

POLICE BEAT

OFFICERS OF THE MONTH - JULY 2018

SERGEANT JAY MATELIS

Sgt. Jay Matelis saw a man walking west on 88th Street carrying a backpack at 3:30 am on July 29, 2018. When approached, the man immediately became nervous and Sgt. Matelis requested back-up assistance. He told Sgt. Matelis that he was carrying marijuana to sell. He also admitted to breaking into vehicles in Surfside and was planning to burglarize unlocked vehicles in the residential area. The man was homeless, on probation in Broward County for fraud and had a bench warrant for no valid driver's license. The subject, who had an extensive criminal past, was charged with auto burglary, loitering and prowling, possession of marijuana and the bench warrant. Sgt. Matelis used his observation skills and patrol tactics to arrest a subject that would have victimized countless citizens. Well deserved! Congratulations to Sergeant Jay Matelis as Officer of the Month.



Sgt. Jay Matelis, Chief Julio Yero.

OFFICER LESMES RUIZ



Officer Lesmes Ruiz, Chief Julio Yero.

While patrolling in the early morning hours, Officer Lesmes Ruiz saw a vehicle operating with their high beams at 90th Street and Froude Avenue. Officer Ruiz stopped the vehicle, which had four male juveniles and one 18-year-old adult male. They said the car was a rental and then stopped answering questions from the officers. The temporary tag did not match the vehicle and further inquiry revealed it was previously reported stolen in Miami Gardens. All five occupants of the vehicle were immediately handcuffed. Officer Ruiz was vigilant and proactive while patrolling, ultimately leading to the arrest of five criminals and charging them with grand theft and recovering a stolen vehicle. Well deserved! Congratulations to Officer Lesmes Ruiz as Officer of the Month.

Surfside's Tenth Annual Police Teen Summer Camp Soars

Surfside's 10th Annual Police Teen Summer Camp class graduated on August 2, 2018. The group enjoyed a busy camp that included K-9 and law presentations, outings to the U.S. Coast Guard Air Base and Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department. The teenagers had presentations and hands-on experiences on Crime Scene Investigation, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Marine and Air Interdiction, S.W.A.T and school safety. They also visited the U.S. Air Force Base in Homestead.



Crime Scene Investigation class.



Detective Laura Gonzalez from North Miami Beach Police Department and Lt. Antonio Marciante during the school safety presentation.



U.S. Customs and Border Air Protection



Sgt. Julio Torres from Surfside and member of the Miami Beach Police SWAT.



U.S. Customs and Border Marine Interdiction.



The 10th Annual Police Teen Summer Camp graduation ceremony.