

Bulletin

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OFFICERS OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER 2019 – OFFICER RONALD DONOSO, OFFICER MARIANNE DURANTE, AND OFFICER JOHN GENTILE

On Sunday, December 29, 2019, Units responded to the 8700 block of the beach in reference to a suicidal 56-year-old female. Contact was made with a friend of the woman stating her friend is bi-polar, was a guest at her home for the holidays and left her home depressed while making statements that she wanted to commit suicide by drowning in the ocean. Units saturated the area of the beach searching for the suicidal woman. Officer Donoso obtained a screen shot photograph where it was believed that the woman could be located. As a result of receiving this photograph, Officers Durante and Gentile quickly located the female at the 9600 block of the beach in good condition. The female kept saying that she wanted to die and she kept trying to run to the ocean while officers held her back. The female was transported to Mt. Sinai Hospital.

Officers Donoso, Gentile and Durante displayed alertness, compassion, and invaluable police instincts in the search for the missing suicidal female. I commend Officers Donoso, Gentile and Durante for their professionalism and dedication to the community in the handling of this missing suicidal person resulting in locating the victim unharmed and in good shape. Congratulations to Officer Ronald Donoso, Officer Marianne Durante and Officer John Gentile as recipients of the December 2019 Officer of the Month...well deserved!

CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER 2019 – EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF DINA GOLDSTEIN

Over the past month, Dina Goldstein oversaw the 11th annual Police Department's Holiday Toy Drive as she has the previous 10 years. This event requires many hours of effort and commitment. The collection begins with advertisements for donations of new toys. The needy children are vetted and individually invited to attend with their parents on the scheduled date of the Toy Giveaway Party. Hundreds of toys were donated. Dina then coordinates the assortment by age and beautifully displays the toys for the children to choose from. This event has grown and become more popular each year. As a result, this year the event was organized and structured in a different manner in order to keep everyone safe. The children and family members were gathered in the Commission Chambers and the toys were displayed in the PD Training Room where the children were escorted and given the opportunity to select their gifts. The new plan was coordinated and worked effectively and efficiently in great part because of Dina's passion and dedication to this holiday celebration each year.

The Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department once again drove Santa and his crew to Town Hall on the fire truck with flashing lights and siren to the amusement of the excited children. Town personnel were recruited to assist with the event for registration, the set-up, decoration, and cleanup of the Commission Chambers and the training room. Other Town personnel played the parts of Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elves. Dina's kind nature and exceptional relationships sets a joyful and exciting milieu where folks want to assist the PD and participate in this event. A pre-event meeting was held to give out assignments, duties and responsibilities. Sponsors were recognized with plaques and thank you letters were composed and mailed out. All of these responsibilities and functions were managed and coordinated by Dina.

The event resulted in a fun filled exciting day for the happy children. I commend, thank and praise all who helped with this event but Dina certainly deserves special recognition. Congratulations to Executive Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein as the recipient of the December 2019 Civilian of the Month...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – DECEMBER 2019

Officer Donoso
Officer Duran
Officer Luke
Officer Valino
Parking Enforcement Officer Saffo

SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS**Auto Theft/Recovered Vehicle**

Between 12/12/2019 at 2230 hours and 12/13/2019 at 0340 hours
9300 block of Carlyle Avenue

Officers responded to a call of a locate and notify on 12/13/2019. The Miami-Dade Police Department requested to locate the owner of a vehicle that was just involved in a hit and run in Miami. The driver of the vehicle fled the scene, prior to officers arriving. Upon making contact with the owner of the vehicle, it was discovered that his vehicle had been stolen. The vehicle was parked in the driveway of the residence with the key fob inside.

Auto Burglary

Between 12/12/2019 at 1700 hours and 12/13/2019 at 0800 hours
9400 block of Carlyle Avenue

Subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle taking a set of keys and a bag. The victim's keys and bag were recovered from the stolen vehicle involved in the Hit and Run Accident in Miami on 12/13/19 (please see above Auto Theft/Recovered Vehicle incident).

DECEMBER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

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

The City of North Miami Beach hosted their annual Snow Fest on December 14th from 5:30 p to 11:00 p.m. This event was held between NE 164th Street and NE 172nd Street on NE 19th Avenue and attracts approximately 7,000-8,000 people. Ofc. Hernandez, Ofc. Ruiz and PEO Castro assisted North Miami Beach with this event.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a community blood drive on December 18th from 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride was December 18th at 4:00 p.m.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops was December 19th at 10:00 a.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 December 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The Police Department collected toys this holiday season for our 11th Annual Holiday Toy Drive. The Holiday Toy Giveaway Event took place on December 20, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. at Town Hall and was a tremendous success with over 90 children in attendance.

Chief Charles Press, the Key Biscayne Police Department and the Miami Children's Initiative hosted their 7th Annual Family Holiday Event on December 21st from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Key Biscayne Beach Park. Officer Mendoza represented the SPD.

JANUARY COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The supervisory staff meeting is January 14th at 5:00 p.m.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is January 29th at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is January 30th 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 DECEMBER

Holding Cell/Fire and Panic Alarm Training – All Personnel

Pedestrian and Bicycle Law Enforcement: Laws, Procedures and Best Practices Training – Sgt. Alberto, Ofc. Arch, Ofc. Ruiz, Ofc. Smith, Ofc. Valino

SWAT Training – Sgt. Torres

MBPD SWAT Mini School - Sgt. Torres