

POLICE BEAT

Outstanding Police Work Results in Arrest of Car Thieves

Detectives Marian Cruz and Kemuel Gambirazio received Officer of the Month honors for skillfully tracking down two car thieves who had burglarized one car and stole another in a Surfside neighborhood. After interviewing the two Surfside victims, Detective Cruz received a call the next day that the stolen car had been recovered by the City of Miami Police. She spoke with the neighbors in the area where the car was found and contacted the Miami Police Officer who recovered the stolen vehicle. She discovered that the Miami officer had interviewed an occupant in the vehicle. Detectives Cruz and Gambirazio found the person at her home, and she ultimately confessed involvement in both the stolen car and burglary of the second vehicle. She also provided information on a second suspect: the driver.



Det. Marian Cruz, Chief David Allen and Det. Kemuel Gambirazio

After further investigation, the detectives found him in custody at the Miami-Dade County Jail on unrelated charges. In an interview, he confessed to stealing the car, burglarizing the second vehicle, stealing property from the car and fleeing from the Miami Beach Police in the stolen car all in the same night. Both individuals implicated the other for the crimes and both were arrested. The Miami Beach Police Department has charged both with additional crimes.

Police Civilian of the Month Dina Goldstein Honored For 2015 Toy Drive

As she has during the past seven years, Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein coordinated the annual Police Department's Holiday Toy Drive. Police Officers and Parking Enforcement Officers also assisted. It was a very special day for the children and all of those who attended. Thanks goes out to all who helped and a special thanks to Dina for another special event that makes Surfside look great.



Surfside Members are Named LEO Award Finalists

Surfside Police Department staff have been named as finalists for the prestigious 2015 Miami-Dade LEO Awards. The winners will be announced at the 15th Annual LEO Awards Gala on March 19, 2016. The nominees are: Community Service Aide Daniel Sanchez, Support Services Award; Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein, Safety Award and Police Officer Craig Lovellette and Communications Operator Peter Filiberto, Safety Award. Congratulations to all!

Uniform Crime Report Surfside Police Department

Total Offenses in 2015 were 137 and a 13.3% decrease from 158 in 2014. Total Non-Violent Crimes (Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft) in 2015 were 128 (8 burglaries, 112 larcenies, 8 motor vehicle thefts) and 154 (16 burglaries, 131 larcenies, 7 motor vehicle thefts) in 2014. Total Violent Crimes (Homicide, Sexual Battery, Robbery, Aggravated Assault) in 2015 were 9 (3 robberies, 6 aggravated assaults) and 4 (2 robberies, 2 aggravated assaults) in 2014.

| | Total Crimes | %CH | Violent Crime | %CH | Property Crimes | %CH | Population | %CH | Crime Rate | %CH |
|------|--------------|-------|---------------|-------|-----------------|-------|------------|------|------------|------|
| 2011 | 183 | 9.6 | 4 | -69.2 | 179 | 16.2 | 5,749 | 1.1 | 3183 | 8.4 |
| 2012 | 167 | -8.7 | 15 | 275 | 152 | -15.1 | 5,776 | .5 | 2891 | -9.2 |
| 2013 | 123 | -26.3 | 7 | -53.3 | 116 | -23.7 | 5794 | .3 | 2122 | -26 |
| 2014 | 158 | 28.5 | 4 | -42.9 | 154 | 32.8 | 5722 | -1.2 | 2,761 | 30 |
| 2015 | 137 | -13.3 | 9 | 125 | 128 | -16.9 | 5703 | -.3 | 2,402 | -13 |

Enforcement statistics for 2015/ 2014:

Arrests in 2015 were 151 and 142 in 2014. 4,647 traffic citations were issued in 2015 and 4,311 in 2014. 3,825 traffic warnings were issued in 2015 and 3,235 in 2014. 13,816 parking citations were issued in 2015 and 13,963 in 2014. 267 traffic crashes were investigated in 2015 and 246 in 2014. SPD conducted 190 community/ crime prevention events in 2015 and 113 in 2014. Total calls for service were 23,216 in 2015 and 22,800 in 2014.