

POLICE BEAT

2019 CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER JOSUE CASTRO

The Surfside Police Department Fraternal Order of Police Selection Committee is honored to select Parking Enforcement Officer (PEO) Josue Castro as the 2019 Police Department Civilian. Since he joined the Department in 2012, Josue Castro has been on a first name basis with the community and is known for often helping residents. Even though his primary role is enforcement of parking violations, PEO Castro has a keen eye and has observed and reported criminal activity. In 2019, PEO Castro issued over 2200 parking citations, putting him often at the top of the Chief's Monthly High Achiever category. In February 2019, he was awarded the Civilian of the Month for helping three Police Departments locate and capture a group of wanted felons. PEO Castro's efforts to assist the community helps the Police Department's day-to-day operations. From giving directions to tourists to helping a driver whose car has broken down to helping someone retrieve their credit card in a parking kiosk, he always goes to great lengths to help others. His giving nature led him to volunteer as DJ at the Annual Holiday Toy Giveaway event. PEO Castro was nominated for the prestigious 2019 Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) Award in the Support Services category. Congratulations as the recipient of the 2019 Surfside Police Department Civilian of the Year Award. Well deserved!



2019 OFFICER OF THE YEAR OFFICER TAMMY CAMPBELL

The Surfside Police Department Fraternal Order of Police Selection Committee is honored to select Officer Tammy Campbell as the 2019 Officer of the Year. Officer Tammy Campbell joined the Department in January 2000 as a Communications Operator and became a sworn police officer in August 2004. Police Officer/Acting Sgt. Tammy Campbell is currently assigned to the Patrol Division.

Officer Campbell has worked as acting sergeant for months because a sergeant was out on military activation. Officer Campbell performed exceptionally well while supervising a Patrol Squad. She is a respected and valued member of the Department and her knowledge, experience and leadership ability is a tremendous asset. Her squad members respect and trust in her guidance, while her supervisors have confidence she can handle any situation. She shined with all the added responsibility that comes with that position. Officer Campbell was named Surfside Police Officer of the Month for April and July of 2019 (see the September 2019 Gazette) She also is nominated for the prestigious 2019 LEO Award in the Uniform Services Category. Congratulations as recipient of the 2019 Surfside Police Department Officer of the Year Award. Well deserved!

DET. DIANA DULANEY OFFICER OF THE MONTH - JANUARY 2020

When a 90-year-old victim reported to the Surfside Police that she suspected her caregiver stole \$11,896 in credit cards and cash, Detective Diana Dulaney took on the case. Moving quickly, she obtained the victim's statements, visited department stores, obtained receipts and looked at video surveillance. Detective Dulaney discovered the caretaker was responsible for committing the fraudulent transactions and went on a shopping spree. Surveillance was set up and she was taken into custody. During questioning, she attempted to deny the theft. However, faced with the evidence she confessed to committing the fraud and offered to return the money. The caretaker was arrested and charged with one count of exploitation of the elderly, and one count of theft from the elderly. State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle praised the Surfside Police Department in a Press Release sent to media outlets, saying the swift actions of the officers quickly brought the investigation to a close. Detective Diana Dulaney's thorough investigation stopped a caretaker who preyed on her patient for her own financial gain. This is an example of how this exceptional detective performs on each case assigned to her. Congratulations to the January Officer of the Month. Well deserved!

