

## POLICE BEAT

### OFFICER OF THE MONTH

## Detective Diana Dulaney

A tourist from Guatemala reported his credit card had been stolen while he was swimming in the ocean. Detective Diana Dulaney immediately started working on the case. She discovered that six transactions were charged to the card, totaling \$12,560. The Guatemalan bank informed the victim that the transactions were his responsibility and would not be reimbursed. Thanks to Det. Dulaney's persistence, an assistant state attorney expedited a financial subpoena within minutes. She was able to intercept the \$12,000 transfer to the subject's account. Detective Dulaney conducted an excellent and thorough investigation showing her professionalism and compassion. Congratulations to Detective Dulaney as the recipient of Officer of the Month. Well deserved!



## Holiday Toy Drive

The Surfside Police Department is collecting toys for the 10th Annual Holiday Toy Drive. Show your support by bringing new unwrapped toys for children ages 1-13 to the Surfside Police Station at 9293 Harding Avenue. The last day to donate is Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018. For further information contact Dina Goldstein at (305) 861-4862 or [dgoldstein@townofsurfsidefl.gov](mailto:dgoldstein@townofsurfsidefl.gov)



### CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

## Donna Natale-Planas

Administrative Aide Donna Natale-Planas was tasked with updating all police employee training files and ensuring training information was entered in to the police CSD training module for the upcoming Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation assessment. Donna also assisted with the Surfside Citizens Police Academy and utilized her professional skills as a photographer. Donna is commended for her tireless dedication and commitment to the Town and Surfside Police Department. Congratulations to Donna as the recipient of Civilian of the Month. Well deserved!

### CPA CONCLUDES WITH GRADUATION



The 2018 members of the Surfside Police Department Citizen's Academy ended their six-weeks of classes and field trips with a graduation ceremony on November 15, 2018. Before the graduation they learned about homicides from Investigators Eunice Cooper, Ervens Ford and Roderick Passmore from the State Attorney's Office. They also visited the SWAT truck at North Miami Beach Police Department. Detective Michael Chinchilla (right) from the North Miami Beach Police Department spoke about the SWAT truck and MRAP armored vehicle.

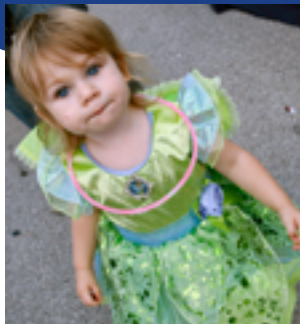


### VOLUNTEER CARLOS PLANAS HONORED

Carlos Planas is a long-time resident of Surfside who has always been dedicated to community service and civic duty. Carlos assisted with the Annual Police Department Holiday Toy Give-Away, cooked food for the officers in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, participated in the monthly Bike with the Police Chief, and with his wife Donna, assisted in the preparation and distribution of over 1,000 bags of candy and 2,000 glow sticks to community children for the Annual Surfside Police Department Halloween Event. Carlos is a kind, considerate and compassionate Surfsider who willingly puts others' needs and happiness at the forefront. He has displayed tireless dedication and commitment to the Town, the Police Department, and the residents.

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### HALLOWEEN FUN AT POLICE DEPARTMENT BLOCK PARTY



Hundreds of costumed Surfsiders gathered around 92nd Street and Byron Avenue to safely enjoy the Halloween holiday. Police officers and staff handed out candy bags and glow sticks. Thanks goes to Publix for donated water and candy, CVS for donated candy and Starbucks donated coffee. Also, Church by the Sea participated in the event and gave out popcorn, water and coffee.



### SHRED-A-THON AND DRUG TAKE BACK



Police Departments from Surfside, Aventura, Bay Harbor Islands and Sunny Isles Beach hosted a Shred-a-Thon and DEA National Drug Take Back at Bill Bird Marina (Haulover Park) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Surfside Community Service Aide Hans Smith assisted at the event.

### POLICE ASSIST WITH ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILL

The Surfside Police Department worked with the Bal Harbour Police Department and the Young Israel security team and congregants in an active shooter exercises on October 28. The teamwork and partnership



between the agencies resulted in a successful exercise.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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.