

Bulletin

21-09

Date: September 3, 2021

OFFICERS OF THE MONTH – AUGUST 2021 – OFFICER RONALD DONOSO AND OFFICER JUAN DURAN

On August 2, 2021 at 7:06 p.m., Surfside Police Department units were dispatched to the 9300 block of Abbott Avenue in reference to a residential fire. Upon arrival, units observed heavy smoke coming from the interior of the home. Several family members were outside of the home however, their elderly/disabled grandmother was still in the home in her bedroom. Officer Ronald Donoso, Officer John Gentile and Officer Dianna Hernandez were led to the north west corner of the home and shown the nearest window to where the fire was emanating. These officers then utilized their department issued fire extinguishers to combat the fire. Soon after, Officers Donoso and Duran entered the home locating the female in the south east bedroom with the assistance of a family member. Officer Donoso and Officer Duran carried the female out of the home, utilizing a blanket as a gurney. MDFD Engine 76, under the command of Lt. Diaz, treated and released the elderly female on scene. The cause of the fire was an overheated lithium scooter battery which was located in the bedroom. Thankfully, there were no serious injuries. The fire caused approximately \$5,000. worth of damage to the residence. The home was deemed safe by both MDFD and FPL. The family temporarily relocated to a friend's home.

Officer Ronald Donoso and Officer Juan Duran are commended for their quick thinking and swift actions resulting in the rescue of a disabled female. The admirable qualities these officers possess are indicative of the caliber, bravery, dedication and training of the Surfside Police Department personnel. Congratulations Ronald and Juan on this well-deserved honor!!!

HIGH ACHIEVERS

Officer Gambirazio

Officer Hernandez

Officer Luke

Officer Saffo

Officer Valino

Parking Enforcement Officer Perez

SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Residential Fire

08/02/2021 at 1906 hours

9300 block of Abbott Avenue

Officers responded to a call of a residential fire. The officers saw heavy smoke emitting from the interior of the home. Most of the occupants had already safely evacuated, however, an elderly disabled female still remained in a rear bedroom of the house. Officers utilized their fire extinguishers to put out the fire and then entered the home. Officers were able to safely extract the elderly female out of the home, by utilizing a blanket as a gurney. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue responded, treated, and released the elderly female on scene. They also aired out the home and deemed the home safe to occupy. FPL responded determining it was not necessary to shut off the electrical power to the home. The cause of the fire was determined to be an overheated lithium scooter battery. The home sustained an estimated \$5,000.00 dollars' worth of damages.

Auto Burglary

08/12/2021 at 1230 hours

100 block of 88th Street

On 06/24/2021, at approximately 0105 hours, the victim parked his locked vehicle near the Champlain Towers South collapse. The vehicle in turn was damaged due to the collapse and therefore towed. On 06/28/2021, the victim went to the tow yard to retrieve his vehicle noticing the right windows of the vehicle were broken. A total of \$3,605.00 dollars' worth of property were taken including \$2,025.00 in cash, a Samsung tablet, a Motorola cellular phone, and other miscellaneous items

D.U.I./Hit & Run/Possession of Controlled Substance Arrest

08/12/2021 at 1533 hours

9500 block of Harding Avenue

A B.O.L.O. was transmitted over the police radio reference a van involved in a hit and run in North Miami, Bay Harbor Islands, and Surfside. A Surfside officer observed the van and conducted a traffic stop. It was determined the driver was driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. A breathalyzer test revealed the driver was over the legal limit. A search of the vehicle revealed and a Xanax pill and one pill of a controlled substance (Alprazolam). The driver was arrested.

Unoccupied Residential Burglary

08/15/2021 at 2203 hours

8800 block of Abbott Avenue

Officers responded to a call of a burglary in progress. The homeowners, who were out of town, observed a male inside their house through their surveillance cameras. A perimeter was established around the home and it was thoroughly searched with the assistance of Miami Beach Police Department K-9 units. However, the male was not located. Several bottles of liquor were located by the rear of the residence. It is unknown at this time if any items are missing since the homeowners were not present. Crime scene responded and processed the scene for evidence.

Auto Burglary

08/16/2021 at 1837 hours

9000 block of Abbott Avenue

On 08/14/2021, at approximately 0250 hours, a male subject was captured on surveillance camera entering an unlocked vehicle parked at a residence in the 9000 block of block of Abbott Avenue, however nothing was missing. Another unlocked vehicle was entered within the same time-frame, at another residence in the 9000 block of Abbott Avenue. It is believed the same male subject committed both burglaries. Two children's life jackets (\$60.00-dollar total value) were taken from the second vehicle.

Stolen Vehicle

08/21/2021 at 0824 hours

8800 block of Hawthorne Avenue

A vehicle was parked on the south side of the driveway of a residence on 08/20/2021 at 8:30 p.m. On 8/21/2021, at 8:15 a.m., the vehicle was discovered missing from the driveway. The repo log was checked, an area canvas was completed and a BOLO was issued via Miami Dade County dispatch.

FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT HEROES HONORED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA

The Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) and the Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA) has designated September 2021, the month to honor the service and sacrifice of Florida law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 2021, including those who died from COVID-19, while protecting our communities. We publicly salute the service of all law enforcement officers by wearing mourning bands on our badges throughout the month. More than 220 law enforcement officers in the United States have died in the line of duty, including over 115 officers who succumbed as a result of COVID-19.

HIGH HOLIDAYS

The High Holiday services begin on Monday evening, September 6, 2021 and will conclude on September 29, 2021. Please see the schedule below of service dates and times that will have high attendance. Many of the holidays have driving restrictions which means a large number of pedestrians.

The Surfside Police Department has increased police presence with assigned details for high visibility during the High Holidays in the areas of The Shul 9540 Collins Avenue, Young Israel 9592 Harding Avenue, Hechal Shalom Sephardic Congregation 310 95th Street and Magen David Sephardic Congregation 9348 Harding Avenue. The enhanced patrols will be concentrated before and after services when congregants from the surrounding area and neighboring communities are walking to and from these locations. In addition, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands Police Departments will assign officers to further augment patrols in the area. There will be uniformed security guards working throughout the holidays at the Shul and Young Israel.

DATES	TIMES
<u>Rosh Hashanah</u>	
Monday, September 6, 2021	6:30 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 7, 2021	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 8, 2021	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
<u>Yom Kippur</u>	
Wednesday, September 15, 2021	6:30 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.
Thursday, September 16, 2021	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
<u>Sukkot</u>	
Monday, September 20, 2021	6:30 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 21, 2021	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 22, 2021	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday, September 27, 2021	6:30 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 28, 2021	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 29, 2021	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
<u>Shemini Atzeret -Simchat Torah</u>	
Monday, September 27, 2021	6:30 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 28, 2021	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 29, 2021	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

AUGUST COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Community Youth Against Violence organization hosted an Anti-Gun Violence County-Wide Youth Rally on August 7th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Miami Gardens. Officer Gabriel and PEO A. Acosta participated and proudly represented the police department.

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

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

The FLOW (Florida Licensing on Wheels) was August 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The Police Department coordinated for the Parks and Recreation PEAR Program Summer Camp a K-9 Demonstration from the Sunny Isles Beach Police Department on August 17th at 9:30 a.m. at the Community Center.

The funeral for FHP Trooper Lazaro Febles, who passed away from COVID-19, was held on August 20th at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Doral. Sergeant Lorente and Detective Mendoza proudly represented the Surfside Police Department as members of a multijurisdictional Honor Guard Team participating in the ceremony.

The monthly Coffee with the Cops was August 26th at 10:00 a.m. in the Police Training Room.

The Miami-Dade Police Chaplains held a meeting on August 27th at 9:30 a.m. at Versailles Restaurant which included a presentation from the City of Miami Chaplain. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Surfside Building Collapse and the collaboration between the multi-agency Chaplain Services, Prayer Groups, Psychological Services, and Therapy Animals. Captain John Healy proudly represented the Police Department speaking as one of the First Responders on scene that tragic night.

The Celebration of Life Service for Coral Springs Police Sergeant Patrick Madison, who passed away from COVID-19, was held on August 27th at the Church by the Glades in Coral Springs. Sergeant Lorente proudly represented the Surfside Police Department as a member of a multijurisdictional Honor Guard Team participating in the ceremony.

SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Miami Beach Police Department is conducting a DUI checkpoint on September 3rd at 12th Street and Alton Road from 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Officer Kemuel Gambirazio and Officer Joseph Matthews will be representing the Surfside Police Department and participating in this event.

The Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police (MDCACP) in partnership with the South Florida Police Benevolent Association is hosting a training conducted by the Boulder Crest Foundation on September 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Doral, FL. The presentation will provide an overview on the peer counseling program the MDCACP aspires to implement to assist the departments currently without one. Captain John Healy will attend and represent the SPD.

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

The supervisory staff meeting is September 16th at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

The Surfside Police Department will host a community blood drive on September 22nd from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

The monthly Coffee with the Cops is September 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Police Training Room.

The onsite Mock Re-Accreditation assessment will take place September 28th - September 30th, 2021

TRAINING COMPLETED IN AUGUST

Active Shooter Training – Sgt. Torres, Officer Saffo

Autism Awareness (2021) on PowerDMS- All Personnel

Department Directive 09-08, Crime Scene (PowerDMS)- All Personnel

Departmental Directive 04-08, e-Subpoena (PowerDMS)- All Personnel

Departmental Directive 10-14, Promotional Procedures (PowerDMS)- All Personnel

Departmental Directive 12-01, Public Information (PowerDMS)- All Personnel

Executime Training – EA Goldstein

Fentanyl Safety for law Enforcement – All Sworn Personnel

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres