

Bulletin

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OFFICERS OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER 2021 – SERGEANT ALEJANDRO LORENTE, OFFICER RONALD DONOSO, OFFICER JUAN DURAN, OFFICER MARIANNE HOWARD, OFFICER BRYANT LUKE, AND OFFICER ANDRES MENDOZA

The Honor Guard is a ceremonial unit comprised of sworn members of the police department who maintain an impeccable appearance, high moral standards, discipline and serve as the official representatives of the Surfside Police Department. The primary role of the unit is to provide funeral honors for fallen police officers that have given their lives while protecting our civil liberties and freedom. Honor Guard officers must have the strength to withstand overwhelming emotions when they're called upon to serve in times of tragedy.

Each year, the Honor Guard performs in dozens of high visibility and high profile ceremonies in Miami-Dade County and throughout Florida proudly representing the Surfside Police Department as members of multijurisdictional Honor Guard Teams. The Honor Guard is comprised of Sergeant Alejandro Lorente and Officers Ronald Donoso, Juan Duran, Marianne Howard, Bryant Luke, and Andres Mendoza. Sergeant Lorente oversees the Honor Guard coordinating which officer(s) will participate in the momentous events. Officer Howard contributes a unique service to this team and ceremonial events, she sings and performs a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem.

Sergeant Lorente and Officers Donoso, Duran, Howard, Luke, and Mendoza also perform ceremonial duties at special events such as the Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department's annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day events. Members of the honor guard also participate in National Police Week which takes place yearly in May, the month where the Nation celebrates Memorial Day and National Police Appreciation Month. This event has grown into a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year. The members of this team have traveled to Washington, D.C. to be a part of this meaningful event as well as honor the men and women of law enforcement at a local level. Most significantly, the annual Miami-Dade Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony held at Tropical Park. Furthermore, Honor Guard representatives participate in the presentation of colors at the South Florida PBA Law Enforcement Awards Gala and the Police Department's annual Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police (MDCACP) dinner.

SURFSIDE POLICE

These remarkable individuals are recognized for their exceptional service as members of the Honor Guard, their dedication to the Town of Surfside, and embodying the Police Department's core values while performing their significant responsibilities with integrity and in an exemplary manner. Congratulations to Sergeant Alejandro Lorente and Officers Ronald Donoso, Juan Duran, Marianne Howard, Bryant Luke, and Andres Mendoza as the recipients of the November Officer of the Month award...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS

Officer Donoso

Officer Duran

Officer Gentile

Officer Luke

Officer Saffo

Parking Enforcement Officer Perez

SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Auto Burglary

11/06/2021 at 0920 hours

8800 block of Collins Avenue

Unknown subject(s) made entry into an unlocked vehicle on 11/5/2021, between 0800-1600 hours. A wallet containing a credit card and identification cards was stolen from the vehicle.

Auto Theft and Recovery

11/12/2021 at 0737 hours

9200 block of Abbott Avenue

An unlocked vehicle with the keys left inside was stolen overnight between 11/11/2021-11/12/2021. A wallet containing \$800.00 dollars and credit cards was taken from the vehicle. A B.O.L.O. was disseminated over the police radio, the vehicle was entered as stolen into the national database, and a flyer was disseminated to surrounding police agencies. On 11/14/2021, the vehicle was located by the City of Miami Police Department in good condition, abandoned, and with the keys inside. The vehicle was towed and held for crime scene processing.

Auto Burglary

11/12/2021 at 0840 hours

9200 block of Abbott Avenue

Unknown subject(s) made entry into an unlocked vehicle between 11/11/2021-11/12/2021, in the overnight hours. The glove box had been ransacked and left opened however nothing appeared to be missing. A flyer was disseminated to surrounding police agencies.

Arson

11/27/2021 at 0217 hours

9000 block of Collins Avenue

Officers responded to a fire alarm call observing heavy smoke coming out of the building. The residents of the building were evacuated with no injuries reported. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue arrived on scene extinguishing the fire. It was determined the fire was contained to one unoccupied apartment and no structural damage occurred to the building. The resident of the apartment arrived on scene and advised officers that he was burning his clothes because he did not want anyone to know who he was. The resident was taken into custody and arrested. Miami-Dade Police Department's Arson detective responded and will conduct the investigation.

Auto Burglary

11/28/2021 at 1300 hours

9300 block of Byron Avenue

Unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence on 11/26/2021. On 11/28/2021, the owner noticed his vehicle had been ransacked however nothing appeared to be missing. A review of the home's surveillance camera revealed two unknown subjects approaching the victim's driveway. One subject was captured rummaging through the victim's vehicle while the other appeared to be acting as a look out. Crime scene responded and processed the vehicle.

Simple Battery/Occupied Burglary Arrest

11/28/2021 at 2321 hours

9300 block of Collins Avenue

Officers responded to a call of an assault. The residents of an apartment, who are a female and male couple, reported that a neighbor became upset because they were hammering a nail in the wall. The neighbor began yelling from his apartment and then entered the couple's apartment to confront them without consent. During the dispute, the neighbor was repeatedly told to leave but refused grabbing the male by the neck. The female attempted to intervene sustaining bruising to her neck. The neighbor was subsequently arrested.

POLICE DEPARTMENT RE-ACCREDITATION ONSITE ASSESSMENT

The Police Department's onsite Re-Accreditation assessment will take place December 7th, 8th and 9th, 2021. We are seeking Re-accreditation status for the fourth consecutive cycle having achieved the prestigious initial Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) in 2009. A team of CFA assessors will examine all aspects of the Surfside Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. The Police Department has to comply with more than 250 standards in order to receive reaccredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health, and safety issues.



NOVEMBER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The funeral for Hollywood Police Department Yandy Chirino, who died in the line of duty, was held on November 1st at the FLA Live Arena in Sunrise, FL. Sergeant Lorente, Officer Donoso, and Officer Duran proudly represented the Surfside Police Department as members of a multijurisdictional Honor Guard Team participating in the ceremony.

Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) hosted a 5K event at Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park in Key Biscayne, FL on November 6th from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Officer Arch attended and proudly represented the Surfside Police Department.

The supervisory staff meeting was November 9th at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

The Surfside Police Department in conjunction the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six hosted a multi-agency traffic safety enforcement and educational detail on November 10th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Law enforcement will be focusing primarily on aggressive driving (as part of the Drive Safe campaign), distracted driving, red-light running, speeding, seatbelt use, move-over law compliance, bike/pedestrian safety compliance and general traffic safety. Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Golden Beach, Miami Beach, Miami Gardens, Miami-Dade, North Bay Village, North Miami, North Miami Beach, Pinecrest and Sunny Isles Beach Police Departments participated in this event.

The Parks and Recreation Department hosted their annual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th at 10:00 a.m. at Veterans Park. Officer Howard sung the National Anthem, members of Police Department participated in the ceremony as members of the Honor Guard and the command staff were in attendance.

Code Enforcement hosted their monthly Special Master Hearing on November 17th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The monthly Coffee with the Cops was November 18th at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.

The Menorah Parade held by the Shul of Bal Harbour took place on November 28th departing from Ruth Broad Elementary School in Bay Harbor Islands, pass through Bal Harbour, and concluded at the Shul in Surfside. Surfside, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands Police Departments assisted with traffic management. A Chanukah Festival followed the conclusion of the Menorah Parade in the 200 block of 95th Street.

DECEMBER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Police Department will be collecting toys for our 13th Annual Toy Drive. The toys will be donated to local families in need as well as a domestic violence shelter.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six in conjunction with the Sunny Isles Beach Police Department hosted a multi-agency traffic safety enforcement and educational detail on December 1st from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Law enforcement will be focusing primarily on aggressive driving (as part of the Drive Safe campaign), distracted driving, red-light running, speeding, seatbelt use, move-over law compliance, bike/pedestrian safety compliance and general traffic safety. Officer Arch represented the Surfside Police Department and participated in this event.

Detective Bobby Gabriel and Detective Diana Leon distributed a Community Awareness flyer to the residents in the 9100 to 9300 blocks of Abbott and Byron Avenue on December 1, 2021. The flyer referenced the increase in vehicle burglaries occurring in the 9200-9300 blocks of Abbott Avenue between Friday's and Saturday's. All the vehicles were left unlocked. The flyer provided valuable safety and crime prevention tips for the residents.

The Mystic Force Foundation in conjunction with the Broward Sheriff's Office Neighborhood Support Team will host a Gold Ribbon Parade on December 10th beginning at 11:00 a.m. A caravan of Broward Sheriff's Office and Law Enforcement vehicles from across South Florida decorated with Gold Ribbons will travel past Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and Salah Foundation Children's Hospital in support of our littlest Heroes battling childhood Cancer. Officer Loxley Arch will participate in this momentous event with his Surfside police vehicle proudly displaying gold ribbons in support of childhood cancer awareness.

The Police Department has assigned a police officer to assist the Parks and Recreation Department as needed with their annual Winter Wonderland Bash on December 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the 96th Street Park.

The Surfside Police Department will host two community blood drives on December 12th and December 22nd from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

The supervisory staff meeting is December 14th at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

Code Enforcement will host their monthly Special Master Hearing on December 15th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The monthly Coffee with the Cops will be December 30th at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.



TRAINING COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER

Autism and Law Enforcement Response- Sgt. Lorente, Sgt. Matelis, Det. Gabriel, Det. Leon, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Gambirazio, Ofc. Hernandez, Ofc. Howard, Ofc. Luke, Ofc. Ruiz

Departmental Directive 04-06: Case Distribution (PowerDMS)- All Personnel

Departmental Directive 05-04: Employee Discipline (PowerDMS)- All Personnel

Departmental Directive 06-02: Traffic Citations (PowerDMS)- All Personnel

Departmental Directive 07-02: Police Vehicle Accident Procedures (PowerDMS)- All Personnel

Departmental Directive 07-04: Pursuit Driving (PowerDMS)- All Personnel

Department Directive 07-05: Special Purpose Vehicles (PowerDMS)- All Personnel

Departmental Directive 08-01: Firearms (PowerDMS)- All Personnel

Departmental Directive 09-01: Criminal Investigation Procedures (PowerDMS)- All Personnel

Departmental Directive 09-07: Missing/Endangered Persons and Alerts (PowerDMS)- All Personnel

Departmental Directive 10-03: Types of Leave (PowerDMS)- All Personnel

Departmental Directive 10-10: Field Training Program (PowerDMS)- All Personnel

Departmental Directive 11-01: Communications (PowerDMS)- All Personnel

Department Directive 12-09: Incident Command System (PowerDMS)- All Personnel

FEMA IS-100.c – Sgt. Matelis, Det. Leon, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Gentile, Ofc. Matthews, PEO Perez

FEMA IS-200.c- Sgt. Matelis, Det. Gabriel, Det. Leon, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Gentile, Ofc. Matthews, CS Sperbeck, CCM Santos-Alborna, CCO Ruvin

FEMA IS-700.b- Sgt. Matelis, Det. Gabriel, Det. Leon, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Gentile, Ofc. Matthews, CS Sperbeck, CCO Ruvin

FEMA IS-800.d- Sgt. Matelis, Det. Gabriel, Det. Leon, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Gentile, Ofc. Matthews, Ofc. Ruiz, CS Sperbeck

Struggle Well Training- Det. Leon

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I wish all of you and your families Happy Holidays!