

# POLICE BEAT

## Bryant Luke & Ian Leonard Named Officers of the Month

Surfside Police Officers Ian Leonard and Bryant Luke answered a call on October 30 regarding a trespass violation at the Surfside CVS store. Store employees reported the individual had left the store heading south on a bicycle. Officer Luke found a man matching the description and detained him while Officer Leonard interviewed the CVS employees and confirmed the subject's identity. The man had previously been issued a Trespass Warning by CVS personnel in the presence of a Surfside Police Officer and was arrested. The officers checked with the Surfside Criminal Investigations Unit and found that there was an open investigation for a prior Grand Theft at the store by the same subject. The man was arrested for trespass and grand theft. The professionalism, diligence and teamwork shown by these officers are commendable and their police work removed a repeat offender from the streets of Surfside.

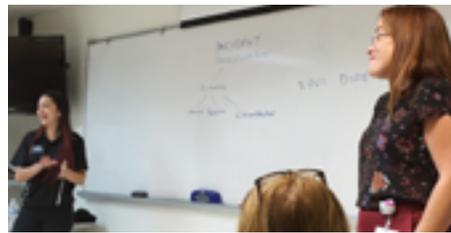


(L-R) Officer Bryant Luke, Chief David Allen and Officer Ian Leonard

## Surfside's Citizens Police Academy

Last month, the Surfside Police Department's 15th Citizens Police Academy hosted classes on the Fundamentals of Law and held a mock trial. Speakers were Jason Pizzo (with Surfside Police Officer Bobby Gabriel far left), formerly of the State Attorney's Office and Maggie Gerson (top center) from the State Attorney's Office.

At far right is Officer Thomas Philpart from Sunny Isles Beach Police Department leading a K-9 presentation.



Residents role play as police officers and learn about patrol procedures.

## Fun For All at Surfside Halloween Block Party

Hundreds of families and trick-or-treaters gathered at a two-block Surfside neighborhood for a safe and fun Halloween party. The Police Department officers and staff handed out candy and glow sticks. A special thank you to CVS Pharmacy, Church by the Sea and Publix for their generous contributions to the Halloween Block Party of candy, coffee, popcorn and water for the trick-or-treaters and their families to enjoy.

