

## POLICE BEAT

# 18th Citizen's Police Academy Celebrates Graduation

The 2019 members of the Surfside Police Department 18th Annual Citizen's Academy ended their 11 weeks of classes and field trips with a graduation ceremony on November 21, 2019 (below). The November classes comprised of Homicide Investigation and a visit to the North Miami Beach Police Department for a tour of the Incident Command Center, a Use of Force presentation (at left) and to experience first-hand the Firearms Simulator.



## CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2019



Over the past four months, Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein organized, managed, directed and coordinated the Police Department's 18th Annual Citizens Police Academy. As in the past, the CPA participants enjoyed thought-provoking and thrilling topics presented by exceptional instructors. This program requires managing and scheduling classes, instructors, transportation, refreshments, venues, equipment, certificates, thank you correspondence, classroom set up and the graduation ceremony. The workload to make this program successful and informative is considerable and extremely challenging. Dina did this in addition to her regular duties. Dina's overall dedication and efforts in leading the successful SPD Citizens Police Academy is commendable. Congratulations as the recipient of Civilian of the Month.

## SURFSIDE STAR

# Surfside Veterinarian & Resident Donates Dog Chip Scanner

Local veterinarian and long-time Surfside resident, David Carmona, knows first hand how a lost dog can traumatize a family. To help reunite Surfside residents and their pets, Dr. Carmona has donated a scanning device that reads the owners information in the microchip inside the dog. He also trained Surfside police officers in how to use the device. "We have scanner at our veterinary center, but dogs are often found on weekends and holidays," said Dr. Carmona. "The scanner will help Surfside residents find their dogs quicker."

Dr. Carmona first moved to Surfside with his parents from Brazil when he was 13 years old. Always interested in animals, he received his undergraduate and veterinarian training at the University of Florida. He worked several years at a veterinary center in Broward before opening the Veterinary Wellness Center of Surfside five years ago. "It is awesome living and having my practice here in Surfside. Many of my friends I grew up with are still here. Now we have families of our own and our children get to enjoy living in this great community.," he said. Dr. Carmona lives close to his parents with his wife, Liza and two boys Shae and Kai. When he is not caring for animals or with his family, he can be found enjoying his life-long love of surfing, often in Costa Rica. But he still thinks his hometown is the best. "We are grateful to be in the best place to live in South Florida."



Dr. David Carmona (C) shows Officers Maryanne Durante and John Gentile how to use the microchip scanner.

## REGISTER YOUR DOG TODAY

The Surfside Police Department has a program offering residents a free tag to attach to the collar of pet dogs. The tag will have the Police Department's telephone and a registration number. If the dog is found, the owners can be quickly located through the registration information kept at the Police Department. For further information or to register your pet contact Dina Goldstein at (305) 861-4862.