcome him to the Surfside family.

Jill Smith, our new Accreditation Manager, joined the Surfside Police Department on September 5th and will be working with us in a part time bases primarily leading the re-accreditation process and assisting in a variety of administrative tasks. Accreditation Manager Smith is a former full-time officer with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department. She transitioned to a part-time officer with Bay Harbor Islands PD, where she became the Accreditation Coordinator for the agency, obtaining their initial accreditation in 2016. She maintains reserve officer status with Bay Harbor Islands PD. Accreditation Manager Smith is an Assessor with the Commission of Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation and has conducted multiple mock and on-site assessments throughout the state. Please welcome her to the Surfside family.

**SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS
IN AUGUST**

The 10th Police Teen Summer Program in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Teen Camp concluded on August 2nd with a graduation for the teenagers. The presentations included Fundamentals of Law, K-9, Crime Scene Investigation, U.S. Customs and Borders Marine Interdiction and S.W.A.T. The teenagers also visited the U.S. Coast Guard Air Base, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Station 25, U.S. Customs and Borders and the Homestead U.S. Air Force Base.

The supervisory staff meeting was August 14th at 5:00 p.m.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a Mobile Department of Motor Vehicles event for residents to apply for and renew their driver's licenses on August 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

Detective Dulaney attended the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on August 23rd at 10:00 a.m. at the Aventura Police Department.

Chief Yero attended a Security Symposium at the Greater Miami Jewish Federation on August 28th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Detective Dulaney attended the Southeast Florida Crime Prevention Association meeting on August 29th at 10:30 a.m. at the Miami Gardens Police Department. Miami-Dade Animal Services and the ASPCA conducted a presentation on the resources available on animal abuse investigations.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride was August 29th at 5:00 p.m.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops was August 30th at 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

The North Miami Beach Police Department hosted a planning meeting on September 4th at 10:30 a.m. for the 11th Annual Domestic Violence Walk taking place on October 6th in North Miami Beach. Lt. Marciante attended the meeting and will be the SPD liaison for this event.

The 17th Citizens Police Academy class began on September 6, 2018 and will conclude on November 15, 2018 with a graduation ceremony. The classes will include K-9 Unit, Crime Scene Investigation, Homicide Investigation, Marine Patrol, visit from North Miami Beach's Incident Command Center/ SWAT, Driving Range, Firearms Range, Firearms Simulator, and Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

The supervisory staff meeting is September 11th at 5:00 p.m. in the training room.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is September 19th at 2:00 p.m.

The Sunny Isles Beach Police Department will host the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on September 20th at 10:00 a.m.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is September 26th at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is September 27th 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 AUGUST

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres

Field Force Training – Sgt. Torres, Det. Gabriel, Det. Gambirazio, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Lorente, Ofc. Ruiz

CPR, First Aid, AED, Tourniquet and Combat Gauze Re-certifications- All Sworn Officers, Parking Enforcement Officers, and Communications Operators

Developing Effective Communication Skills Training – All Personnel

Active Shooter Training – Sgt. Cruz, Sgt. Torres, Ofc. Campbell

Traffic Control for Civilians Training – PEO Saffo

TRAINING IN SEPTEMBER

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres

Business Writing and Grammar for Professionals: Explicit Business Writing Best Practices- Chief Yero and EA Goldstein

Supervisor Leadership School- Ofc. Lorente

CPR, First Aid, AED, Tourniquet and Combat Gauze Re-certifications- All Sworn Officers, Parking Enforcement Officers, and Communications Operators