

POLICE BEAT

New Business District Officer Program Underway

The Surfside Police Department has initiated a new program on October 10: the Business District Officer. Officer Alejandro Lorente (at right) has been designated as the Business District Officer and is on duty from Tuesday through Friday from 12 noon to 10 p.m. This assignment is designed to incorporate a consistent police presence in the Business District during its busiest hours. The business owners and regular visitors to the area will develop a relationship with the Business District Officer and further enhance the Community Policing philosophy and practices.

Chief Allen will host a safety/security meeting to address any concerns of Surfside businesses on November 15 at 11 a.m. in the Police Training Room.



Surfside Brothers Enjoy Being the 'Chief for a Day'

As part of National Community Policing Week, Chief Allen participated in the *Chief for a Day* program with two young Surfside residents who "shadowed" him on October 3. Trey and Logan Brennen enjoyed a special experience that included a tour of the Surfside Police Station, patrolling the community, riding in the Polaris on the beach and taking a boat ride with the Bal Harbour marine patrol.

National Community Policing Week was October 3-7 and law enforcement departments throughout South Florida made dreams come true for young people in their community. The program enhances efforts to build trust and strong bonds between police departments and the youth of their communities as the boys and girls spent the day with a leader of their Town.

Trey and Logan also met Surfside officers, toured Town Hall and enjoyed a K-9 demonstration from Miami Beach Police Department.



Trey and Logan Brennen with Chief David Allen and Miami Beach Police K-9 officer Cliff Beck.

Combat Veteran Speaks at Leadership Training Event



Greg Stube, a Sergeant First Class in the U.S. Army Special Forces, spoke at a Leadership Training event sponsored by the Surfside Police Department. Sgt. Stube told the audience an inspiring and extraordinary story of service, sacrifice and heroic leadership. He survived severe injuries while fighting in Afghanistan and is the honorable recipient of the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and multiple army and national medals. Surfside, Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, North Bay Village and Sunny Isles Beach Police Officers attended the seminar.

At left, (L-R) Chief David Allen, Commissioner Tina Paul and speaker Greg Stube.