

POLICE BEAT

The Season Comes Alive at the 10th Annual Holiday Toy Event



Children of all ages greeted Mr. & Mrs. Claus as they arrived at Town Hall on a shrieking fire rescue truck from Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Station 21 at the 10th Annual Surfside Police Department's Holiday Toy event. With seasonal music playing, Santa and his team of elves (all Town staff in costume) danced on the sidewalk and led the children into the Commission Chambers where a mountain of donated toys awaited.



The children selected age-appropriate toys that brightened their holiday season. The office of Miami-Dade Commissioner Sally Heyman donated skateboards which were raffled off during the party. A special thanks to all the supporters, the Police Department and Town staff who participated.



CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT DINA GOLDSTEIN



Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein coordinated the 10th annual Surfside Police Department's Holiday Toy Drive. This project includes advertising for donations of new toys and vetting and inviting families to the Toy Giveaway Party. Dina assorted hundreds of gifts by age and displayed them for the party. She arranged for Miami-Dade Fire Rescue to deliver Santa and his crew on a fire truck. Town staff were recruited to assist for registration, set-up, decoration, refreshments and cleanup, as well as dress up as Santa, Mrs. Claus and elves. Dina's responsibilities included a pre-event meeting to assign duties, recognizing sponsors with plaques and sending out thank you letters. The well-managed event resulted in a spectacular day for the happy children and the parents. The Police Department thanks all who helped with this event and awards a special recognition to Dina for her unrelenting commitment and professionalism. Congratulations to Dina as Civilian of the Month...well deserved!

SGT. CRUZ & OFFICER LORENTE ATTEND FBI COMMAND LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Surfside Police Department staff Sgt. Marian Cruz and Officer Alejandro Lorente attended the prestigious FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (FBI-LEEDA). This Command Leadership Institute is a dynamic, intense and challenging five-day program specifically and uniquely designed to prepare law enforcement leaders for command level positions. The Institute's focus is to provide real-life best-practice strategies and techniques for those aspiring to command level assignments. The training included members of law enforcement from throughout the nation.

