

Bulletin

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Date: December 3, 2020

OFFICER OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER 2020 – OFFICER TAMMY CAMPBELL

On November 12, 2020, the Surfside Police Department received a call from the Miami-Dade Police Department Communications Unit regarding a juvenile in crisis. The juvenile who was home at the time had been communicating with one of her teachers via text message and made comments saying she wanted to hurt herself. Officer Campbell responded to the home and made contact with the parents who were not aware of what their daughter was texting messaging to one of her teachers.

Officer Campbell quickly assumed the lead on this extremely delicate and serious situation. Officer Campbell met with the juvenile, determined she needed help and that this was not the first time she had feelings of doing harm to herself. Officer Campbell utilized her experience as a veteran police officer, training, years of developing CIT (crisis intervention team) skills and her motherly instincts to establish trust and established a good rapport with the juvenile in crisis. This led to the juvenile feeling comfortable and safe with Officer Campbell. Understandably, these situations are extremely difficult for the parents of the child and Officer Campbell again exhibited true professionalism and compassion in assisting them through a very trying occasion.

Due to Officer Campbell's professionalism and skills, she was able to connect with the juvenile and provided the help needed. Officer Campbell is commended for her actions in preventing a very serious situation from possibly becoming tragic. Congratulations to Officer Tammy Campbell as the recipient of the November Officer of the Month award...well deserved!

CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER 2020 – PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ALAIN ACOSTA

Parking Enforcement Officer Alain Acosta has been a tremendous support to the Police Department ever since he joined our family from Parks and Recreation in 2010. Aside from his role as a Parking Enforcement Officer, Alain has proven to be an enormous asset to everyone he helps and graciously accepts additional responsibility. He is a professional, courteous, optimistic and an honorable representative of the Town of Surfside.

On November 21, 2020, Parking Enforcement Officer Acosta demonstrated his dedication to assisting others and kindness to a motorist whose vehicle had broken down behind the Abbott Parking Lot. Enroute to a detail, PEO Acosta observed the vehicle at a standstill on the west side of the street in the 9500 block of Abbott Avenue. PEO Acosta made contact with the gentleman who stated his vehicle would not start.

PEO Acosta began by assisting with traffic direction to relieve the congestion. Once the traffic cleared, he continued to help the gentleman by pushing his vehicle off the crowded street ensuring the safety of the driver. Alain aided the man until he was able to resolve the issue.

This is only one example of PEO Acosta's extraordinary service to the community he proudly serves. Alain performs these praiseworthy actions on a daily basis and wholeheartedly fulfills any task requested of him. His work ethic is unsurpassed and admirable. Parking Enforcement Officer Acosta is commended for his self-initiative, kindheartedness, and dedication to the Town of Surfside community. Congratulations to Parking Enforcement Officer Alain Acosta as the recipient of the November Civilian of the Month award...well deserved!

CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19)

The Surfside Police Department has maintained situational awareness of the COVID-19 Pandemic Incident in coordination with Local, State, and Federal partner Agencies and through continued contact and information sharing with the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Operations-Emergency Operations Center. Our Department strives to maintain operational readiness, public preparedness, safeguarding the community, and enforcement of laws-ordinances-governmental orders.

HIGH ACHIEVERS

Officer Donoso
Officer Duran
Officer Lage
Officer Ruiz
Officer Valino
Parking Enforcement Officer Castro

SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Motor Vehicle Theft

11/05/2020 at 1027 hours

9100 block of Collins Avenue

A vehicle containing personal items and construction equipment inside (valued at \$6,500.00 dollars) was taken from a parking garage. The vehicle was entered as stolen in the local/national database. A license plate reader check for the vehicle tag revealed a hit in the area of 1490 NE 160th Street in North Miami Beach. Later that evening, North Miami Beach PD recovered the vehicle in the area and the owner was notified.

Burglary to Motor Vehicle
11/09/2020 at 1702 hours
9400 block of Bay Drive

Unknown subject(s) entered a vehicle by smashing the rear passenger door window. A black suitcase containing \$200,000.00 dollars' worth of jewelry was taken from the floorboard. Surfside Police Department's Crime Scene Technician responded and processed the scene.

Grand Theft of Motor Vehicle
11/15/2020 at 1114 hours
1100 block of 88th Street

A rental vehicle was parked in front of the garage of a residence on November 13th, 2020. Upon return of the victim on November 15th, 2020, the vehicle was discovered missing. The vehicle was unlocked with the key fob inside. There were no personal belongings inside the car. Ongoing Investigation.

Grand Theft Motor Vehicle Arrest
11/17/2020 at 1842 hours
9449 Collins Avenue- Grand Beach Hotel

A hotel employee noticed his keys were missing from the top of his desk, checked on his vehicle and discovered it was missing. Surveillance video captured the subject walking into the building garage, entering the victim's car, and exiting the garage in the car minutes later. All surveillance footage was forwarded to detectives and a License Plate Reader (LPR) check revealed that the vehicle last traveled north on Collins Avenue, in Bal Harbour, at 1459 hrs. LPR again showed the vehicle traveling in the City of Doral at approximately 1600 hrs. On November 18th, 2020, at approximately 0700 hrs., the Doral Police Department recovered the stolen vehicle and arrested the male driver for grand theft of a motor vehicle. A Surfside Police Department Detective and Crime Scene Technician responded, processed the vehicle, and recovered the victim's belongings from the vehicle. The victim was notified and all items belonging to him were returned. SPD also charged the subject with burglary to a structure.

Burglary
11/28/2020 at 1955 hours
9200 Collins Avenue – Residence Inn by Marriott

On Friday, November 27, 2020, unknown subject(s) entered a hotel room and took a Louis Vuitton briefcase (valued at \$4,000 dollars) and its contents (valued at \$2,101.00 dollars). The victim had left the hotel room unlocked, using the open deadbolt as a door stop, due to religious reasons. At approximately 1700 hours, he returned and closed the door properly. The victim did not realize the briefcase missing until the following day.

Burglary to Motor Vehicle

11/28/20 at 2100 hours

8900 block of Collins Avenue

Unknown subject(s) entered a vehicle by smashing the passenger window. The glove compartment and center console compartment were found opened and empty. Vehicle documents and a pair of sunglasses (valued at \$60.00) were missing. No surveillance cameras were located in the area. Miami Beach Crime Scene responded and processed the vehicle.

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

Monthly community events (Bike with the Chief and Coffee with the Cops) and monthly meetings (CIU Intel and Police/Prosecutor) were cancelled due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

The supervisory staff meeting was November 10th at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a community blood drive on November 18th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

DECEMBER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

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The Police Department will be collecting toys for our 12th Annual Toy Drive. The toys will be donated to local families in need as well as a domestic violence shelter.

The supervisory staff meeting is December 10th at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

The Surfside Police Department will host a community blood drive on December 16th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER

CCTA First-Responder Integrated Tactical Training – Det. Dulaney, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Gambirazio, Ofc. Lovellette

Kubota Training – All Sworn Personnel

RDS Instructor Class – Sgt. Torres

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres

Uber Resources for Law Enforcement (Webinar) - Sgt. Cruz, Det. Dulaney, Det. Menodoza

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I wish all of you and your families Happy Holidays!