



**Date of occurrence:** February 17, 2014

**Employee Name:** Sergeant Julio Torres  
Communications Operator Tameka Burnell  
Officer Bryant Luke  
Officer Craig Lovellette  
Officer John Gentile  
Officer Dianna Hernandez

**Unit/Division:** Patrol

**Award/Commendation type and recommendations:** Letter of Commendation

**Narrative:**

On Monday February 17, 2014 at 1501 hours, Surfside Police Officers responded to the 9500 block of Abbott Ave in reference to a stolen vehicle pursuit initiated by the Bal Harbour Police Department. The stolen vehicle crashed at the corner of Abbott Ave and 95<sup>th</sup> Street where four subjects bailed out and fled into the residential area. Surfside Officers took perimeter points and with the assistance of Pilot Patrick Van Gils of the Miami-Dade Police Department Aviation Unit, the location of the subjects who were hiding in an alleyway was detected. Communications Operator Tameka Burnell handled two radio channels, numerous telephone calls from citizens calling about the incident as well as tracking the location of the officers for their own safety.

Three of the four subjects were arrested and the stolen vehicle was recovered as well as a firearm that was used in a home invasion robbery in Miami Gardens. This crime was a high priority and exceptional and efficient police work was conducted by all in a short period of time. All should be thanked and praised for their dedication to the community and the arrest of these subjects. Job well done.