



Date of occurrence: December 22nd and 23rd ,2020

Employee Name: Executive Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation/
Civilian of the Month

Narrative:

The Surfside Police Department traditionally hosts an annual Holiday Toy Giveaway Party. This year, due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, the event was revamped for the safety of the children, families and participating personnel.

During the month of November, Executive Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein, the heart and soul of the Toy Giveaway from the inception, developed this year's event. The 12th Annual Holiday Toy Drive toy donation collection began on December 1, 2020, with several options available for donations to be collected. Dina created an online toy registry for donations and festive collection boxes. Dina arranged several toy drop off locations, established an organized system to easily distribute the toys and coordinated the toy drop off for the children. Dina spoke to the parent's, obtained information about the children, and coordinated an efficient drop off system based on location. Each family was contacted and provided a date and time for delivery. A donation box was located in Town Hall, at the Parks and Recreation Holiday event at the 96th Street Park and a drive-thru drop off on December 13th and December 20th in the Town Hall parking lot. Dina arranged 50 bags of toys specified for each child on the list, based on age and gender. PEO Perez contacted each person on the list providing instructions and the anticipated time of arrival. Captain Healy, Sergeant Matelis, Officer Gentile, Officer Saffo, PEO Perez and EA Goldstein personally delivered the bags of toys to 26 grateful families in need (over 45 excited children) in a two-day span.

Police Department personnel joined by Town Manager Hyatt delivered three large boxes filled with toys to the children living at the Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department, Violence Prevention and Intervention Division, Advocates for Victims/Safespace (Domestic Violence) North Shelter.

The Surfside Police Department's 12th annual Holiday Toy Drive embodied the spirit of giving and was especially significant this year with so many families affected by the pandemic. Seeing the smiles on the children's faces was priceless and the reason we do this every year. Executive Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein 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!