

POLICE BEAT

CELEBRATING NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

To mark 2021 National Public Safety Telecommunications Week on April 12-16, Surfside Police Department honored their employees who answer emergency calls, dispatch emergency profes-

sionals and render life-saving assistance to citizens and first responders.

Communications Supervisor Susie Sperbeck and Communications Operators Tameka Burnell-McKnight, Kenia Castillo and Jorge Villar were acknowledged by the Command Staff and colleagues for their service to the law enforcement profession. In times of crisis such as the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, their essential services have been demonstrated and appreciated by all they serve. A special "thank you" to these dedicated professionals for all that they do each and every day.



(L-R) Susie Sperbeck, Tameka Burnell-McKnight, Jorge Villar & Kenia Castillo

MARCH CIVILIANS OF THE MONTH

PARKING OPERATIONS TEAM HELP VACCINATION DAY GO SMOOTHLY

Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph, Parking Enforcement Officer Alain Acosta, Parking Enforcement Officer Josue Castro and Parking Enforcement Officer Willy Perez are recognized for once again proving to be critical to the successful operation of the Town for the betterment of our residents. The proactive enforcement and commitment by the Parking Enforcement Section has led to one of the largest increases in parking revenue for the Town of Surfside.

In addition, the Town of Surfside led by Human Resources Director Yamileth Slate-McCloud coordinated with the Florida Department of Health to become a COVID-19 vaccination site and administered the first-dose of the vaccine to qualifying Surfside residents at Town Hall on March 24, 2021.

In the weeks leading up to this event, essential Town employees from Human Resources, Code Enforcement, Public Works, Communications Department and Parks and Recreation met to discuss the plans for the upcoming operation. The coordination of this event plan was extensive involving several days of preparation. The plan encompassed a thorough communication campaign sharing event details that included parking enforcement officers along with other town employees going door to door throughout the town to ensure everyone received the necessary information. They provided informational pamphlets to elderly residents and instructions on how to sign up to receive the vaccination. Additional preparation included setting up pre-designated parking lots for the Department of Health Employees and residents that would be attending to receive the vaccine. On the event date, each member of the parking team voluntarily adjusted their work schedule, arriving to work at 6:00 a.m. in order to ensure everything ran smoothly

and cohesively. Parking personnel set up and directed all town employees to alternate parking as they arrived to work. The set up and managed a staging area for residents that arrived early for their appointments, keeping social distancing guidelines a priority. Each employee manned key positions on foot in the two designated parking lots to assist and direct both Department of Health Employees and residents coming for the vaccine.

The leadership and dedication of Parking Operations Manager Joseph, along with the work ethic and commitment of Surfside of Parking Enforcement Officers Acosta, Castro and Perez, was critical for the seamless operation of this plan and eventual success. These professionals perform in an exceptional manner every day. Whether for a special event or their daily tasks and responsibilities, the dedication exhibited by these employees is unwavering. We commend these exceptional people for their extraordinary work and commitment to the Town of Surfside. Congratulations to Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph and Parking Enforcement Officers Alain Acosta, Josue Castro and Willy Perez as recipients of the March Civilians of the Month award.

NEW PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER



Parking Enforcement Officer Cristhian Acosta is the newest member of the Surfside Police Department family, joining on March 29, 2021. PEO Acosta is a certified Parking Enforcement Officer with experience in which the Town of Surfside will greatly benefit. We welcome Cristhian to the Surfside team.