

POLICE BEAT

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY KEEPS BUSY WITH FIELD TRIPS AND PRESENTATIONS

Surfside Police Department's 17th Annual Citizens Police Academy is staying busy this fall with activities and field trips. At top left, The Marine Patrol class gathers in front of police boats. Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Indian Creek, Miami Beach and North Bay Village Police Departments assisted. At top right is a SWAT presentation by Surfside's Sgt. Julio Torres. At bottom left, a visit to Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Station 25 in Opa-Locka. At the bottom right, members are processing alternative light source fingerprints in a class led by Sharon Plotkin, a crime scene investigator and professor at the Miami-Dade College School of Justice.



BIKE WITH THE CHIEF

Enjoy the sights of Surfside's neighborhoods on your two wheeler! Chief Yero leads a bicycle tour every month. Join him on Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 5 pm at Town Hall.

ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT ON SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Surfside Police Department is an Accredited Law Enforcement Agency through The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Agencies (CFA), Inc. The Surfside Police Department successfully achieved initial CFA accreditation in 2009, and re-accreditation in 2012 and in 2016. The Surfside Police Department is proud to be an accredited law enforcement agency, which demonstrates that the agency is committed to the highest standards of professional law enforcement service. A team of assessors from the CFA will arrive on January 8, 2019 to examine all aspects of the Surfside Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations and support services. The Surfside Police Department must comply with more than 250 standards to receive reaccredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health and safety issues. As part of the on-site assessment, Surfside Police Department members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. A copy of the standards is available through the CFA's website: www.flaccreditation.org/standards.htm. For more information on CFA or to offer written comments about the Surfside Police Department's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, send correspondence to: CFA, Post Office Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302 or email: info@flaccreditation.org.

The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals and visit offices and other locations. When CFA assessors complete their review, they report back to the full Commission which will decide reaccredited status. The Surfside Police Department's reaccreditation occurs every three years. Verification that the Surfside Police Department meets the Commission's standards is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.