

Bulletin

19-04

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OFFICER OF THE MONTH – MARCH 2019 - OFFICER JUAN DURAN

On Saturday, March 30, 2019, Officer Juan Duran was working an extra duty job at Young Israel Congregation. While conducting a security check, Officer Duran was informed that an elderly female was choking on her food at the banquet hall. Officer Duran immediately responded to aid the victim. Upon arrival, Officer Duran quickly conducted a medical assessment of the victim. Officer Duran noticed the victim was unresponsive, was not breathing and was turning “blue”. Officer Duran immediately began cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) compressions with the aid of a doctor in the crowd. After a few minutes Miami-Dade Fire Rescue arrived and took over the CPR compressions. The elderly female began breathing on her own again. The victim was able to regain her faculties and was subsequently transported to Mt. Sinai Hospital for further medical treatment.

The swift actions of Officer Juan Duran allowed the victim a better chance for a full recovery once she received the care she needed on scene and in the hospital. Officer Duran’s actions are a clear example of his experience and dedication to his profession and the community. I commend Officer Juan Duran for his professionalism, compassion, and instantaneous reaction to a life-threatening situation. Congratulations to Officer Juan Duran as the recipient of Officer of the Month...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – MARCH 2019

Officer Donoso
Officer Duran
Officer Durante
Officer Gentile
Parking Enforcement Officer Saffo

SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Narcotics Arrest

03/01/2019 at 0336 hours

93rd Street and Byron Avenue

While on routine patrol, an officer observed a male riding a bicycle with no lights through the residential area. When stopped, the male was uncooperative and gave the officer incorrect personal information. The officer detected a smell of marijuana coming from the male’s backpack. A search revealed the male was in possession of 232.24 grams of marijuana, 29.5 pills of Zanax, and \$6,021.00 dollars. The male was arrested.

Auto Burglary

03/01/2019 at 1825 - 2250 hours

9500 block of Abbott Avenue (Municipal Parking Lot)

Unknown subject(s) entered a vehicle by breaking the passenger side window. A briefcase containing a laptop and personal documents, together with a backpack containing a wallet, books, a credit card, and \$40.00 dollars in U.S. currency were missing. Crime scene processed the vehicle for evidence.

Threaten Law Enforcement Officer / Resisting without Violence Arrest

03/05/2019 1245 hours

9300 block of Collins Avenue

While investigating a battery incident, officers made contact with the subject outside of his apartment. As officers attempted to speak with the subject, he became irate. The subject was given several verbal commands to calm down which he ignored. While being placed in handcuffs, the subject resisted officers. While in custody the subject made threatening statements to the transporting officer.

Loitering & Prowling Arrest

03/06/2019 at 0000 hours

88th Street and Abbott Avenue

While on routine patrol, an officer observed a male walking in the residential neighborhood. The male turned around and began walking in the opposite direction as to evade contact when he noticed the marked police vehicle. The male walked towards Harding Avenue in attempt to leave the residential neighborhood, but was subsequently stopped by the officer. The male gave several contradicting stories to the officer, explaining why he was in the area at that time of night. The officer then recognized the male as a burglary subject who was recently arrested. The subject was arrested.

Auto Burglaries

03/06/2019 at 0242 hours

8800-9200 block of Carlyle Avenue

A surveillance video camera captured two unknown subjects exiting from a dark colored SUV vehicle and each entering the driveway of two homes. A total of three unlocked vehicles were burglarized. Subjects stole a Ruger .380 pistol and four designer sunglasses. A flyer has been distributed to police agencies. A Community Flyer was distributed.

Aggravated Assault Arrest

03/22/2019 at 0630 hours

9200 Collins Avenue – Residence Inn Marriott

Officers responded to an aggravated assault with a knife. Upon their arrival, officers met with the victim who stated that her boyfriend woke her up and threatened to harm her with a knife. In fear for her life, the victim locked herself in the bathroom and called the police. During an area canvass, the boyfriend/subject was located nearby at the beach and arrested

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

The National Public Safety Telecommunications Week is April 14th –20th, 2019. This week is celebrated annually and honors the thousands of men and women who answer emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance to citizens.

Communications Supervisor Susie Sperbeck, Communications Operator Tameka Burnell-McKnight, Communications Operator Kenia Castillo and Communications Operator Jorge Villar are honored by the Command Staff and colleagues for their service to the law enforcement profession as communication operators. Thank you all for your dedication, professionalism, and all that you do each and every day.

SERGEANT PROMOTION

I am pleased and proud to announce that Officer Alejandro Lorente was promoted to Sergeant of Police effective April 1st. Alejandro Lorente's law enforcement career began in 2004, as a Patrol Officer with the City of Hialeah Police Department where he was assigned to the uniformed patrol division. After two years, he became a police officer at the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department where he was assigned to several schools as an SRO. A few years later, Alejandro lateraled to the Doral Police Department as it was a newly formed law enforcement agency. Alejandro joined the Surfside Police Department family in 2012. Alejandro's most recent assignment was the Business District Officer (BDO) and Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO). He previously worked in the Patrol Division and the Criminal Investigation Unit as a detective. Alejandro currently serves as a member of the police honor guard and the field force team. Congratulations to Sergeant Alejandro Lorente!

SHIFT BID

The new shift bid will become effective April 22, 2019. The shift bid process will commence on April 10th by Lieutenant Marciante in order to have it completed well in advance and allow everyone to plan their schedules accordingly.

THIRD THURSDAY EVENTS

The final Third Thursday event for the season is April 18th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The set up will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the breakdown will end at 11:00 p.m.

The Police Department will assist with the following:

- Block parking on the 200 block of 95th Street
- Block entire "Shul" parking lot
- Close the 200 block of 95th Street to traffic 2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. while keeping the alley pass through open

Local businesses and The Shul will be notified that the area will be closed to traffic by utilizing the message board.

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

Detective Gambirazio attended the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit Intelligence meeting at the Pinecrest Police Department on March 13th at 10:00 a.m.

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

The Third Thursday event was March 21st from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride was March 27th at 5:00 p.m.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops was March 28th at 10:00 a.m.

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

The supervisory staff meeting is April 9th at 5:00 p.m.

The Hialeah Police Department will host the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on April 17th at 10:00 a.m.

The Surfside Police Department will host a community blood drive on April 17th from 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Municipal parking lot.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is April 17th at 2:00 p.m.

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 April 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is April 24th at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is April 25th 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 Prescription Drug Drop Off Day is April 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Lobby.

Surfside PD, Aventura PD, Bay Harbor Islands PD and Sunny Isles Beach PD will host a Shred a Thon and DEA Drug Take Back on April 27th at Bill Bird Marina (Haulover Park) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN MARCH

SWAT Training – Sgt. Torres

Less Lethal Qualifications for the ADS (Pepper Spray) ASP baton and Drag Stabilized Round (Bean Bag) – Capt. Bambis, Lt. Healy, Sgt. Cruz, Sgt. Matelis, Ofc. Arch, Ofc. Campbell, Ofc. Hernandez, Ofc. Lovellette, Ofc. Luke, Ofc. Matthews, Ofc. Valino

Taser X2 Training – Sgt. Matelis, Sgt. Torres, Ofc. Arch, Ofc. Campbell, Ofc. Carrasquillo, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Hernandez, Ofc. Lorente, Ofc. Lovellette, Ofc. Luke, Ofc. Valino

Room Clearing Training – Sgt. Cruz, Ofc. Arch, Ofc. Campbell, Ofc. Valino

Terrorism Liaison Officer Level 1 (TLO1) Training – Sgt. Cruz

Collaboration in Disaster Readiness Training – Lt. Marciante

Employee Evaluation Training – All Supervisors

Line Supervision School – Ofc. Campbell and Ofc. Lovellette

ITW Instructor Refresher Training – Sgt. Matelis

Multi Agency Field Force Training - Sgt. Torres, Det. Gambirazio, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Luke