POLICE BEAT

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein

For the past four months, Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein organized, directed and coordinated the Police Department's 17th Citizen's Police Academy. The participants truly appreciated the thought-provoking and exciting topics, classes and exceptional instructors.

Behind the scenes of this successful program there is an enormous amount of work, including managing and scheduling classes, instructors, transportation, refreshments, venues, equipment, certificates, thank you correspondence, room set up and the graduation ceremony. This year, new instructors and classes were added. To keep this program successful and enlightening each year is challenging, requiring a considerable workload. Dina did all of this expertly in addition to her regular duties. Dina is commended for her overall dedication to this Department and her efforts in leading another successful SPD Citizens Police Academy!

HAVING A CUP OF COFFEE WITH THE COPS

Residents take a coffee break with Police Chief Julio Yero



and Lieutenant Antonio Marciante at the Surfside Starbucks. The next Coffee With the Cops will be Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 10 am.

SURFSIDE POLICE VOLUNTEER FOR FALLEN OFFICERS



The Surfside Police Department assisted the Police Officer Assistance Trust (POAT) by collecting donations for families of fallen officers, a tradition during the holiday season. From the left are Officer Ronald Donoso, Officer Luke and Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein. They joined with other volunteer officers at the Aventura Mall on December 1, 2018.

SURFSIDE JOINS COLOR GUARD FOR CELEBRITY SOCCER MATCH



Officer Alejandro Lorente (at center) represented the Surfside Police Department as a member of the Honor Guard for a Celebrity Soccer Match held on the beach at the W Hotel on November 17, 2018.

ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT ON SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Surfside Police Department is an Accredited Law Enforcement Agency though 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.