



SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bulletin

24-01

Date: January 10, 2024

OFFICER OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER 2023 – SERGEANT ALEJANDRO LORENTE

The Police Department began the Holiday Toy Drive in 2009 to help families in need during the holiday season. The event has grown from 30 children to over 100 children participating in the program. Last year, the Police Department was given the incredible opportunity to have a Shop with a Cop event generously sponsored and held at Target in North Miami Beach. The 15th Annual Holiday Toy Drive (2nd annual Shop with a Cop) was once again graciously funded and held on December 16, 2023 at Target from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Each child received a \$75.00 card in which to shop. Sixty families and 129 kids had an extra special holiday and had the unique experience to shop with Police Department personnel. Sergeant Lorente along with Police Department personnel were assigned multiple families throughout the day to shop for holiday presents.

A family who arrived late due to bad weather completely missed their scheduled time and the event entirely. They approached Sergeant Lorente in the parking lot inquiring if they were still able to participate. Sergeant Lorente contacted the event coordinator, who was still onsite, advising gift cards available for the family to shop. Sergeant Lorente went above and beyond all expectations by returning to the store with the family to shop with them. To say he made the holiday special for this family is an understatement. This may seem like an ordinary gesture however to the recipients it was simply wonderful. The truly appreciative family had a unique holiday experience and left with a cart full of toys. Sergeant Lorente is commended for his altruistic actions and compassion. Despite a long day, he graciously shopped with the family until they found everything they wanted. Congratulations to Sergeant Alejandro Lorente as the recipient of the December Officer of the Month award...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS

Officer Arch
Officer Rosario
Officer Saffo
Officer Valino
Community Service Aide Fermin
Parking Enforcement Officer A. Acosta



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SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Burglary Update Arrest

12/06/2023

9000 Block of Collins Avenue

Pursuant to an ongoing multi agency investigation, the subject of a burglary to a construction site was located and arrested. The subject was charged by various police agencies for multiple burglaries that were committed in the past year.

Auto Burglary

12/30/2023

9500 block of Byron Avenue

An unknown subject(s) entered a vehicle on 12/29/2023 parked in the 9500 block of Byron Avenue. The driver door was found ajar and a wallet was missing from the vehicle.

DECEMBER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Sunny Isles Beach Police Department hosted a Multi-Agency Traffic Detail on December 5th from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. Law enforcement personnel were stationed city wide in Sunny Isles Beach focused primarily on aggressive driving, 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 issuing 20 traffic citations and two criminal citations.

The Police Department hosted a community blood drive on December 10th 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 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.

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.



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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 Police Department personnel was December 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Target in North Miami Beach, Florida. DAMAC graciously sponsored the event and generously donated a \$75.00 gift card for each child to personally shop for their Christmas presents. Chief Marciante, Captain Matelis, Sergeants Leon and Lorente, Detective Lage, Officer Villegas, EA Goldstein, Accreditation Manager Smith, CO Batista-Hernandez, and CSA’s 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.

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 conducted the class.

The Police Department hosted a community blood drive on December 21st from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.

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

The Swearing in Ceremony for Chief Antonio Marciante was held on December 28th at 3:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

JANUARY COMMUNITY INITIATIVES / LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Town of Surfside experiences a large influx of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, especially in the business district, during Yeshiva Week. The Police Department has assigned additional personnel from January 2nd to January 20th, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. to be stationed in the business district. Double parkers along Harding Avenue between 94th and 96th Streets will be monitored and enforced, and pedestrian safety is of the utmost importance.

The Police Department hosted a community blood drive on January 4th from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall municipal parking lot.



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Chief Marciante attended the 2024 FPCA (Florida Police Chiefs Association) Mid-Winter Training Conference and Exposition from January 6th – 9th, 2024 in Orlando, Florida.

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

The supervisory staff meeting was January 9th at 4:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room.

The Community Service Aides and Parking Enforcement Officers attended a Vehicle Operations Training on January 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Miami-Dade College North Campus Driving Range.

The Bay Harbor Islands Police Department held a Swearing in Ceremony for Deputy Chief Donald Blanchard and Captain Joseph Locke on January 10th at 10:00 a.m. at the Morris N. Broad Community Center. Chief Marciante attended the ceremony.

The Miami-Dade Police Department held an Investiture Ceremony of Stephanie Daniels as the Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department on January 10th at 10:30 a.m. at PortMiami. Captain Matelis attended the ceremony.

As part of the Sister City program between the Town of Surfside and the City of Hialeah, Mayor Danzinger coordinated a Gift Handout event to be held on January 11th at 1:15 p.m. at South Hialeah Elementary School. Chief Marciante, Mayor Danzinger, and Town Manager Gomez will attend the event.

The Surfside Farmers Market is January 14th 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.

A Run for Their Lives Walk in support of Israel will be held on January 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the hardpack between 95th and 88th Streets. Approximately 100-150 people are expected to attend the event. An officer will provide area security for the duration of the event ensuring the safety of the participants.

The FLOW (Florida Licensing on Wheels) is January 18th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.



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The Town of Surfside's Third Thursday events resume January 18th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the 200 block of 93rd Street. Three police officers/Community Service Aides or Parking Enforcement Officers will assist with the street closures and pedestrian safety from 1:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The upcoming dates are February 15th, March 21st, April 18th and May 16th, 2024

The monthly Coffee with the Cops is January 25th at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.

Sergeant Julio Torres will attend the Florida Public Pension Trustees Association Conference from January 28th to January 31st, 2024 in Orlando, Florida.

The Police Department will host a community blood drive on January 28th from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the 94th Street municipal parking lot.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN DECEMBER

11-02 Local Computer Equipment (PowerDMS) -All Personnel
1410 Recognizing Head Injuries in Infants and Children – Ofc. Villegas
Analysis of Police Use of Force Encounters -Ofc. Ruiz
ASP Baton Certification and Less Lethal Policy – Ofc. Villegas
Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and Interviews – Ofc. Villegas
Airborne and Bloodborne Pathogens- Ofc. Villegas
Conflict and Dispute Resolution- Ofc. Villegas
Crime Stats and NIBRS for the Police Executive- AC Cruz
Criminal Justice Officer Ethics and the Role of the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission - Ofc. Villegas
Cybersecurity Threats to Public Entities- Ofc. Villegas
Developing Effective Communication Skills – Ofc. Villegas
Diabetic Emergency and Officer Response- Ofc. Villegas
Discriminatory Profiling and Professional Traffic Stops- Ofc. Villegas
Diversity in the Workplace – Ofc. Villegas
Domestic Violence Training – Ofc. Villegas
Elder Abuse Investigations -Ofc. Villegas
Enhancing Work Relationships- Ofc. Villegas
Ethical Behavior for Local Government – Ofc. Villegas
FCIC/NCIC Full Access Certification – Ofc. Gabriel
Fentanyl Safety for Law Enforcement – Ofc. Villegas
Florida Purple Alert- Ofc. Villegas
Florida Silver Alert- Ofc. Villegas
Florida General Instructor Techniques – Sgt. Leon
Identify and Investigate Human Trafficking- Ofc. Villegas
Impact Munitions Instructor- Ofc. Gabriel
IS-100.C: Introduction to Incident Command System- Ofc. Villegas



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IS-200.D: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response- Ofc. Villegas
IS-700.B: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System- Ofc. Villegas
IS-800.D: National Response Framework, An Introduction- Ofc. Villegas
Juvenile Sexual Offender Investigations – Ofc. Villegas
Medical Marijuana – Ofc. Villegas
Mental Health and Wellness for Criminal Justice Officers – Ofc. Villegas
Misuse of Electronic Databases – Ofc. Villegas
Off-Road Vehicle Certification – Sgt. Lorente, Ofc. Campbell, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Gambirazio, Ofc. Gentile. Luke, Ofc. Ruiz, Ofc. Villegas
Sexual Harassment in the Workplace – Ofc. Villegas
Stress Management and Mental Health- Ofc. Villegas
OC Aerosol Instructor – Ofc. Colonna
Parking Enforcement Specialist (PEST) – CSA Popoteur
Risk Protection Orders – Ofc. Villegas
SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres
Taser X2 – Ofc. Villegas
The LGBTQ Community- Ofc. Villegas
Use of Force – Ofc. Villegas
Victims of Sexual Offenses- Ofc. Villegas