



SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bulletin

22-04

Date: April 14, 2022

OFFICER OF THE MONTH – MARCH 2022 – OFFICER RONALD DONOSO

While inside the Publix Supermarket in Surfside on March 21, 2022 at 0830 hours, Officer Ronald Donoso observed a male placing item inside a red bag that was placed inside a shopping cart and a female accompanying him. Upon seeing a police officer, the male and female noticeably changed their behavior perceptible to Officer Donoso. As Officer Donoso approached the checkout area, the male and female did as well however they attempted to exit the store without paying for the merchandise passing all points of sale. Officer Donoso informed Officer Ruiz, who was also present, of his suspicions and they tried to stop the subjects from leaving the store. The male reacted by pushing the shopping cart away from his person and fled towards the exit of the business. Officer Donoso and Officer Ruiz pursued him however the male resisted all commands to stop and pulled away from Officer Donoso upon contact. The male continued to flee down the escalator into the garage area where he was taken into custody. The female was taken into custody without incident and both were subsequently arrested. The store manager advised this male has been observed in the store the past few mornings. Officer Donoso's alertness resulted in apprehending a subject that has potentially committed multiple thefts at Publix.

Officer Ronald Donoso began his law enforcement career with the Surfside Police Department and has been a remarkable employee for five years. Officer Donoso has a strong work ethic and has earned the utmost respect from his peers and Command Staff. Officer Donoso is commended for embodying the Police Department's core values, proactive policing and dedication to the community he proudly serves. Congratulations to Officer Ronald Donoso as the recipient of the March Officer of the Month award...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS

Officer Donoso
Officer Duran
Officer Luke
Officer Mendoza
Officer Valino
Parking Enforcement Officer Castro



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SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Auto Burglary

03/04/2022 at 1047 hours

94th Street and Harding Avenue

An unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle on 3/03/2022 between 0930-1800 hours however nothing was taken from the vehicle.

Auto Burglary

03/15/2022 at 2009 hours

9400 block of Harding Avenue

An unknown subject(s) stole a suitcase containing approximately \$17,050.00 dollars' worth of personal belongings from the trunk of a vehicle. The vehicle was locked, but had no signs of forced entry.

Auto Burglary

03/21/2022 at 0742 hours

9300 block of Byron Avenue

An unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle between 03/20/2022 at 1700 hours and 03/21/2022 at 0730 hours. The vehicle was ransacked however nothing appeared to be missing.

Gas Leak

03/21/2022 at 1623 hours

9400 block of Harding Avenue

During the digging and installation of parking bollards, a gas line was struck. For the safety of the public, officers stopped surrounding vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue and Teco Gas responded to the scene. Once the gas line was repaired and the area deemed safe, pedestrian and vehicular traffic were reopened.

Auto Burglary

03/21/2022 between 1630 hours to 0900 hours

9200 block of Dickens Avenue

An unlocked vehicle was parked in front of a residence by the curb with the key fob inside, at approximately 1600 hours on March 21, 2022. The victim noticed on March 22, 2022 at 0900 hours, that the vehicle's glove box was open and a pouch containing the key fob was taken. Nothing else was missing from the vehicle and the code on the key fob was changed.



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Auto Burglary

03/29/2022 at 1949 hours

200 block of 95th Street

The victim observed a vehicle following his vehicle from a jewelry store in the Miami Design District to the 200 block of 95th Street where he parked his vehicle, leaving it unlocked. The subject entered the vehicle removing shopping bags containing two empty Cartier jewelry boxes (total value of \$800.00 dollars) from inside the vehicle. The incident was also captured on CCTV. The subject's vehicle tag was obtained and a B.O.L.O. was broadcasted over the police radio. A Surfside detective responded to Doral and identified a subject after the subject's vehicle had been located by a Doral Police Department detective.

SHIFT BID

The Patrol Shift Bid process has been completed and will be effective April 18, 2022.

A Squad

Sergeant Alberto
Officer Colonna
Officer Donoso
Officer Howard
Officer Mendoza
Communications Supervisor Sperbeck

B Squad

Sergeant Lorente
Officer Campbell
Officer Hernandez
Officer Luke
Officer Ruiz
Communications Operator Burnell-McKnight

C Squad

Sergeant Torres
Officer Gambirazio
Officer Lage
Officer Lovellette
Officer Matthews
Communications Operator Villar

D Squad

Sergeant Pacheco
Officer Duran
Officer Knight
Officer Saffo
Officer Smith
Communications Operator Castillo

E Squad

Sergeant Matelis
Officer Arch
Officer Valino



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NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

The National Public Safety Telecommunications Week is April 10th -16th, 2022. This week is celebrated annually and honors the thousands of men and women who answer emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance to citizens and first responders. The events of the last few years have clearly shown how vital telecommunicators are in protecting and serving the public. Citizens in the past who may not have been aware, have come to realize that telecommunicators are in fact “The First, First Responders!”

Communications Supervisor Susie Sperbeck, Communications Operator Tameka Burnell-McKnight, Communications Operator Kenia Castillo and Communications Operator Jorge Villar are honored by the Command Staff and colleagues for their service to the law enforcement profession as communications operators. In times of crisis, their essential service is clearly demonstrated and greatly appreciated by all they serve. A special thank you to these dedicated professionals for all that they do each and every day.

MARCH COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six in conjunction with the Miami Beach Police Department hosted a multi-agency traffic safety enforcement and educational detail on March 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Law enforcement primarily focused 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. Sergeant Matelis, Officer Arch and Officer Valino participated in this event.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six in conjunction with the North Bay Village Police Department hosted a multi-agency traffic safety enforcement and educational detail on March 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Law enforcement primarily focused 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. Sergeant Matelis, Officer Arch and Officer Valino participated in this event.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six in conjunction with the Miami Gardens Police Department hosted a multi-agency traffic safety enforcement and educational detail on March 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Law enforcement primarily focused 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 Valino participated in this event.

The supervisory staff meeting was March 8th at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.



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Commissioner Sally Heyman graciously donated an Electric Bicycle to the Surfside Police Department on March 11th at 10:00 a.m. at the Miami-Dade Police Department Intracoastal Station. Chief Torres and Officer Luke attended and represented the Police Department.

The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department hosted their annual Family Fun Day event on March 13th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Chief Torres, Capt. Healy and EA Goldstein including Station Dog "Officer Mike" participated in the event.

The Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Candlelight Vigil was held at Tropical Park on March 16th at 6:30 p.m. Officer Arch and Officer Valino attended and participated in the event.

The Town of Surfside's Third Thursday event took place March 17th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 9500 Collins Avenue (200 block of 95th Street). Three police officers assisted with the street closures and pedestrian safety.

The Police Department honored Surfside Police Officer Donald McGavern on the two-year anniversary of his passing with a Memorial Service on March 19th at 10:00 a.m. at the Paws Up Dog Park.

The FLOW (Florida Licensing on Wheels) was March 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Code Enforcement hosted their monthly Special Master Hearing March 23rd from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six in conjunction with the Bal Harbour Police Department hosted a multi-agency traffic safety enforcement and educational detail on March 28th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Law enforcement primarily focused 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 participated in this event.

The Bike with the Chief community initiative was March 30th at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

The monthly Coffee with the Cops was March 31st at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.



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APRIL COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Greater Miami Jewish Federation (GMJF) and the Secure Community Network (SCN) presented a national initiative with the Ministry of Diaspora Affairs of the State of Israel, exclusively for Security Directors and their law enforcement partners who contribute to the safety and security of protecting Jewish communities. Chief Rogelio J. Torres Jr. was selected to accompany the South Florida delegation and participated in this prestigious security and law enforcement seminar in Israel from April 1st to April 7th, 2022.

The North Miami Police Department conducted a DUI checkpoint on April 1st at 995 NW 119th Street from 6:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Officer Arch and Officer Valino represented the Surfside Police Department and participated in this event.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a community blood drive on April 3rd from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

The FLOW (Florida Licensing on Wheels) was April 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Code Enforcement will host their monthly Special Master Hearing April 20th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Chief Torres will attend the Law Enforcement Coordination Meeting for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties on April 20th at 10:30 a.m. at the United States Attorney's Office.

The Florida State Fraternal Order of Police is hosting their 40th Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Services in Tallahassee, Florida. The Evening of Remembrance Service will be held on April 24th and the State Memorial Service will be held on April 25th, 2022. Sergeant Lorente and Officer Duran will proudly represent the Surfside Police Department at this prestigious event as members of a multijurisdictional Honor Guard Team participating in the ceremony.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six in conjunction with the Sunny Isles Beach Police Department will host a multi-agency traffic safety enforcement and educational detail on April 27th from 8:00 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 will participate in this event.

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Surfside, Aventura, Bay Harbor Islands, North Miami and Sunny Isles Beach Police Departments will host a Multi-Agency Collection Day (electronics recycling, Shred-a-Thon and DEA Drug Takeback) on April 30th at Bill Bird Marina (Haulover Park) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN MARCH

Annual Firearms Qualifications-Tactical Shooting/ FDLE Use of Force /FIT Testing/Stop the Bleed-Tourniquet Application- Capt. Marciante, Capt. Healy, Sgt. Alberto, Sgt. Torres, Sgt. Cruz, Det. Leon, Ofc. Arch, Ofc. Campbell, Ofc. Duran, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Knight, Ofc. Howard, Ofc. Lovellette, Ofc. Matthews, Ofc. Smith, Ofc. Valino

ASP Re-Certification/Less Lethal Shotgun/OC Re-Certification/ Taser Re-Certification- Sgt. Cruz, Det. Leon, Ofc. Howard

Boating Safety Course – Ofc. Donoso

CIS Online Administrator – Ofc. Gentile

Dealing with Heat Stress (LocalGov)- CCO Novo

Ethical Behavior for Local Government (LocalGov) – All Personnel

FAC – Ofc. Gentile

FALCON 02-Managing Retained Applicant Fingerprints – Ofc. Gentile

FCIC/NCIC Full Access Certification – Ofc. Gentile

FCIC/NCIC Limited Access Certification – Sgt. Matelis

FBI-LEEDA Command Leadership- Sgt. Pacheco, Sgt. Torres

Internal Affairs Investigations – Sgt. Cruz

IS-00914 Surveillance Awareness (FEMA) – Sgt. Alberto

nexTEST Administrator – Ofc. Gentile

Local Agency Security Officer (LASO) – Ofc. Gentile

Precision Handgun- Sgt. Lorente, Det. Gabriel, Ofc. Duran, Ofc. Mendoza, Ofc. Ruiz

Officer Involved Shootings – Ofc. Howard

Red Dot System Instructor Course - Ofc. Duran

Scenarios and Tactics for the FTO – Ofc. Lage

Struggle Well Training Program- Det. Gabriel, Ofc. Arch, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Howard, Ofc. Lage, Ofc. Mendoza, Ofc. Smith

Successful Customer Interactions- CCO Novo

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres

Webinar: Animal Cruelty Investigations and the 4th Amendment – Sgt. Cruz, Det. Leon

Workplace Bullying (LocalGov) – All Personnel