



SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bulletin

23-12

Date: December 19, 2023

CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER 2023 – PARKING OPERATIONS MANAGER ELINOR JOSEPH

On November 20, 2023, Surfside Police Officers handled a critical incident that involved a hit and run accident wherein the driver bailed out of the vehicle fleeing on foot into the residential neighborhood. Multiple police agencies responded, and a perimeter was established. The communications unit was overwhelmed with phone calls from concerned residents and continuous police radio traffic. Mr. Joseph understood the urgency of the situation recognizing the need for additional support in the Communications Unit. Mr. Joseph took the initiative to assist the communications operator with the radio telecommunications along with the mobile responsibilities of reassuring distressed residents' civilian safety was of utmost importance. The driver was apprehended and charged with multiple felonies subsequently the stolen vehicle was recovered. Mr. Joseph embodies the Police Department's core values pride, respect, integrity, dedication and excellence. He is commended for his positive outlook and going above and beyond the call of duty. Mr. Joseph's praiseworthy actions demonstrate his work ethic and professionalism. Congratulations to Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph as the recipient of the November Civilian of the Month award...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS

Officer Gabriel
Officer Knight
Officer Luke
Officer Valino
Community Service Aide Fermin
Parking Enforcement Officer Gaspart

SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Hit & Run / Stolen Vehicle Recovery Arrest
11/20/2023

91st Street and Collins Avenue

A vehicle was observed crashing into two vehicles and fleeing the scene. The vehicle was located and stopped by a police officer who discerned the vehicle was stolen. Upon contact, the driver fled the scene on foot. The subject was located with the assistance of neighboring police agencies. The subject was subsequently arrested.



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Burglary

11/21/2023

9100 block of Collins Avenue

On 11/20/2023 at 9:00 p.m. a vehicle occupied by two subjects entered the lot. The subjects exited the vehicle proceeding to steal construction supplies and tools located in an unlocked shipping container. This incident was captured on CCTV.

Auto Theft

11/23/2023

700 block of 88th Street

A white BMW was observed driving to the front of a residence. Two males exited the vehicle proceeding to enter the victim's Audi, leaving the scene driving the stolen car.

Auto Burglary

11/27/2023

8800 block of Collins Avenue

An unknown subject(s) entered a vehicle while it was parked in the parking garage. However, the victim is unsure of the time frame and has been driving the vehicle.

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The supervisory staff meeting was November 2nd at 4:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

A rally in support of Israel hosted by a private organization was held on November 5th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Veterans Park. The Police Department provided security and ensured the safety of the participants.

The FBI- Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (FBI-LEEDA) hosted a Command Leadership Institute in Jupiter, Florida from November 6th to November 10th, 2023. Captain Matelis attended this training.

The Town of Surfside presented a Community Safety Virtual Roundtable hosted by Mayor Shlomo Danzinger on November 6th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Interim Chief Marciante along with Town Manager Gomez were featured staff members present to share and answer questions pertaining to safety topics within the Town.

The Miami-Dade Schools Police Department hosted the Northeast Section Command Staff Mass Casualty Attack Training within the Town of Bay Harbor Islands at the Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center on November 8th from 9:00 a.m. to – 1:00 p.m. Interim Chief Marciante and Acting Captain Cruz attended the training.

The Police Department hosted a community blood drive on November 8th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.



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The FLOW (Florida Licensing on Wheels) was November 9th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The Parks and Recreation Department hosted their annual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th at 10:00 a.m. at Veterans Park. Officer Donoso and Officer Luke participated in the ceremony as members of the Honor Guard. Interim Chief Marciante and Captain Matelis attended.

Community Service Aide Donald Laurent joined the Surfside Police Department family on November 14, 2023.

A promotional ceremony was held on November 16th at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers for Sergeant Diana Leon.

The Police Department in conjunction with the Closet of Living Hope hosted Cram the Cruiser on November 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot. The purpose of this humanitarian event was to provide Thanksgiving meals to those in need and much needed clothing for the Miami-Dade Domestic Violence Center Safe Space. The Closet of Living organization also distributed the donated clothing to Miami-Dade community members in need of support. The items collected were non-perishable foods and bags of clothing.

The Police Department hosted a community blood drive from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and a platelet donation from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on November 26th in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

The monthly Coffee with the Cops was November 30th at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.

DECEMBER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Miami-Dade Schools Police Department hosted the Northeast Section Command Staff Mass Casualty Attack Training at their police station on December 6th from 9:00 a.m. to – 1:00 p.m. Captain Matelis, Sergeant Torres, and Officer Gabriel attended the training.

The Police Department hosted a community blood drive on December 10th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

The Menorah Parade held by the Shul of Bal Harbour took place on December 10th departing from Ruth Broad Elementary School in Bay Harbor Islands at 3:45 p.m., passing 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.



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Station Dog Officer Mike celebrated his sixth birthday on December 11th surrounded by everyone who loves him. The birthday party was held at 2:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room and also via Zoom for residents to participate in the celebration.

Officer Samuel Villegas was sworn in as Surfside's newest Police Officer on December 11th at 3:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. We welcome Officer Villegas to our Surfside family.

Miami Beach Senior High, in collaboration with the PTSA, hosted their 3rd Annual Mental Health Expo on December 13th from 8:00 a.m. – 2:20 p.m. onsite at the high school. Over 2,000 students participated in the diverse and numerous events of the day focusing on the importance of mental and physical well-being. Sergeant Leon and Officer Mike contributed to the event.

A "Shop with a Cop" event with Surfside Police Officers was held on December 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Target in North Miami Beach, Florida. A donor graciously sponsored the event and generously donated \$75.00 gift cards for each child to personally shop for their Christmas presents. Interim Chief Marciante, Captain Matelis, Sergeants Leon and Lorente, Detective Lage, Officer Villegas, CO Batista-Hernandez, EA Goldstein, AM Smith, CSAs Fermin, Laurent and Popoteur, participated in the event.

The Parks and Recreation annual Winter Wonderland Bash was held on December 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center. The Police Department assisted with pedestrian crossing on Collins Avenue along with ensuring safety and security at the Community Center from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Officer Arch and Officer Ruiz participated in the event.

The Police Department will host a community blood drive on December 21st from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

The Police Department coordinated for the Parks and Recreation Teen Scene Program a Marine Patrol class on December 21st from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Indian Creek Police Department. Bal Harbour and Indian Creek Police Departments will conduct the class.

The Surfside Farmers Market is December 24th at the 96th Street Beach Entrance and the Hard Pack from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Police Department will assist with traffic control during set up and breakdown, security during the event, and ensuring pedestrian safety from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The monthly Coffee with the Cops is December 28th at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.



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TRAINING COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER

2023 Social Engineering Red Flags- CSA Laurent
Active Shooter Response and Stop the Bleed Training – All Sworn Personnel, All Parking Enforcement and CSA's
Airborne and Bloodborne Pathogens- CSA Laurent
AR-15 Qualifications – Sgt. Lorente, Sgt. Torres, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Duran, Ofc. Gabriel, Ofc. Gambirazio, Ofc. Ruiz
Body Worn Camera – PEO Gaspart
Command Leadership Institute- Capt. Matelis
Conflict and Dispute Resolution- CSA Laurent
Diversity in the Workplace - – CSA Laurent
Driver Improvement Program (DIP) -Ofc. Saffo
Ethical Behavior for Local Government – CSA Laurent
FCIC/NCIC Full Access Certification – Ofc. Rosario
Florida Purple Alert- CSA Laurent
Florida Silver Alert- CSA Laurent
Fundamentals of Criminal Intelligence- Ofc. Knight
Handling Difficult Customers for Local Government– CSA Laurent
IS-100.C: Introduction to Incident Command System- CSA Laurent
IS-200.D: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response- CSA Laurent
IS-700.B: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System- CSA Laurent
IS-800.D: National Response Framework, An Introduction- CSA Laurent
Misuse of Electronic Databases - CSA Laurent
Police Internal Affairs – Capt. Matelis
Prisoner Processing - CSA Laurent
Public Service Honor Code- - CSA Laurent
Response to Active Assailant Events/Civilian- Communications Operators, Parking Enforcement Officers, Community Service Aides
Response to Active Assailant Events/Officer – All Sworn Personnel
Security and Privacy: General Role - CSA Laurent
Sexual Harassment in the Workplace – CSA Laurent
Speed Measurement Course – Ofc. R. Hernandez, Ofc. Rosario
Stop the Bleed Training – All Sworn Personnel, Communications Operators, Parking Enforcement Officers, Community Service Aides
Speed Measurement – Ofc. R. Hernandez, Ofc. Rosario
Successful Customer Interactions– CSA Laurent
SWAT Firearms Qualifications - Sgt. Torres
SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres
The Leader's Role as Coach, Counselor and Motivator- Sgt. Lorente
Violence in the Workplace– CSA Laurent
Workplace Bullying– CSA Laurent

I wish all of you and your families Happy Holidays!