

Police Officers of the Month Honored



(L-R) Commissioner Joe Graubart, Town Manager Mike Crotty, Alain Acosta, Chief David Allen, Officer Dianna Hernandez, Officer Donald McGavern, Commissioner Michelle Kligman, Sgt. Jay Matelis, Commissioner Marta Olchyk, Officer John Gentile, Mayor Daniel Dietch and Commissioner Michael Karukin. Not pictured: Officer Alberto Knight.

APRIL CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH

Alain Acosta is a diligent worker and consistently excels each month in his role as a Parking Enforcement Officer as well as being a proactive presence in the business district and residential neighborhood. He is a professional, courteous, optimistic and great representative of the Town. He also assists with Town special events.

APRIL OFFICER OF THE MONTH

Officer Alberto Knight was honored for his performance in apprehending two subjects breaking into a car on Collins Avenue. Officer Knight responded to a call and detained the burglars who had stolen property and marijuana. He interviewed the subjects and they confessed to the burglary as well as another Surfside vehicle break in. One of the subjects was also wanted by the Hialeah Police Department for a recent armed robbery with a firearm. Congratulations!

MAY OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

Officer John Gentile, Officer Alberto Knight and Sgt. Jay Matelis were named Officers of the Month for May for their work in apprehending a burglar at a Collins Avenue construction site. Officer Gentile arrived on the

scene and began to pursue a subject a foot who ran from the site and jumped over a fence. Officer Gentile radioed his location and Officer Knight and Sgt. Matelis blocked the subject's escape in an alley. The subject disregarded commands to stop and Sgt. Matelis exited his vehicle, confronted the subject and placed him into custody with the assistance of Officer Knight. All three were praised for exceptional police work in solving this high priority crime.

JUNE OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

Officers Donald McGavern and Dianna Hernandez were named Officers of the Month for June for their extraordinary efforts to save the life of an injured man. They were called to a physical altercation between two landscapers. One victim was unresponsive because of his injuries. Officers McGavern and Hernandez immediately began CPR and were brought to exhaustion from their relentless efforts until Miami-Dade Fire Rescue arrived. The victim was transported to Jackson Memorial Hospital and later expired. The Officers maintained their composure and professionalism throughout this high stress incident. Their actions provided the highest level of police service possible.