

POLICE BEAT

Officer Marian Cruz Receives Sergeant Stripes

Marian Cruz, who first joined the Police Department as a communications operator in 2004, has been promoted to Sergeant. In 2009 she successfully completed the Miami-Dade College School of Justice Police Academy and became a police officer. In 2011, she transferred into the Criminal Investigations Unit where she remained for five years. She served as the department's Public Information Officer and received numerous Officer of the Month awards. Marian was selected as a finalist for the Investigative Services Award at the Annual Miami-Dade Law Enforcement Officer Ceremony in 2015. A native of Cuba, Marian came to the U.S. with her family in 1988. She graduated from Miami Senior High School and attended Miami-Dade College.



Chief David Allen swears in Sgt. Marian Cruz

Preliminary Uniform Crime Reports

At right is the preliminary Uniform Crime Reports for January to June 2016 and the nine preceding years. Surfside experienced an increase in Total Crimes, Violent Crimes (homicide, sexual battery, robbery, aggravated assault) and Non Violent Crimes (burglary, larceny, auto theft). Total Crimes increased from 60-91, Violent Crimes from 5-9 and Non Violent Crimes 58-82 during this six month time period in 2015 to 2016. Surfside did not have any homicides, sexual batteries or robberies. Violent crimes increased from 4 aggravated assaults to 9 aggravated assaults in 2016. Non Violent Crimes (Burglary 3-9, Larceny 55-82) increased during this six month time period in 2016. Larceny accounts for 76.9 % of all crime in Surfside. There was also an increase in arrests from 67 during the first six months of 2015 to 117 during the first six months of 2016.

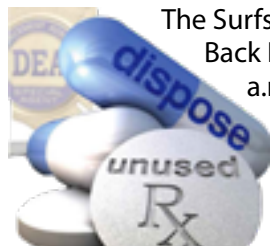
	INDEX TOTAL CRIMES	% CH	VIOLENT CRIME	% CH	NONVIOLENT CRIME	% CH
2007	90	-4.3	13	-50	77	23.1
2008	72	-20	13	0	59	-23.4
2009	84	16.7	12	-7.7	72	22
2010	92	9.5	8	-33.3	84	16.7
2011	87	-5.4	3	-62.5	84	0
2012	82	-5.7	8	166.7	74	-11.9
2013	69	-15.9	5	-37.5	64	-13.5
2014	88	27.5	2	-60	86	34.4
2015	60	-31.8	5	60	55	-36
2016	91	51.6	9	80	82	49
AVERAGE	81.5	12%	7.8	15%	73.7	11%

Back to School Safety Tips

A new school year has begun and keeping children safe is top priority for the Surfside Police Department. Parents should teach their children the following for a safe school year:

- Children should know their parent(s) name, cellphone number and address, as well as where their parents work.
- Only cross streets at designated crosswalks, street corners and traffic controlled intersections.
- Always look both ways before crossing the street.
- Avoid talking to strangers. If a stranger approaches your child, make sure they know to immediately report the incident to you, a teacher or a police officer.
- Teach your children to never get into a vehicle with anyone, even if they know them, without your permission.

Drug Drop Off on Saturday, Oct. 22



The Surfside Police Department is hosting a National Take Back Initiative on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The National Take Back Initiative is an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted and unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement for destruction.

A collection box will be placed at the Surfside Police Department for citizens to drop off pharmaceutical products and liquids, sealed in their original container. Intra-venous solutions, injectibles, and syringes will not be accepted. For more information, contact Dina Goldstein at (305) 861-4862.

Dept. of Motor Vehicles to Visit

Community Outreach Specialists from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DMV) will be on-site at Town Hall to take care of all your driver's license needs. Stop by Town Hall on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the **Police Training Room**, second floor. Please look for signs. Contact Dina Goldstein (305) 861-4862 and check the identification requirements on the Town website: www.townofsurfsidefl.gov.