

APRIL OFFICER OF THE MONTH

Traffic Stop Results in Seizing Stash of Loaded Guns

While making a traffic stop, Officer John Gentile approached a vehicle and smelled marijuana coming from the open window. Officer Gentile then saw a Glock pistol on the center console. As back up units arrived, the driver and passenger were ordered out of the vehicle, handcuffed and detained. Inside the car were five more guns, including an AK-47 assault rifle, shot gun, rifle and semi-automatic hand guns. Also found were loaded magazines and more than two hundred rounds of ammunition. The driver admitted to driving with the AK-47 on his lap and then trying to conceal it before the car came to a complete stop. Both subjects were arrested for weapons and a narcotics charge. Officer Gentile made seven arrests in April, including two other traffic stops in which marijuana and two additional firearms were seized. His proactive police work prevented potential crimes and kept dangerous weapons off the streets. Congratulations for receiving the Officer of the Month award!



Chief David Allen and Officer John Gentile

APRIL CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH

Communication Operator Assists in Manhunt

During Communications Operator (CO) Peter Filiberto's shift, a stolen vehicle was reported by Bay Harbor Islands Police traveling into Surfside and Bal Harbour. CO Filiberto kept Surfside patrol units updated regarding the vehicle description, passengers, location and reported that the car was stolen in an armed robbery. The subjects bailed out of the car in Bal Harbour and CO Filiberto continued to provide information to other agency's air, marine and K-9 support. The intense



(L-R) Lt. John Bambis, Chief David Allen, CO Peter Filiberto and Captain Julio Yero.

manhunt lasted almost two hours before the subjects were apprehended and arrested. The detailed notes he took assisted supervisors and the command staff during the event and for the detailed documentation of reports after the incident. Throughout, CO Filiberto continued to answer the phones and dispatch other calls. Congratulations to Peter Filiberto as the recipient of Civilian of the Month.

Surfside Officer Represents The Town at U.S. Capitol for Police Appreciation Month



Officer Alejandro Lorente (L) represented the Town of Surfside at the 2017 National Police Week in Washington D.C. Tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world, surviving fam-

ilies and co-workers of police officers killed in the line of duty all converged at the nation's Capital to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Sgt. Torres Competes in Endurance Race

Surfside Police Sergeant Julio Torres (far right) and members of the Miami Beach Police SWAT Team completed the Florida Keys 100 mile run from Key Largo to Key West on May 20, 2017. Their team placed 23rd out of 146 teams.



Surfside Resident Safety Vest Program

The Town of Surfside started a pilot program to offer high-visibility safety vests to make the wearer more visible to motorists. Research has shown that reflective vests will increase safety to pedestrians as they walk near traffic areas or cross streets. The "Civilian Safety Vest Program" provides 20 vests on a first come, first served basis, available at Town Hall.