

Bobby Gabriel January Officer of the Month



Officer Bobby Gabriel with his parents and Lt. Jay Matelis

On the afternoon of January 23, 2014, undercover Sunny Isles detectives requested assistance stopping an occupied stolen vehicle heading south on Harding Ave. Officer Bobby Gabriel was working an off duty detail in Surfside and with clearance from his supervisor, responded to the area of 97th Street and Collins Avenue. With the assistance of Officer Gabriel, the stolen vehicle was stopped and both occupants arrested without incident. The vehicle also contained drug paraphernalia. Officer Gabriel was the first backup to arrive and two criminals were arrested with minimum risk due to his quick response and willingness to fellow officers. He is an example of a professional whose quick response kept a potentially dangerous situation under control. Congratulations Bobby!

New Neighborhood Resource Police Officer

Officer Dianna Hernandez was recently named the new Neighborhood Resource Police Officer (NRO). She has been with the department for three years and has worked in the patrol division where she participated in the Citizens Police Academy, Police Teen Camp and the Town's Feral Cat Program. Dianna's new responsibilities as the NRO are interaction with the residents, crime prevention and addressing quality of life issues. Dianna grew up in Zanesville, Ohio and received an Associate degree in Medical Laboratory Technology at Zane State College. She served honorably in the U.S. Navy and, in 2001, started her law enforcement career with the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department where she worked as a school resource officer, patrol officer and detective.



POLICE BEAT

February Group Nabs Dangerous Car Thieves

Sergeant Julio Torres, Officers Bryant Luke, Craig Lovellette, John Gentile and Dianna Hernandez all responded to the 9500 block of Abbott Avenue where a stolen vehicle being pursued by the Bal Harbour Police had crashed. Four subjects bailed out and fled into the residential area. Officer Dianna Hernandez immediately arrested one subject who dropped a firearm. The other officers took perimeter points and, with the assistance of helicopter pilot Patrick Van Gils of the Miami-Dade Police Aviation Unit, the subjects were spotted hiding in an alleyway. Also recognized was Communication Operator Tameka Burnell, who handled two radio channels and numerous citizen phone calls while tracking the officers. Three of the four subjects were arrested and it was determined the recovered firearm was used in a home invasion robbery in Miami Gardens. This crime was a high priority and exceptional police work was efficiently conducted. Job well done!



(L-R) Chief David Allen, Craig Lovellette, Communication Operator Tameka Burnell, Dianna Hernandez, Miami-Dade Schools Police Chief Ian Moffet. Not pictured: Officers John Gentile, Bryant Luke and Sgt. Julio Torres.



The Surfside Police Department is hosting a Women's Self Defense Class on Wednesday, May 21, 6-8 pm at the Community Center. The training teaches how to resist and escape a sexual assault. The techniques are easy-to-learn and easy-to-use. These techniques do not require strength, speed or coordination and are perfect for women of all ages and physical types. This class is free of charge.

A waiver must be signed. Please wear gym attire including sneakers. Pre-registration is required. If you have any questions or want to register, please contact Dina Goldstein at (305)861-4862.