

POLICE BEAT

Officer of the Month – November 2014



(L-R) Sgt. Jay Matelis, Detective Marian Cruz and Chief David Allen.

On November 24, 2014, Surfside Detective Marian Cruz identified a possible suspect of grand theft from a hotel room. Through superb investigative techniques and interviewing skills, the suspect admitted to stealing \$370 in cash from a handbag in a hotel room.

Det. Cruz was also able to gain a second confession of an additional theft of \$1000 in cash from another hotel room back in April 2014. Congratulations and excellent work!

Civilian of the Month – November 2014

Communications Operator Tameka Burnell is recognized for her exceptional efforts on the afternoon of November 24, 2014. A water main burst on 96th Street caused two lanes of traffic to be closed and required the conversion of the eastbound lane into a westbound lane to allow traffic in both directions.

Next, a fire was reported at the closed hotel at 87th Street, shutting down three lanes of traffic on Collins Avenue. All northbound traffic was diverted southbound onto Harding Avenue. Traffic was also gridlocked at 95th Street and Byron and Abbott Avenues. Throughout the



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events, Communications Operator Burnell handled continuous calls from drivers and residents caught in the traffic as well as dispatching calls for service – including an in-progress crime that resulted in two arrests. Congratulations for an outstanding job!

Holiday Happenings!

Officer Don McGavern feeding the homeless at the Church by the Sea.



(L-R) Surfside resident Arnie Notkin, CSA Daniel Sanchez, Officer Dianna Hernandez, Chief David Allen and MBPD Chief Dan Oates, at the Miami Beach Police Department's Police Athletic League annual Thanksgiving Food Giveaway.



Chief Allen and NRO Dianna Hernandez, and the Miami-Dade County Police Chiefs at a special Thanksgiving luncheon for homeless veterans at the Miami VA Outpatient Clinic.

Register Your Pet with the Surfside PD

The Police Department is providing special tags to be attached to the collar of your pets. The dog tag will have the Police telephone number and a registration number.

The registration number will enable the Police to contact the owner of lost or loose dogs without calling Miami-Dade Animal Control. The tag does not replace the County dog tag. This is a free service. For more information or to register your pet, please contact Dina Goldstein at (305) 861-4862.