

## POLICE BEAT

### Micah Smith Named Officer of the Month

In the early morning hours of April 17, Officer Micah Smith came upon a bicycle laying in the road while patrolling the residential area. Officer Smith advised dispatch he was going to check the area. Back up officers arrived and assisted. Officer Smith contacted several homeowners on that block and one reported a bicycle was stolen from his front patio but it was not the one that was found.

Officers then found a second bicycle hidden from sight between a fence and a parked van. Officer Smith continued to comb the area and noticed a subject hiding in the nearby bushes. The subject was apprehended and stated

he was hiding from the police because he was a felon but denied taking the bicycles. One of the bikes belonged to the previous homeowner who noticed his bicycle was missing and it was returned to him.

The subject had an extensive criminal past and the officers concern for the safety of the residents and property led them to arrest him for loitering and prowling. Officer Smith's proactive patrolling, searching and checking the area on foot, resulted in the arrest of a career criminal before he could commit a crime. Officer Smith is commended for being proactive and keeping the Town of Surfside safe.

### Trial Program for Overnight Parking Begins

The Town of Surfside has initiated a "Trial Program" allowing Town residents to park their vehicles overnight at designated locations between the hours of 9 p.m.–7 a.m. seven days a week. Town Residents will utilize the present Town Parking Permit that is affixed to their vehicle's front windshield as an identifier for the overnight parking. Residents will be permitted to park overnight at on-street parking spaces that are currently pay for parking spaces, and to also park overnight at Town of Surfside Parking Lots with the following exceptions:

- No overnight parking will be permitted in the Abbott Parking Lot
- No overnight parking in the on-street spaces in the 9400 block of Harding Avenue and the 9500 block of Harding Avenue (Business District)



- No overnight parking will be permitted in the on-street parking spaces in the 300 block of 94th Street (between Harding Avenue and Abbott Avenue)

- No overnight parking will be permitted in the on-street parking spaces in the 300 block of 95th

Street (between Harding Avenue and Abbott Avenue)

This "Trial Program" will be offered from May 3 – July 31, 2016 at which time the program will be evaluated to determine if it will continue or if modifications are necessary. To ensure the success of this program we are asking that all residents parking their vehicles overnight to please move them by 7 am. This program is the result of resident requests for additional parking options.

### Good Samaritans Return Lost Bag and Cash

While shopping at the Surfside Publix, Surfside resident Neofit Oprikot accidentally left his bag in his shopping cart. It contained his wallet, identification, credit cards and a large amount of cash. Mr. Oprikot reported the loss to the Police Department. Two days later, Miami Beach residents Ariel Rivero and Richard Aponte found the bag containing all of the items and cash at Publix and brought it to the Surfside Police Department. Chief Allen recognized and presented Mr. Rivero and Mr. Aponte with police recognition coins for their honesty at the Police Department.



(L-R) Richard Aponte, Neofit Oprikot, Ariel Rivero and Chief Allen.

### Dept. of Motor Vehicles to Visit on June 15

Community Outreach Specialists from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DMV) will be on-site at Town Hall to take care of all your driver's license needs. Stop by Town Hall on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the **Police Training Room**, second floor. Please look for signs. Contact Dina Goldstein (305) 861-4862 and check the identification requirements on the Town website: [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov).