Sign Up To Receive Emergency and Traffic Notifications

Residents can sign up to receive CodeRED emergency alert messages issued by the Surfside Police Department. The system enables the Police Department to deliver emergency notifications and/or informational messages, including evacuation notices, missing child alerts, boil water notices, fire/flood disasters, health related notices and traffic advisories.

The notifications and advisories are sent out as voice messages and text messages to registered telephone, cellphone and email addresses of Town residents and businesses.   Residents can easily register by accessing the Town website, www.townofsurfsidefl.gov, type in "Code Red" in the search bar and the first entry will display the link to register for the CodeRED System. There is also a CodeRED app available for your cell phone and you may register via the app.

"The CodeRED system is only as good as the database supporting it. If your phone number or email is not in the database it will not be called. In an emergency situation, early notification can help save lives," said Surfside Police Chief David Allen. He encourages all residents and busi-ness owners to register their phone numbers and assures everyone their information will remain completely confidential and used only for emergency notification purposes and advisories.

CodeRED provides the community with greater protection during critical situations. Thousands of people can be alerted quickly and the controlled warning system ensures that every call provides consistent and accurate information. Other benefits include documented confirmation of the individuals selected, and the system has the ability to contact cell phones, send text messages and email. CodeRED reduces the demand on emergency personnel so that they may better focus and manage their response efforts.

If you do not have Internet access, please contact Dina Goldstein at (305) 861-4862 extension 210, Monday-Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., to register by phone. Any questions you may have about the CodeRED system may also be directed to Dina Goldstein.

Blood Drive Set for Wednesday, June 1

The Surfside Police Department is hosting a blood drive in conjunction with the One Blood organization on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 from 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. The Blood Mobile will be located in the Town Hall parking lot. For further information please contact Dina Goldstein at (305) 861-4862 or dgoldstein@townofsurfsidefl.gov.

Dept. of Motor Vehicles to Visit on June 15

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, June 15, 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.

Bike With The Chief and Tour Surfside

A recent "Bike with the Chief" group pauses for a photo along the bay front. The monthly afternoon event leaves from Town Hall at 5 p.m., usually on the last Wednesday of the month. The next ride will be May 25.

Nearby Beaches Allow Dogs in Water

In Surfside, residents can walk their dogs with a leash on the hard pack. For those who want to take their dog east of the dune line to the soft sand and surf, they have two nearby options:

• **Haulover Beach.** From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, Saturdays and Sundays, in designated beach area near lifeguard tower #3 only. Dogs are welcome with their companions on the portion of the beach directly across from the bark park and accessible through parking lots #3 and #4. $2 user fee, per vehicle, cash only.

• **Bark Beach at North Shores Open Space Park.** Between 80 and 81 Streets, entrance on Collins and 81st St. Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 3- 7 p.m. Limit two dogs per owner. Non-resident of Miami Beach cost is $25, cash only. Annual passes are available.