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CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER 2021 – ACCREDITATION MANAGER JILL SMITH

The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) conducted an onsite Re-Accreditation assessment for the Surfside Police Department on December 7th, 8th and 9th, 2021. The Police Department is seeking Re-accreditation status for the fourth consecutive cycle having achieved the prestigious initial Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) in 2009. Accreditation Manager Jill Smith was integral in the overall success of the Police Department accomplishing this remarkable goal. Especially in the weeks leading up to the assessment, she went above and beyond by meeting with each member of the department, day and night, ensuring each employee was well prepared for this assessment.

A team of CFA assessors examined all aspects of the Surfside Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services included training, patrol operations, property room procedures, administration, and communications. The Police Department had 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. Due to Jill's diligence, the police department persevered adhering to all policy standards. The assessors announced in the exit interview they will be recommending Re-Accreditation with no conditions at the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) conference in St. Augustine in February 2022. The Police Department personnel were highly praised for their professionalism, organization and knowledge. The CFA Team Leader made a statement "Surfside Police Department is a Model Agency".

An agency requirement for re-accreditation was to create an exemplary program unique to your department within the re-accreditation three-year cycle. The new initiative created was to be geared towards the community and promote awareness within the department. Accreditation Manager Smith recognized the need to provide a better understanding about the dangers of sun exposure for the Police Department employees whose jobs require them to be exposed to the sun on a daily basis. She coordinated and organized an essential seminar about skin cancer awareness to educate our staff on the importance of sun protection. A dermatologist conducted the presentation to our employees and provided a complimentary screening to the participants on May 21, 2021, during Skin Cancer Awareness Month (aka Melanoma May).



Accreditation Manager Jill Smith has worked tirelessly for the past three years preparing the Police Department for this significant event. Jill is recognized for her initiative, organizational skills, and dedication to the Town of Surfside. Jill began her career with the Surfside Police Department in September 2018, excelled from day one and has proven to be a tremendous asset to the organization. Congratulations to Accreditation Manager Jill Smith as the recipient of the November Civilian of the Month award...well deserved!

CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER 2021 – EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF DINA GOLDSTEIN

The Surfside Police Department traditionally hosts an annual Holiday Toy Giveaway Party. Due to the continuing COVID 19 concerns, the event was reconfigured for the safety of the children, families and participating personnel. The Police Department began this year's holiday season of giving with their 13th Annual Toy Drive.

Beginning in December, Executive Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein, the heart and soul of the Toy Giveaway from the inception, developed this year's event. There were several options available for donations to be collected. Dina created an online toy registry on Amazon as well as with a local toy store and a festive collection box was located in Town Hall. Dina resourcefully established an organized system to easily distribute the toys and coordinated an efficient toy drop off system for the children based on location. Dina along with Sergeant Marian Cruz and Parking Enforcement Officers Cristhian Acosta and Willy Perez, spoke to the parent's obtaining pertinent information about the children and provided a date and time for delivery. Dina prepared 50 bags of toys specified for each child on the list, based on age, gender and interests/hobbies.

Parking Enforcement Officer Alain Acosta contacted each person on the list providing instructions and the anticipated time of arrival. Interim Chief John Healy, Sergeant Jay Matelis, PEO Alain Acosta and Dina personally delivered the bags of toys to 25 grateful families in need (over 53 excited children) in a two-day span.

The Surfside Police Department's 13th annual Holiday Toy Drive embodied the spirit of giving and was especially significant this year with so many families affected by the pandemic. The success is solely due to the personnel who gave their time and effort in going above and beyond to make it a great holiday for needy children. Seeing the smiles on the children's faces was priceless and the reason we do this every year. Dina is commended for her tireless dedication in developing a safe way to continue this long standing charitable and very rewarding tradition. Congratulations to Executive Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein as the recipient of the December Civilian of the Month award...well deserved!



HIGH ACHIEVERS

Officer Colonna
Officer Duran
Officer Gentile
Officer Howard
Officer Saffo
Parking Enforcement Officer Perez

SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Auto Burglary

12/01/2021 at 0949 hours

9300 block of Byron Avenue

Unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle between 11/26/2021-11/27/2021 taking a purse from inside the vehicle. The purse contained \$100.00 dollars in U.S. Currency and credit cards (total value of \$303.00 dollars).

Residential Burglary

12/04/2021 at 1816 hours

8900 block of Froude Avenue

Officers responded to a burglary alarm call. Upon arrival, the front door of the house was observed partially ajar and a window was found open. The homeowner advised the window was left open but the front door was locked. A bedroom appeared to have been ransacked however nothing appeared to be missing.

Residential Burglary Arrest

12/12/2021 at 1615 hours

9300 block of Harding Avenue

The homeowners returned home encountering items not belonging to them located on their front lawn. Inside the house they observed a female subject, who fled southbound on Harding Avenue, upon the return of the homeowners. They flagged down a nearby officer, who spotted the subject and engaged in a foot pursuit. The subject ran into the ocean, but eventually returned back to land and surrendering to officers. No other subjects were located inside the house. Jewelry and sunglasses valued at \$16,350.00 dollars were discovered missing from the residence. A detective attempted to interview the subject however she refused to speak and was subsequently arrested

Auto Burglary

12/12/2021 at 1701 hours

500 block of 95th Street

Unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle between 1400-1630 hours. A camera, valued at \$400.00 dollars and a Handicap placard, valued at \$6.00 dollars were stolen from the vehicle.



Auto Burglary

12/19/2021

200 block 94th Street – Municipal Parking Lot

Unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle parked in the 94th Street municipal parking lot at 1100 hours. A bag containing a Prada purse and Prada wallet was left inside the vehicle underneath the front seat while the victim went to work in the Surfside Business District. The victim returned to her vehicle at 1900 hours and drove home. When she arrived home, she noticed the Prada purse and wallet, worth \$1600.00, were missing.

Residential Burglary Arrest

12/22/2021 at 0733 hours

9000 block of Abbott Avenue

Officers were dispatched to residence in reference to a possible burglary in progress. A male was seen entering a vacant property (secured by a six-foot construction fence) through the backyard. Responding officers gained access through a break in the fence. Upon entering the yard, a perimeter search of the exterior was conducted and a partially ajar and unlocked garage door was discovered. Entering through the garage door, officers conducted a search of the interior of the property locating a male inside of a bathroom attempting to hide and conceal himself behind a locked door. The subject was taken into custody and arrested.

Auto Burglary

Between 12/24/2021 at 1800 hours to 12/26/2021 at 1338 hours

8900 block of Byron Avenue

Unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle. A pair of sunglasses valued at \$200.00 dollars was stolen from the center console of the vehicle.

POLICE DEPARTMENT RE-ACCREDITATION ONSITE ASSESSMENT

The Police Department's onsite Re-Accreditation assessment took place December 7th - 9th, 2021. The PD is 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 examined all aspects of the Surfside Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. The Police Department had to comply with more than 250 standards in order to receive reaccredited status. Upon completion, the assessors will be recommending Re-Accreditation with no conditions at the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) conference in St. Augustine in February 2022.



DECEMBER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

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 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 represented the Surfside Police Department and participated in this event.

Detective Gabriel and Detective Leon distributed a Community Awareness flyer to the residents in the 9100 to 9300 blocks of Abbott and Byron Avenue on December 1st. 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 hosted 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 traveled past Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and Salah Foundation Children's Hospital in support of our littlest Heroes battling childhood Cancer. Officer Arch participated in this momentous event with his Surfside police vehicle proudly displaying gold ribbons in support of childhood cancer awareness.

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

Code Enforcement hosted their monthly Special Master Hearing on December 15th 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 North Bay Village Police Department hosted a holiday season multi-agency traffic safety enforcement and educational detail on December 21st 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. Sergeant Matelis and Officer Arch represented the Surfside Police Department and participated in this event.

The Police Department collected toys for our 13th Annual Toy Drive. The toys were delivered to 25 families (53 children) in need in need on December 21st and December 22nd by Interim Chief Healy, Sergeant Matelis, Executive Assistant Goldstein and PEO A. Acosta.



Sergeant Matelis spoke to 40 children, ages ranging from 3-4 years old, at the Yeshiva Elementary School in Miami Beach on December 23rd at 1:00 p.m. about the role of a police officer.

JANUARY COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Surfside Police Department hosted a community blood drive on January 6th from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

Code Enforcement will host their monthly Special Master Hearing January 18th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The monthly Coffee with the Cops is January 27th at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.

The Parks and Recreation Annual Family Fun Day Event will be held on January 30th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the 96th Street Park. Officer Arch will assist with the event.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN DECEMBER

FEMA IS-100.c – Chief Torres, Capt. Healy, Sgt. Alberto, Sgt. Torres, Ofc. Carrasquillo, Ofc. Duran, CO Castillo, PEO A. Acosta,

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FEMA IS-700.b- Chief Torres, Capt. Healy, Capt. Marciante, Sgt. Alberto, Sgt. Torres, Ofc. Carrasquillo, Ofc. Duran, Ofc. Lovellette, CO Castillo, PEO A. Acosta, PEO Castro, EA Goldstein, CCM Santos-Alborna

FEMA IS-800.d- Chief Torres, Capt. Healy, Capt. Marciante, Sgt. Alberto, Sgt. Torres, Ofc. Carrasquillo, Ofc. Duran, Ofc. Lage, Ofc. Lovellette, CO Castillo, PEO A. Acosta, PEO Castro, EA Goldstein, CCO Ruvin

FCIC/NCIC Limited Access Certification – Ofc. Mendoza

FCIC/NCIC Full Access Certification – Det. Gabriel, Ofc. Lage

First Responder Integrated Tactical Training (FITT) – Det. Gabriel, Ofc. Donoso

Low Light Shooting and Flashlight Techniques – Sgt. Lorente, Ofc. Duran

Misuse of Electronic Databases – Chief Torres, Capt. Marciante, Sgt. Pacheco, Ofc. Campbell, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Knight, Ofc. Lovellette, Ofc. Luke, Ofc. Mendoza, Ofc. Saffo, Ofc. Smith, CO Villar

Temporary FCIC/NCIC Full Access - Ofc. Duran, Certification- Ofc. Saffo

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres