



TOWN OF SURFSIDE
Office of the Town Manager
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LETTER TO COMMISSION

No.: 84-2025

To: Mayor Charles W. Burkett, Vice Mayor Tina Paul, and
Members of the Town Commission

From: Mark Blumstein, Town Manager *MB*

Date: February 24, 2025

Subject: **Fire at The Shul – Report**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to inform you that there was a fire at The Shul earlier today in the garage. I trust you will find the attached report prepared by the Surfside Police Department informative referencing same. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue is also investigating.

Further, I am directing the Code Compliance Department to review the entire property for any Code issues following this incident. Thank you.

Enclosed: Surfside Police Department - Report dated February 24, 2025



SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Case 250163

Printed on February 24, 2025

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| Status | Approved |
| Report Type | Patrol |
| Primary Officer | Ariol Lage |
| Investigator | None |
| Reported At | 02/24/25 13:30 |
| Incident Date | 02/24/25 13:30 |
| Incident Code | 49 : FIRE |
| Location | 9540 COLLINS AVE, SURFSIDE, FL 33154 (ALEPH INSTITUTE) |
| Disposition | Closed - Resolved |
| Disposition Date/Time | 02/24/25 15:31 |
| Review for Gang Activity | None |

Dispatch Information

CFS # EV2503636
Location 9540 COLLINS AVE, SURFSIDE, FL 33154
Incident Code 49 : FIRE
Occurred Between 02/24/25 13:30:40 and
Assigned 13:30:40 **Enroute** 13:30:40 **On Scene** 13:30:40 **Completed** 15:02:19

Reporters

Name Unknown
Involvement Initial Reporter
Sex
DOB
Address
Report Time 02/24/25 13:30:40
How Reported Phone
From Phone
Contact Phone
Comments

Other Names

Vehicles

Call Details

CFS Responders

| | | |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 29 | 29 - Rosario, Joshua | SPD (Primary) |
| 34 (Primary) | 34 - Lage, Ariol | SPD (Primary) |
| 90 | 90 - Lorente, Alejandro | SPD (Primary) |

Unspecified

COHEN, YOSEF

Male, DOB 1/20/96

818 NE 2ND CT
HALLANDALE BEACH, FL 33009

(347) 977-9954 Cell

MARTINEZ, JUAN CARLOS

Not Specified, DOB 4/5/81

2241 NE 135TH LN
NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FL 33181

(786) 867-3063 Cell

Vehicles

SBBB42 FL - (Damaged)

2024 Black X U V

Owner JUAN CARLOS MARTINEZ

Initial Narrative By Ariol Lage

On 02/24/2025 I at approximately 1:25 PM I responded to the Shul located at 9540 Collins Avenue in reference to a fire.

Upon arrival the fire had already been extinguished.

The fire was located in the northern part of the garage by the eastern most pillar.

Miami-Dade fire rescue engine 76 responded under the command of Division Chief Truth and LT. Washington (Fire Alarm #: 5047002).

Fire Rescue advised me that the fire originated from a Kabul Mantis electric scooter which caught fire while charging. The electric scooter then damaged a 2024 Taizhou moped which was parked next to it (FL tag SBBB42 approximately \$1200 of damages).

I then spoke with the owner of the electric scooter, Mr. Yosef Cohen and advised him of what had occurred. I also spoke with the owner of the moped, Mr. Juan Carlos Martinez, who I also advised of the incident.

Attached is a photo of the damages.

Fire rescue deemed the building safe and allowed workers to re-enter.

A walk through was conducted to confirm there was no additional smoke or fire in the building.

Nothing further.



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Property / Evidence Summary

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Property / Evidence for Case 250163

Primary Officer: Lage, Ariol

| Item # | Type | Status | Location | Description |
|------------|---------------|------------------|----------|-------------|
| 250163-001 | Digital Photo | In Digital Files | | IMG_2704 |