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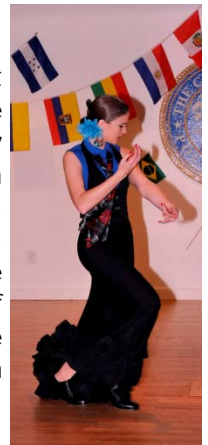
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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



On October 12, 2012, the festivities began at the Robert King High Park Senior Center, where over 200 elderly residents partook of the many activities and food provided. Additionally, on October 18, 2012, the main event for the Hispanic Heritage Celebration took place at the Miami Police College Auditorium. It featured live music and food trucks, representing an array of ethnic dishes. This was all made possible by the staff of the PIO/Community Relations Section which coordinated the celebration.



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U.S.P.C.A. NATIONAL FIELD TRIALS



During the week of October 15th through the 19th, 2012, Miami Police K9 Officer Manny Bello and his K9 partner Pluto placed 6th at the U.S.P.C.A. National Field Trials, hosted by the Punta Gorda Police Department. The trials included tested skills such as apprehension with and without gunfire, article search, suspect search in boxes, obedience, and agility. Officer Bello was one of 100 officers competing with their K9 companions on a national level. Congratulations to Officer Manny Bello and Pluto.



CHIEF'S CORNER



Dear Employees:

Along with the holiday season comes the welcoming cooler weather, at least for us South Floridians who don't have to deal with shoveling snow or sub-zero temperatures. However, one of the things I love the most about this time of year is MPD's unit luncheons and get-togethers. Opportunities seldom come around for everyone to take a step back to eat and give thanks for our blessings and for one another. It's interesting to see how the hardy spreads feature samplings of corn, mashed potatoes and turkey, joined by congris, yucca and pork. Most of America wouldn't really think of mixing such foods on their menu, but for us it's natural. I think it says something about the appreciation we have for the diversity that makes our agency so great. It is also during this season that our officers and civilians go out of their way to give back to the community by distributing food baskets and toys to the less fortunate. That's a tradition I am most proud of, as well as a way for our citizens to see how we're not all about writing summonses or arresting people. Cops do have a bit of a "soft side."

Just when I think we're absorbed in the daily operations of the Miami Police Department with little room for more, I receive a pleasant surprise that speaks volumes about how our sworn and civilian personnel make a difference in people's lives every day, one way or another, with unconditional intentions and out of the kindness of their hearts. We have caring officers such as Jorge Rojas from Little Havana who escorted a citizen to a neighborhood she wasn't familiar with in order to retrieve a key. Ofc. Rojas did this after his shift had ended and travelled to the opposite extreme of his house to do so. Then, we have people like Communications Operator Luz Freire who helped to organize a benefit concert for retired Officer J.B. Martinez's son who was in a coma as a result of a head-on traffic collision with a drunk driver. Our citizens rarely learn about these good deeds. In fact, I don't either. I may find out through a letter a citizen writes or when someone lets me know. So, allow me to take this opportunity to say "thank you" for giving from your hearts for our citizens and for mankind.

Here are a few updates. During the week of October 15-19, 2012, K-9 Officer Manny Bello and his partner Pluto represented the City of Miami at the USPCA National Field Trials. Officer Bello was one of 100 officers competing with their K-9 companions on a national level. Officer Bello and K-9 Pluto successfully scored 674 points out of a possible 700 making them the 6th place team at this nationwide event. They also received an award for being the 5th place team for total apprehensions. As a history buff, I remember reading about Ofc. George Misleh and his partner Barney winning the "Top Dog" honors at the 1975 K-9 Competition. As the saying goes, "history tends to repeat itself." Congratulations to Manny and George.

In November, the Miami Police Department hosted the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police Dinner at the Epic Hotel in Downtown Miami. This fully sponsored event has, as an objective, to gather hundreds of chiefs and police executives from throughout the county to network and honor the officer of the month. A group of employees worked really hard for the MPD to shine that evening, taking every detail into account, including the lighting of the Miami Tower building in our official blue uniform color. They did an excellent job and I give them a heartfelt thanks. As I write this message, we are preparing to staff Art Basel in Wynwood, several parades, the ING Miami Marathon, and much more. To say that we stay busy at the MPD is an understatement and we get busier every year as Miami becomes increasingly popular for its position as a hub for entertainment, culture and business.

Most recently, the Miami Police Department was awarded the bid to host the 2015 Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Conference in Miami. It was a tough competition, but we got it! This will be the first time Miami hosts the prestigious event, which undoubtedly says a lot about our reputation in the field. I'm excited for Miami, as well as for us.

Thank you for your service during 2012. Until next time, I pray that you have a wonderful and safe holiday. May 2013 bring many good things to you, your family, our city, our country, and the Miami Police Department.

Sincerely,

Manuel Orosa
Chief of Police

MIAMI POLICE GOES PINK



The Miami Police Department went pink during the month of October to help raise breast cancer awareness. October was designated "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" and during the past several years, various organizations, including the American Cancer Society and the Susan G. Komen Foundation for the Cure have led a public awareness campaign. Miami police personnel sported the badges they purchased to support the cause. It is a new initiative that hopefully will continue every year until a cure is found. The Miami

Police Department donated proceeds of all the pink badge sales to the Susan B. Komen Foundation for the Cure. Additionally, Blackington, the pink badge manufacturer, will donate ten percent of their sales to the Badges Firefighter Cancer Support Network and Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation. Over \$3,000 was raised. A special thanks goes out to Senior Executive Assistant Armando Aguilar, Jr. and Sergeant Annette Rotolo for coming up with the idea and working so hard to make it possible.





NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On August 7th, 2012, the City of Miami Police Department sponsored the 29th Annual National Night Out Against Crime at Bayfront Park in Downtown Miami. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for local crime watch programs, and strengthen neighborhood and police-community partnerships.



SUPER HEROES

On August 11, 2012, the Miami Marlins honored two South Florida officers during a game against the Dodgers. Officer Nela Real, a 16-year-veteran of Key Biscayne Police Department, was shot this past May when stopping to render aid during a car accident and Officer Luis Ortiz, a member of the Miami Police Department for 23 years, was struck while on his motorcycle during a funeral procession.



MONTHLY WINNERS

OFFICER OF THE MONTH

JULY

Detective Jermaine Douglas
 Detective Emiliano Tamayo
 Detective Roderick Passmore

AUGUST

Officer Michael New

SEPTEMBER

Officer Angel Mercado

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

JULY

Latent Print Examiner Supervisor
 Rupert Butcher

AUGUST

CSI-I Arnold Yen
 CSI-II Hector Infante

OPERATION B.A.T.

On September 19, 2012, Officer Marcos Perez, of the Miami Police Department's Office of Emergency Management/Homeland Security, presented Operation B.A.T. (Businesses Against Terrorism). The main purpose of the presentation was to educate local business owners, security directors, managers, and employees on how to identify an active shooter by recognizing



the characteristics. The approximate 50 attendees also learned how to respond when an active shooter was in their vicinity.

MOVING ON

The following employees retired during this quarter. Their years of dedicated service to the citizens of the City of Miami are appreciated. They will be missed. We wish them continued success and a very happy retirement!

31 Years

Typist Clerk III Dorcas M. Martin

30 Years

Administrative Assistant Lizette V. Herrera

29 Years

Sergeant Octavio E. Aguero

28 Years

Officer Bienvenido Alvarez

27 Years

Officer Mariline G. Nelson

26 Years

Officer Junior O. Goulbourne

22 Years

Officer Horacio A. La Rosa

13 Years

Officer Miguel Pelaez

SPECIAL PRESENTATION



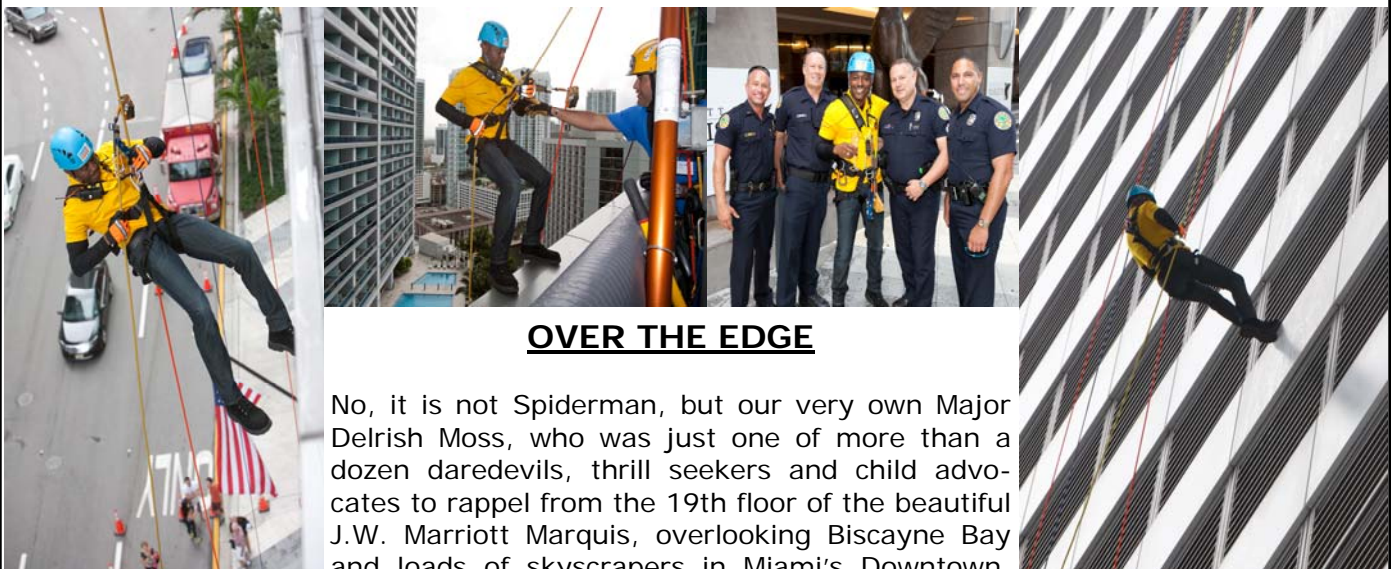
On November 8, 2012, 9-year-old Angelyn Gutierrez, who is stricken with Cerebral Palsy, was presented by the Miami Police Department and V.P.G. Autos, with a mobility vehicle. A number of officers had cycled back in May

over 300 miles to Orlando, Florida to collect donations to make the gift possible. The state-of-art special needs transport mobility vehicle will take Angelyn to her treatments. A whopping \$45,000 was collected for the cause.

RELAY FOR LIFE



The Miami Police Department, in conjunction with the American Cancer Society, is hosting a "Relay For Life" fundraiser in May, 2013. The event, celebrated worldwide, has been very instrumental in collecting donations towards the fight against cancer. If you would like to participate by joining a team or creating your own team, contact Ms. Lee Hernandez at (305) 603-6090 or Ms. Elvira Vasquez at (305) 603-6453 for more information. Join the fight!



OVER THE EDGE

No, it is not Spiderman, but our very own Major Delrish Moss, who was just one of more than a dozen daredevils, thrill seekers and child advocates to rappel from the 19th floor of the beautiful J.W. Marriott Marquis, overlooking Biscayne Bay and loads of skyscrapers in Miami's Downtown.

The "Over the Edge Miami" campaign was an enjoyable opportunity to push the limits, and experience something unforgettable, while supporting the meaningful cause to improve the lives of the children in the Model City N.E.T. Area of Miami, through the Miami Children's Initiative.

COMMUNITY CORNER

MODEL CITY NET

- To detour any spikes in crime during the holidays, Commander Dana Carr has placed additional patrol officers in the business district area during peak business hours.
- During this quarter, officers arrested two burglary offenders in the 700 block of N.W. 70 Street who targeted copper wiring from the structure.
- N.R.O. Ella Moore worked closely with two property owners in the 1200 block of N.W. 58 Terrace and the 1700 block of 49 Street to evict problem tenants who were negatively affecting the quality of life.
- Dec. 15th from 11 A.M. to 6 P.M.—Christmas festivities on N.W. 15 Avenue from 62 to 69 Street. It featured a parade, bounce house, face painting, and train rides.
- Jan. 19th, 2013—Job Fair planned by the Model City/Little Haiti/Northside VRP Comm. Prevention & Reentry Team. If you are looking to hire call Commander Carr 305-795-2313.

LITTLE HAITI NET

- Dec. 12th—Toussaint Louverture's Christmas tree lighting ceremony on North Miami Avenue and 62 Street sponsored by Commissioner Spence Jones and the Little Haiti ministers. Approximately 200 residents were in attendance.
- The organization "Veye-Yo" celebrated their 30th anniversary. This is the largest grassroots organization in the Haitian community.
- In January of 2013, the Buena Vista West Homeowners Association and the West Little River District have scheduled their monthly community meeting. (Exact day TBA)

UPPER EASTSIDE NET

The Upper Eastside N.E.T. is prepared for this holiday season. Officers have been assigned to do "block-to-block" checks of the residential neighborhoods to help combat burglaries during the days and vehicle break-ins during the evenings.

- "Toys for Tots" - the North District Station is accepting donations of toys. Any toys you bring will be greatly appreciated.

Commander Manuel Morales would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

ALLAPATTAH NET

- Dec. 19th—Toy Giveaway by the Neighborhood Resource Officers at the Curtis Park N.E.T. office located at 1901 N.W. 24 Avenue. The toys will be distributed by our very own Santa.

There has been a drop in motor vehicle thefts this quarter. The Department continues to use numerous strategies and resources that are helping in the reduction, such as P.S.T., gangs and patrol officers. Commander Laberdesque keeps receiving praise from the community as they have noticed a larger police presence and the efforts put forth by the officers in Allapattah in fighting crime.

WYNWOOD/EDGEWATER NET

- Dec. 13th—Heroes and Helpers at the Target Store located at 3401 N. Miami Avenue. Twenty children from three select schools were given \$100 each to shop with a police officer at Target.
- Dec. 15th—10 A.M. Toy Giveaway at St. Johns Clinic located at 129 N.W. 29 Street.
- Dec. 5th through the 9th—Art Basel attracted over 60,000 attendees. The event was a great success for the Wynwood community and the Miami Police Department.

OVERTOWN NET

- On Dec. 7th there was a community meeting at 448 N.W. 7 Street and 458 N.W. 7 Street to discuss issues with both buildings. N.R.O. Stuckey and Morris were present.
- Dec. 20th at 4 P.M.—The Barrett Green Foundation's 6th Annual Toy Drive and Wrapping Party took place at Gibson Park located at 401 N.W. 12 Street.

COMMUNITY CORNER

DOWNTOWN NET

- Dec. 10th—Personal safety presentation took place at the Miami Center Downtown.
- Dec. 17th at 6 P.M.—Crime watch meeting at Park Place by the Bay located at 915 N.W. 1 Avenue.
- Dec. 21st—Toy giveaway at the Chapman Homeless Center located 1550 N. Miami Avenue.
- Entertainment Task Force made up of Fire Marshalls, Code Enforcement, Zoning Department, Finance Department, and Miami Police have completed a 3-day inspection of Night Clubs/Bars in Allapattah, Downtown and Wynwood.
- Dec. 31st from 8 P.M. to Midnight—Bayfront Park New Year's Eve Celebration

LITTLE HAVANA NET

- Dec. 7th—Over 500 toys were distributed to needy children at Domino Park in partnership with Sedano's and Coca Cola.
- Dec. 12th—Toy giveaway at the Flagami N.E.T. office in partnership with Connect Familias. Over 300 hundred toys were distributed.
- Dec. 19th—CAMACOL Food Giveaway for those in need will be held at 1401 W. Flagler Street.
- During December there will be several meetings with the merchants on Flagler Street and the Eight Street Chamber of Commerce on how to prevent crime during the holidays.

During the month of December, with the assistance of witnesses from the community, an armed robbery offender was arrested in the area of S.W. 14 Avenue and 6 Street. Additionally, an offender was arrested in the area of N.W. 10 Avenue and 4 Street in possession of over 56 baggies of Rock Cocaine.

FLAGAMI NET

The Flagami N.E.T. Team will participate in the yearly toy giveaway when a total of 200 toys will be distributed. Three schools within the Flagami N.E.T. area have been selected. Santa will be delivering presents to the following schools:

- Dec. 18th—Sunflower Academy located at 229 S.W. 37 Avenue.
- Dec. 19th—Auburndale Elementary located at 3255 S.W. 6 Street.
- Dec. 20th—Sunflower Academy Headstart located at 701 S.W. 29 Avenue.

Each toy has been carefully selected for each child as some students have special needs.

BRICKELL NET

- Commander Jose Fernandez wants to ask the Brickell community to please be patient while the numerous construction projects are underway.
- The Miami Police Department will be having additional enforcement in the Brickell corridor to reduce speeding and address cyclist and pedestrian safety violations.
- We are reminding local businesses/merchants to adhere to parking regulations in loading zones. The trucks must utilize those parking areas designated for loading/unloading.

CORAL WAY NET

- Sept. 19th—A female was arrested for domestic violence which in turn led officers to the arrest of a known drug dealer.
- Sept. 25th—An elderly female was burglarized and then became the victim of a sex offense at her residence. On Oct. 5th, 2012, the Coral Way Problem Solving Team located and arrested the offender.

COCONUT GROVE NET

- Sept. 8th—Miami Police hosted the Coconut Grove "Gun Buy Back" at the St. Paul AME Church located at 3680 Thomas Ave.
- Dec. 19th—Christmas Event for the elderly community in Stirrup Elderly Home located at 3150 Mundy Street. Several gifts will be distributed.
- Dec. 20th—D.U.I. checkpoint at S.W. 27 Avenue and Trade Avenue. The primary objective is to save lives and ensure that our drivers are in compliance with traffic laws.