

POLICE BEAT

Training Session to Boost Youth Mentoring

The Surfside Police Department recently hosted a full day training session for officers, Parks & Recreation employees and school staff. Called *My Life My Power* (MLMP), the training was led by founder Daniel Puder, a former mixed martial arts fighter and WWE Champion. It focused on developing mentoring techniques to positively impact youth by building their self-esteem, purpose and fulfillment toward a successful future. The program promotes a safer community and more productive climate for youths in Surfside, Bal



Participants in the My Life My Power mentoring training program.

Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands. Attendees became certified MLMP trainers and will use these skills to mentor children and teenagers in local schools and communities.

Program To Reunite Dog Owners and Pets

Surfside dog owners are encouraged to participate in a new community program implemented by the Surfside Police Department. The Police Department is providing special tags to be attached to the collar of their 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 a free service. For more information or to register your pet, please contact Dina Goldstein at (305) 861-4862.

Keep your Pooch on a Leash



Taking your dog out for a walk? Remember that Town Code provides for dog owners to securely leash their dogs when in public. Not only does this keep your pet safe from vehicular traffic, but ensures there is no unintended contact with the public or other dogs. Dogs running at large are considered a nuisance and may

cause problems when unexpected confrontations occur with unsuspecting residents. Always keep your dog leashed and collared with a current license tag, and be sure to pick-up and properly dispose of any waste deposits that your pet may leave behind (**see related story at left**).

Proclamation for Officer from Newtown, CT.

Many know of the growing bond between the Town of Surfside and Maryhelen McCarthy, a police officer from Newtown, Connecticut and a first responder to the December 2012 Sandy Hook school tragedy. The friendship between Maryhelen and the Town began with the donation of the Ruth the Turtle sculpture to Newtown in February 2013 and grew over the past year as Maryhelen visited Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center to meet the children and published a story about how the healing relationship has positively effected so many.



At the March Commission meeting, Officer McCarthy received a Town proclamation acknowledging her on-going efforts to build bridges between our communities. Maryhelen's heartfelt letter that was published in a book can be read at the Tourist Bureau office at the Community Center.

(L-R) Police Chief David Allen, TEDACS Director Duncan Tavares, Officer Maryhelen McCarthy, school art teacher Maggie Vidal Santos who coordinated the students who created Ruth, and Mayor Daniel Dietch.