

Bulletin

20-05

Date: May 7, 2020

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.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

The Police Department has delivered 23 care packages to seniors/residents-in-need, delivered 52 masks and vital COVID 19 information to 21 residences (seniors-in-need) who were unable to leave their homes due to mobility issues to attend the mask giveaway events. Police Department personnel are dedicated to the community they serve and well-being of all residents.

The Police Department held a mask and facial coverings giveaway for residents on April 13, 2020 and April 29, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall Municipal Parking Lot. Over 500 masks and facial coverings were distributed to the residents.

The Town of Surfside and the Police Department proudly participated in Flash Your Lights for Healthcare Workers/First Responders on April 20, 2020 and April 27, 2020. The event located throughout the Town of Surfside began at 8:15 p.m. Residents showed their appreciation by flashing lights for five (5) minutes in solidarity. Healthcare professionals and first responders, including our Surfside Police Officers, are risking their own lives during this pandemic. Their professionalism, perseverance and selflessness are a testament to their commitment to the community and law enforcement.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RELATED ACTIONS

- Review of Federal, State, and Local Orders with personnel
- Officers conducted daily compliance checks regarding State, County, and Town Orders
- Providing the highest level of police service to the community we serve in a professional, courteous, ethical and judicious manner
- Daily Communications with Miami-Dade Emergency Operations Center
- Miami-Dade EOC WebEOC COVID-19 Municipal Protective Actions – Situation Reports

- WebEOC and vendor requests for PPE gear
- Daily meetings with Town Administration and Key personnel
- COVID-19 Task Force strategic planning
- Delivery of Senior Special Care Bags, food items, and medication
- Daily Patrol Shift Business Checks reference Order Compliance and hours of operation
- Daily Patrol Shift monitoring of Street Ends at Waterways
- Daily Patrol Shift Details to enforce Beach Closure
- Daily detail at Publix Supermarket to ensure employees and patrons use a face covering
- Daily checks for homeless persons to offer assistance

OFFICER OF THE MONTH – APRIL 2020 – OFFICER BRYANT LUKE

On March 12, 2020, the Town Commission declared a State of Emergency in Surfside. During this crisis, Officer Luke has provided two thoughtful emergency measures that have since been implemented to enhance public safety. He also performed a selfless act of kindness to assist a homeless man.

On March 26, 2020, Officer Luke suggested measures to better secure beach access in compliance with Town beach closures. On April 12, 2020, Officer Luke took it upon himself to speak with Publix management suggesting the removal of several benches and seating areas around the perimeter of the store. This action discouraged groups of people from congregating in the area as well as promoted social distancing practices. Publix management removed the benches immediately.

On Saturday, April 18, 2020, Officer Bryant Luke encountered a homeless man he recognized at CVS Pharmacy. The man needed money to purchase his much-needed prescription. Officer Luke took it upon himself to selflessly pay for the medication, assisting him in a time of need. Throughout Officer Luke's years of service in the Town of Surfside, his compassion for the less fortunate members of our society is expressed through his never-ending altruistic actions.

Officer Luke demonstrates remarkable police work and compassion for the community. His pre-emptive approach demonstrates his attention to detail and willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty. Officer Luke is commended for his job performance, good nature and tireless work ethic. He provides a constant example for others to follow and lays the foundation for a positive image in the Police Department. It is an honor to have Officer Luke working as a member of the Surfside Police Department. The professionalism and dedication to the community demonstrated by Officer Luke is praised, appreciated, and deserving of Officer of the Month Award. Congratulations to Officer Bryant Luke as the recipient of the April Officer of the Month...well deserved!

SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Fleeing & Eluding

04/28/2020 at 0305 hours

8900 block of Bay Drive

An officer observed a four-door vehicle driving slowly at 89th Street and Bay Drive. The occupant(s) noticed the officer began to follow them and picked up speed. The officer activated his lights and siren and then broadcasted a B.O.L.O. for surrounding police agencies over the radio, as the vehicle headed north on Collins Avenue at a high rate of speed. The officer then disengaged due to safety concerns for pedestrians and other vehicles. The vehicle was observed by another officer going the wrong way on Harding Avenue from 95th Street to 96th Street, then back onto Collins Avenue northbound. Moments later, Bal Harbour Police Department reported the vehicle going northbound on Collins Avenue at 102nd Street at a high rate of speed. Sunny Isles Police Department also observed the vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed without slowing down at the on-ramp of 163rd Street. Officers were not able to obtain a tag, make, or model of the vehicle or number of occupants.

NATIONAL POLICE APPRECIATION MONTH

May is the month where the Nation celebrates Memorial Day and National Police Appreciation Month.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world traditionally converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.

For the first time in the event's history, the Fraternal Order of Police and its Auxiliary will be unable to host the 39th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service in Washington, D.C. due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The National FOP and the Memorial Committee will undertake the challenge to have a meaningful and respectful media tribute to our fallen heroes on May 15th. The local events to honor the men and women of law enforcement were canceled as well.

The Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was established in 1980 to honor fallen officers from every police department and law enforcement agency within Miami- Dade County. In 2001, four black granite walls were erected; etched with the names of the gallant men and women who died serving the citizens of their community.

The Eternal Blue Line Flag will be flown over Surfside Town Hall the month of May in honor of the fallen officers.

SHIFT BID

The Patrol Shift Bid process has been completed and was effective April 20, 2020.

A Squad

Sergeant Alberto
Officer Arch
Officer Campbell
Officer Carrasquillo
Officer Luke
Communications Supervisor Sperbeck

B Squad

Sergeant Torres
Officer Colonna
Officer Donoso
Officer Gambirazio
Officer Gentile
Communications Operator Burnell

C Squad

Sergeant Lorente
Officer Hernandez
Officer Lovellette
Officer Matthews
Officer Valino
Communications Operator Castillo

D Squad

Sergeant Pacheco
Officer Duran
Officer Knight
Officer Ruiz
Officer Smith
Communications Operator Villar

APRIL COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

All community events and meetings were canceled due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.

MAY COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

Monthly community events (Bike with the Chief and Coffee with the Cops) are cancelled until further notice and will resume as soon as possible.

The Shred-A-Thon, DEA Drug Take Back and Mobile DMV will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

The Surfside Police Department will host a community blood drive on May 13th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN APRIL

Annual Bias Policing Training – Sgt. Cruz, Det. Dulaney, Det. Gabriel, Det. Mendoza, Sgt. Lorente, Ofc. Hernandez, Ofc. Lovellette, Ofc. Matthews, Ofc. Valino
COVID- 19 for Local Government Personnel (LocalGov Online Training)– Sgt. Cruz, Det. Dulaney, Det. Gabriel, Det. Mendoza, EA Goldstein
Coronavirus: Fighting Scams and Fraud During a Global Pandemic(webinar) – Sgt. Cruz, Det. Dulaney, Det. Gabriel, Det. Mendoza
Coronavirus, First Responders and Stress Management (webinar) - Sgt. Cruz, Det. Dulaney, Det. Gabriel, Det. Mendoza

Disaster Fraud Scheme Highlights (webinar) - Sgt. Cruz, Det. Dulaney, Det. Gabriel, Det. Mendoza

FCIC/NCIC Full Access Certification – Ofc. Gentile, Ofc. Matthews

Managing A Remote Workforce (LocalGov Online Training)– Lt. Marciante

PowerDMS - Administrative Directive 20-01: COVID-19 PPE/Grooming Standards– All Personnel

PowerDMS -Annual Biased Policing Training - All Personnel

PowerDMS - Legal Bulletin 2020-01 Training - All Personnel

Successful Customer Interactions Course (LocalGov Online Training)– EA Goldstein

Time Management Skills Course (LocalGov Online Training)– EA Goldstein