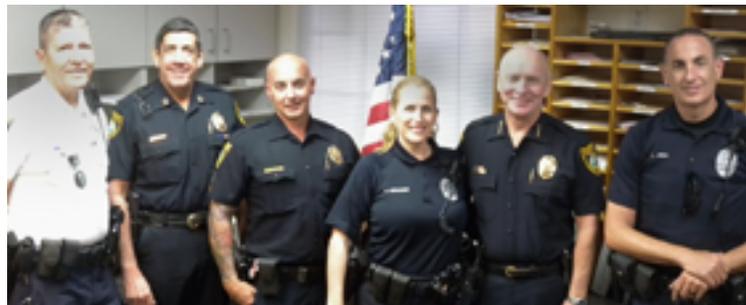


POLICE BEAT

February Officers of the Month Honored

Surfside Sergeant Patrick McKenna and Officers Tammy Campbell, Loxley Arch, Tony Mesa and Dianna Hernandez were named Officers of the Month for their outstanding work in a dangerous situation.

All available Surfside Police units responded to a call on February 12 of an aggravated battery in progress and a description of a man possibly armed with a gun. As Officers Arch and Campbell arrived in the area, they found a man matching the description fleeing the scene. The officers confronted the man with guns drawn as Sergeant McKenna joined them on the scene. The man screamed profanities and was hostile, violently waving his hands and refusing to comply with the officers. Sergeant McKenna deployed his Taser striking



(L-R) Officer Tony Mesa, Captain Julio Yero, Sgt. Patrick McKenna, Officer Dianna Hernandez, Chief David Allen and Officer Loxley Arch. Not pictured: Officer Tammy Campbell.

the subject. The subject pulled out the Taser prong and continued his threatening movements. Officer Campbell then tased him, causing him to fall to the ground. Officers quickly handcuffed the subject. As the man was taken into custody, Officers Hernandez and Mesa arrived at the home and found the victims (the mother and daughter of the man) both seriously injured. Both the subject and the badly injured victims were transported to Mt. Sinai.

The Surfside Police personnel that responded and handled this incident from beginning to end acted alertly, professionally and with courage. Officers Campbell and Arch located a dangerous felon fleeing from the crime scene. Together with Sergeant McKenna, the experienced team subdued this violent felon. Officers Hernandez and Mesa attended to the injured and preserved the original crime scene. Congratulations to all for job well done!

Surfside 2014 Uniform Crime Reports

	Total Crimes		Violent Crime		Nonviolent Crimes	
		%CH		%CH		%CH
2009	202	18.8	27	-20.6	175	28.7
2010	167	-17.3	13	-51.9	154	-12.0
2011	183	9.6	4	-69.2	179	16.2
2012	167	-8.7	15	275	152	-15.1
2013	123	-26.3	7	-53.3	116	-23.7
2014	158	28.5	4	-42.9	154	32.8

Part One Crimes (Murder, Forcible Sex Offenses, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft) increased from 123 in 2013 to 158 in 2014. Violent crime (Murder, Forcible Sex Offenses, Robbery, Aggravated Assault) decreased from 7 in 2013 to 4 in 2014. Nonviolent crime (Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft) increased from 116 in 2013 to 154 in 2014. This increase came from larceny crimes (93 in 2013 to 131 in 2014), mostly from shoplifting and thefts from hotel rooms. Arrests decreased from 169 in 2013 to 133 in 2014.

Parking is a Breeze with PayByPhone

Surfside is the newest PayByPhone area in South Florida, providing the convenient service to residents and visitors in both off-street lots and on-street spaces.

Drivers can sign up for a free account with their credit card and license plate by downloading the PayByPhone app (iOS, Android, Amazon, Blackberry), or visiting paybyphone.com. Don't have a smartphone? No problem. Users simply dial the toll-free number posted on signage and follow the voice prompts to set up an account.

Each month, over 118,000 South Florida drivers use PayByPhone, processing three million payments each year through PayByPhone. For further information contact Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph at (305)861-4862.

Police Department Wins Two LEO Awards



(L-R) Executive Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein, Chief David Allen and Neighborhood Resource Officer Dianna Hernandez.

Neighborhood Resource Officer Dianna Hernandez and the Chief's Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein both received coveted LEO awards in the Community Safety category at a county-wide ceremony on March 7. The awards are sponsored by the police chiefs of Miami-Dade County. Dianna and Dina

were nominated together for the more than 25 separate programs, initiatives and activities they coordinate – all of which help to promote community safety and serve the residents of Surfside. Dina also won a LEO in 2011. Both were commended for their work ethic, dedication and commitment to Surfside. Congratulations!