

Surfside Police Department



Award and/or commendation

Date: October 30, 2020

Employee Name: William Perez

Classification: Parking Enforcement

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

Narrative:

On October 22, 2020, Surfside Police Officers responded to a call for service of a woman in distress at the 9200 block of Collins Avenue. Upon arrival, they located a female that was incoherent and unable to answer simple questions. Officers were unable to locate any friends or family members of the woman and determined she needed immediate medical attention. She was transported to the hospital for treatment.

That evening, Parking Enforcement Officer Perez, noticed multiple Facebook posts requesting assistance in locating a missing female (a photograph accompanied the posts) and listed she was last seen in the area of Mt. Sinai Hospital and reported missing by the Miami Beach Police Department. PEO Perez recalled the Surfside incident earlier in the day regarding a distressed female.

The next morning Parking Officer Perez informed officers who handled the incident involving the young woman in Surfside and showed them the information he discovered on the Facebook post.

The photo indeed matched the female that was transported to the hospital from Surfside. Surfside Police Officers contacted the Miami Beach Police Department and notified them of their missing person's current status and location. They were also able to provide valuable information to the hospital in reference to her complete name and bring to a close the missing person investigation.

If not for the actions of Parking Enforcement Officer Perez, this young woman could have possibly remained unidentified which could have potentially placed her in harm's way. Parking Enforcement Officer Perez is commended for his dedication to assisting others and commitment to community service. Congratulations to Parking Enforcement Officer William Perez as the recipient of the October Civilian of the Month award...well deserved!