

Message from the President

Bill Hernandez

Well it has been another busy and exciting month for the HPOA. I have been able to complete various projects for you, the members and have hired several others to assist us in continuing our efforts to be the most professional organization possible. As of this month, Nicholas Santos was hired as the HPOA book keeper. Nick will be assisting in keeping track of all expenditures, creating and balancing the budget, and providing us with financial projections. Nick will be providing us with the balance of the books at each monthly meeting. So please come by and welcome him aboard.

We have also hired Aida Suria to help maintain the offices and the hall area. In the past months we have had many reunions and the place was starting to show some signs of wear. So in order to combat the situation, Aida will be cleaning the offices every other Saturday.

Our third employee is Amy Alvarez. Amy has been working for us since the end of last year. Amy has been able to organize all our paperwork, coordinate deliveries, purchase office supplies, furniture, frames, pictures, and a variety of things that we as a board would never have the time to do. Amy is always available to answer any questions or open the office doors for you to enjoy the facility. The office number is 305-594-1173 and the hours are listed below.

I want to inform all of you that the HPOA office has gone **Wi-Fi**. Thanks to Nick the entire system has been set up and the encryption code will be available to those who would like it. Our idea is that all members will have an area to study or just sit back and have some coffee and go over some work. Since we are just getting started with this idea and the summer months are upon us, we feel that we should start the program slowly. The available hours will be as follows: Monday-Closed, Tuesday-10am to 3pm, Wednesday- 1pm to 6pm, Thursday and Friday 10 am to 3pm, Saturday and Sunday closed.

Another member is joining the HPOA board members. Tony Rodriguez has volunteered to be the Editor of our monthly newsletter. Tony has now taken on the responsibility to coordinate all articles, review them for accuracy, meet with the printers, and ensure completion. On my behalf, I want to thank Tony for unselfishly taking on this tedious task and allowing me to concentrate my efforts elsewhere.

I want to inform everyone that the emergency number that the HPOA had no longer exist. The board decided the saving is substantial and will allow us to make more contributions throughout the year. If there is an emergency you can call the shift commander and they will call us or simply dial the office number at all hours. The office number will be forwarded to my cell number which I am available 24/7 to assist you

PBA Gala, ASIS Dinner, Crime Watch Dinner, Miami Outboard clubs Captain's get together, and the POC Gala

We have had the honor to attend many functions on your behalf and its always nice to see so many friends all dressed up, laughing and having a good time.

The PBA Gala, for those of you who did not attend, honored those officers who had been injured while on duty and Officer of the Year, Jose Somohano. The evening was spectacular. The PBA, as always did an exceptional putting everything together with style. Elizabeth Somohano was there to accept the award on behalf of her husband. Jody Wright and HPOA member Tom Tundidor provided a very humbling view as to how they felt during the horrible situation. Though, I wish that HPOA member Chris Carlin would have been recognized for his involvement in the incident. I would have loved for everyone to hear his view point.

In attendance that evening with me was my wife Mercy, board member, Alex Alfonso and his wife Rosa. Member's Willy Gonzalez and his wife Malena, and Tony Rodriguez, and his wife Susie.

In addition to the PBA Gala we had the privileged to attend the POC Scholarship Dinner. President Johnnie Harrison was honored for his commitment to the POC, his leadership during his presidency and James Dixon was introduced as the new POC President. I wish James and his new staff the best of luck and I look forward to establishing a long and lasting relationship. In addition to the changing of the board, the POC provided 30 \$1,000 scholarships to their members children. Something I feel the HPOA should try to immolate and if at all possible I will try to accomplish this goal within the years to come. Kudo's to the POC!!!

As always, the HPOA was there to support Carmen Caldwell and the Crime Watch for the commitment to reducing crime. As well as, the ASIS committee for their support in policing by means of security nation wide. The Miami Outboard Club and founding member of the HPOA, Raul Diaz and his commitment to the All Star Inner City games.

As you can see it takes a lot of time and commitment to run such a large organization. But your board takes pride in what they are doing and are committed to do the right things. If you would like to get involved and make a difference that could be long lasting, please do not hesitate to attend our monthly meeting the last Monday of every month. If you would like to be on the upcoming board then it is imperative that you attend three meetings prior to the election in November. I look forward to the many successes to come and sharing them with you.

Upcoming Captains exam

I want to wish all my friends the best in the upcoming Captain's Exam. Time is limited so don't forget to sign up. The test is July 30th and I expect many of you have been studying vigorously. Please take the time to log on to our website www.hpoadade.org and take our chapter exams to help guide you in your studies.

For those of us who are fortunate enough to make it to the second part, the HPOA is looking to hire someone to come in and guide us through the assessment portion of the test. I encourage all of you to take advantage of your membership. We will be informing you of who and when we will be offering assessment assistance.

Liga contra Cancer Thank people

On Sunday, June 1st the HPOA was granted permission by Director Parker to provide security for the Liga Contra Cancer Telethon in a volunteer capacity. The HPOA has been a major contributor to the telethon since its inception and we take great pride in helping such a worthy non for profit organization. The nine hours that were asked of us were divided into various shifts in order to provide enough coverage for the safety of the patrons and the stars. As usual the event was a huge success and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who helped.

VOLUNTEER LIST

Major Juan Odio, Captain's Miguel Hernandez & Ronald Rebozo.
Lieutenant's Ariel Artime, Christopher Carothers, Richard Fonseca, Eric Garcia, William Gonzalez, William Hernandez (me to me), Lia Houston, Hector Llevat, Jose Lopez, Miguel Palacios, Jesus Ramirez, & Ricardo Rodriguez.
Sergeant's Cecile Alvarez, Daniel Garcia, Robert Lageyre, Brian Rafky, Jorge Rodriguez, & Eddie Valdez,
Officer's Nelson Andreu, Christopher Garcia, Omar Gomez, Kenneth Hendon, Bernardo Lageyre, Shameem Mohamed, Arthur Otset, John Snuggs, Emilio Teodoro, & Joseph Zanconato

Scholarship Conclusion

I want to thank everyone for their cooperation and advise that the Annual HPOA Scholarship applicants have been forwarded to the awards committee for their review. All recipients will be announced in next month's newsletter. For those of you who are interested in next year's scholarship program you can read about it on our website www.hpoadade.org

Member's Perspective

Several months ago I wrote about introducing a new section to our newsletter. Every month we are asking for you, our fellow members to offer your view point on a specific topic or your view point of the association and its board. Well the project has taken off and for the next several months you will be able to read about specific units within our Department. These articles will include the History of the Unit, the members of the unit, and their mission. I hope you enjoy this section and in the future feel free to contact me forward your article to me, Bill Hernandez at bill@hpoadade.org.

Members' Corner

by Tony Rodriguez

The *Members' Corner* will be an ongoing section of the "Hispanic Pulse" which will highlight the various specialized units and services provided by the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD). This month, I have the pleasure of writing about one of the units I supervise, the Intergovernmental Bureau's Underwater Recovery Unit (URU).

In 1961, the Dade County Public Safety Department's Underwater Recovery Team (URT) was formed. The Team was headed by Deputy Edwin "Blaze" Zehnder, who, because of his past experience as a US Navy diver, was chosen to head the Team and prepare the Department's first police diver training manual. Prior to the formation of the URT, the Department used Deputies, who were recreational divers that volunteered their skills and equipment. With the formation of the Team, uniform standards and training for Police Divers were established. These helped promote safety as the Department experienced the dawn of police diving.

The URU is on-call twenty-four hours a day to conduct all of the water related activities for the MDPD, which include the following: search and recovery of submerged vehicles, boats, aircraft, bodies and evidence. The URU provides coordination with and assistance to other investigative entities, including the Illegal Dumping, Auto Theft, and Environmental Investigations Units; the Homicide, Robbery, and Homeland Security Bureaus; and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, and United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE). Aside from the numerous requests to conduct evidence searches and recoveries, the URU actively locates

and recovers over five hundred submerged vehicles per year from our inland waterways in an effort to avoid contamination of our aquifer and ground water, considered to be Miami-Dade County's most important resource. Additionally, the Unit provides training for MDPD Officers and other agencies by conducting the 80-hour Underwater Police Science and Technology Course and 16-hour Hull and Seawall Search Training.

Since December 2001, the URU began participating with ICE and other agencies in securing critical infrastructure and preventing drug smuggling via parasitic devices on vessels along coastal and inland waterways. As a result, the Unit initiated Operations Turbulent Trident and Safe Port. The first was a task force that searches for parasitic devices on the hulls of cruise ships and freighters at the Port of Miami (POM), Port Everglades, Port of West Palm Beach, and Port of Key West. The second was coordinated as a comprehensive security detail for the search of cruise ship and freighter hulls, seawalls, fuel barges, and both domestic and foreign Naval ships at the POM as part of the Homeland Security Initiative. Furthermore, The URU provides the majority of the training for the Miami-Dade and Broward County agencies involved in the operations.

Today, the Underwater Recovery Unit (URU) consists of five full-time police divers, composed of one sergeant and four officers, as well as one Public Service Aide. In late 2007, the unit had a homecoming of sorts through the appointment of Commander Daniel Llano Montes to oversee the operations of the Intergovernmental Bureau. Commander Llano Montes personally experienced police diving during his previous assignments with the Department's Marine Patrol and Underwater Recovery Units. Under his command, the Unit's steadfast mission will continue. Including that of Commander Llano Montes, the URU's members have over three quarters of a century worth of dive experience.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the first Cuban-American Female Police Officer in South Florida was Miami-Dade Police Major Grace O'Donnell. Major O'Donnell was hired in 1974; just seven years after the MDPD hired its first females.

[Message from a Member](#)

Hector Llevat

Billy,

I just wanted to thank the Association for it's generous sponsorship donation for the St. John Neumann Family Fun Fair. Thanks to your support we were able to raise more funds to support the children. I'm proud that as an organization we are able to support great causes within our community, such as this one. Attached are some photos of the event and the signs that acknowledged the HPOA sponsorship.

Thanks again,

Hector



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MEMBERSHIPS

- Florida Bar Association
- Dade County Bar Association
- Cuban American Bar Association (CABA)
- Florida Association For Women Lawyers (FAWL)
- St. Thomas University School of Law Alumni Association
- 11th Judicial Circuit Historical Society

PERSONAL

- Native, Born in Miami 1970
- Parents: Leonard E. Glick and Dianne Whitman Glick R.N. and Sister: Adriane
- Educated in Miami-Dade Public Schools
- F.I.U., Bachelor of Science Criminal Justice
- St. Thomas University, School of Law, Juris Doctorate Degree
- Founder / President, The Urban Artist Inc. (Retail Business)

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