

POLICE BEAT

SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL RE-ACCREDITATION



Police Chief Julio Yero (C) holds a plaque along with Police Department staff, administrative staff, Mayor and Commissioners. The Police Department received its third Accredited Law Enforcement Agency achievement from The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. Chief Yero recognized all of the Department's employees for preparing for a team of assessors who examined more than 250 standards for the Police Department to achieve re-accreditation. Congratulations to all who assisted the Surfside Police Department which has been accredited since 2009.

2018 OFFICER OF THE YEAR – OFFICER MICAH SMITH

Officer Micah Smith was named the Surfside Police Department's 2018 Officer of the Year by the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Awards Committee. Officer Micah Smith joined the Police Department in 2003 as a Public Service Aide and became a police officer in 2008. Throughout his career in Surfside, Officer Smith has consistently excelled. In 2018, Officer Smith continued to exemplify the highest standards of a professional police officer. He was named Officer of the



Month for March 2018 for his role in the arrest of three juveniles who confessed to three burglaries in Surfside. Officer Smith's alertness and keen observation skills and instincts prevented crimes in the community (see May 2018 Gazette). In addition to exceptional patrol practices, Officer Smith has received several recognition letters from residents. From assisting a stranded motorist in the middle of the night to simply providing information to tourists, he exemplifies the strong community policing philosophy of the Surfside Police Department. Officer Smith was also nominated for the prestigious 2018 LEO Award in the Uniform Services Category as a finalist.

2018 CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR – DINA GOLDSTEIN

Executive Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein was named the Police Department's 2018 Civilian of the Year by The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Awards Committee. She successfully manages the many administrative functions of the Police Department. Her job responsibilities are numerous and critical to the Department's overall operation. Dina tracks three annual budgets and serves as office manager: ordering, purchasing and



billing. Dina also administers the business parking permit program, compiles crime and enforcement statistics, prepares the monthly police bulletin, the report to the Town Manager and police information for the Gazette. She is the liaison for the website, distributes public flyers and represents the Chief's Office at law enforcement meetings and events. Dina continues to coordinate the Citizens Police Academy, Halloween Safety Night, Holiday Toy Drive and Party and Summer Police Teen Camp. She hosts programs for blood drives, outreach for the State Attorneys' Office, Department of Motor Vehicles and Prescription Drug Drop Off. Dina also works on bicycle and dog registration programs and the annual Miami-Dade Chiefs of Police dinner. Her work ethic, dedication and commitment are unparalleled. Most importantly, Dina is a kind, compassionate and loyal person! Congratulations on being the Police Department's Civilian of the Year for 2018!