

## Surfside Police Department



## Award and/or commendation

**Date of occurrence:** December 29, 2019

**Employee Name:** Officer Ronald Donoso, Officer Marianne Durante, and Officer John Gentile

**Unit/Division:** Patrol

**Award/Commendation type and recommendations:** Letter of Commendation Officer of the Month

## Narrative:

On Sunday, December 29, 2019, Units responded to the 8700 block of the beach in reference to a suicidal 56-year-old female. Contact was made with a friend of the woman stating her friend is bi-polar, was a guest at her home for the holidays and left her home depressed while making statements that she wanted to commit suicide by drowning in the ocean. Units saturated the area of the beach searching for the suicidal woman. Officer Donoso obtained a screen shot photograph where it was believed that the woman could be located. As a result of receiving this photograph, Officers Durante and Gentile quickly located the female at the 9600 block of the beach in good condition. The female kept saying that she wanted to die and she kept trying to run to the ocean while officers held her back. The female was transported to Mt. Sinai Hospital.

Officers Donoso, Gentile and Durante displayed alertness, compassion, and invaluable police instincts in the search for the missing suicidal female. I commend Officers Donoso, Gentile and Durante for their professionalism and dedication to the community in the handling of this missing suicidal person resulting in locating the victim unharmed and in good shape. Congratulations to Officer Ronald Donoso, Officer Marianne Durante and Officer John Gentile as recipients of the December 2019 Officer of the Month...well deserved!