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MIAMI




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## DANIELE BRAMBILLA – SUPPORT PADDOCK

Your name, preferable nickname and where you're from
*Daniele Brambilla, from Domodossola, Italy and living in Houston, TX*



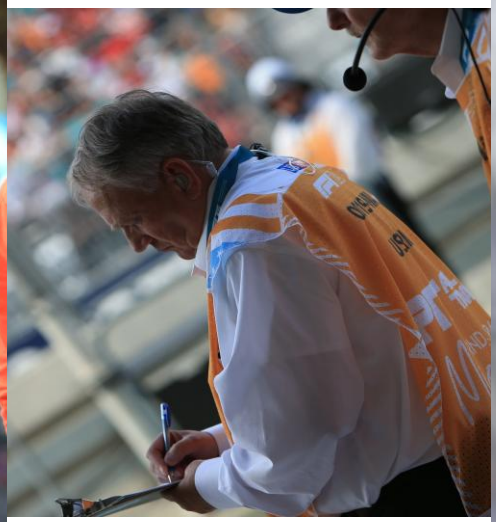
2025 job title and/ crew and brief description of your duties/sphere of influence
*Deputy Chief Support Paddock*
*- help facilitate the Porsche and F1 Academy support series, including pre gridding, release, and re-entry into their garages. Ensuring Pirelli Hot Laps get in and out in a timely manner*

How many years of F1/Miami and briefly how were you first led to/recruited to work F1/Miami
*All 4 years in Miami, first F1 race was 2016 COTA. First spectated F1 race was when I was 2 years old at Suzuka in 1999. Been with PPG team 5 years. First heard about marshaling at COTA my freshman year at UT, and like every College kid the notion of free food and being a part of Motorsport which I was already passionate about has got me hooked ever since.*

Can you share a memorable Miami experience?
*Most memorable experience was the first year in Miami, being part of an inaugural race and all of the unknowns that come with it was incredibly exciting.*

One thing/fun fact most people don't know about you.
*I was born in Italy but moved to Japan when I was 2 years old for my dad's job. Ever since, we've lived in a total of 7 countries and so I speak 5 languages.*







## TOM BASTIAN – CHIEF POST MARSHAL

Your name, preferable nickname and where you're from
*Tom Bastian from Tucson Arizona for the last 31 years. Before that, SoCal.*



2025 job title and/ crew and brief description of your duties/sphere of influence
*Serving as both CPM and Communications for turn 15.5 this weekend. I am responsible for matching the assigned flaggers on my turn to jobs that they are proficient for executing while also giving them enjoyment. Nobody wants to be stuck in a boring job all weekend, so I try and keep the assignments varied for the different race groups we marshal. Less experienced workers can't be thrown in the deep end, but need to be challenged to increase their proficiency and make them want to come back for future events. I try to provide an understanding of what their response should be to various potential situations by relating my past race experiences and why we do it this way and not that.*

How many years of F1/Miami and briefly how were you first led to/recruited to work F1/Miami
*I've worked all 4 Miami races to date, and intend to keep coming back as long as I can. I applied for the first Miami GP in 2022 to keep my streak going for working US F1 Grands Prix that dates back to Dallas 1984.*
Can you share a memorable Miami experience?
*My memories of Miami races include many fellow corner workers who I get to see again at races around the country. The people you meet flagging or working on the Intervention crew are all interesting and enjoyable to be around. They are special.*

One thing/fun fact most people don't know about you.
*Most flaggers I work with don't know I have several hobbies/avocations, including old clock repair, snow skiing, toy train collecting, sand dune quad riding, sailing and drone flying.*






## CHAD GALLION – GARAGE SCRUTINEER




Your name, preferable nickname and where you're from
*My name is Chad Gallion and I currently reside in Austin, Texas.*

2025 job title and/or crew and brief description of your duties/sphere of influence
*My job title is Garage Scrutineer. I'm responsible for all scrutineering duties for the #31 Haas F1 car driven by Estabon Ocon. The duties include observation and recording all work performed on the car, working with the FIA technical team and reporting any rule infractions. If it has to do with the #31 car, I've got eyes on it!*

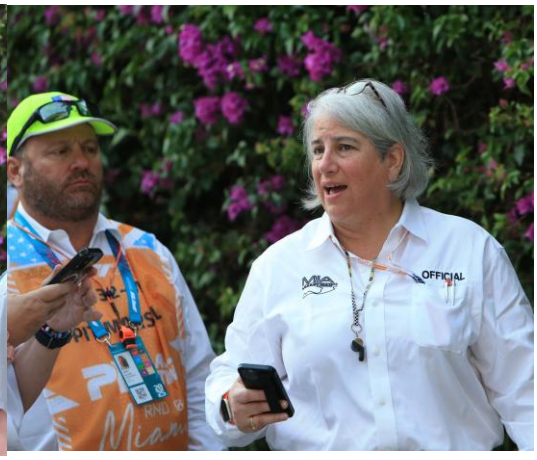
How many years of F1/MIAMI and briefly how were you first led to/recruited to work F1/MIAMI?
*This is my 3rd year working F1 in Miami. I started working at F1 events at the inaugural Miami GP in 2022, after having already been a Scrutineer since 2018 at many events for series like World Endurance Championship, MotoGP, and World RallyCross. Since that 1st Miami GP, I've worked at every F1 event in the USA.*

Can you share a memorable MIAMI experience?
*This year for the F1 Sprint race, a looming rain shower threw everyone a curveball. It was raining on the starting grid while we were checking tire pressures. It was pretty hectic as teams were making last minute tire choices. After an aborted start, we had to head back down the pit lane to observe our cars and record any changes until the 2nd start procedure. As the track dried, a flurry of pit stops occurred that kept all the scrutineers on there toes. There was a lot of important work to do, but Scrutineering happens rain or shine. Whatever it takes to get it right!*

One thing/fun fact most people don't know about you.
*Outside of my love of cars and Motorsports, I'm a passionate music lover and musician. I've been playing guitar professionally since I was about 16 years old. I studied music in college and worked in film and television music in Los Angeles. Now working in automotive advertising, I still occasionally have guitar gigs, jam sessions with friends, and write music for small projects and just for fun!*







## LAURA SEPEDA - FLAGGER



I'm Laura Sepeda, I'm from Austin, Texas.

2025 job title and/or crew and brief description of your duties/sphere of influence
*I'm at turn 15.5 as an official blue flagger. Our crew is amazing and my crew mates Tom B. Daniel Q. and John G are all gracious enough to rotate duties when we can. I've been able to work as communicators for F1 Academy and yellow flag for Porsche Cup.*

How many years of F1/Miami and briefly how were you first led to/recruited to work F1/Miami
*I have 3 years participating in Formula 1. I was recruited on by my husband Shane from our shared love of the sport. I love working events in Austin at our home track Circuit of The Americas. I try to work all the events which has allowed me to work most marshaling positions so, I jumped at the chance to work Miami.*

Can you share a memorable Miami experience?
*I don't quite have a memorable experience yet, but I hope to make one soon. So far, working with my flagging team has been memorable and we have another day to go.*

One thing/fun fact most people don't know about you.
*I have a knack for gardening and love the outdoors.*












## ALEN VIDOVIC MOFFITT - SCRUTINEERING




*Legal Name: Alen Vidovic Moffitt*
*Nickname: Speedo (At least call sign on the radio)*
*Originally from the Republic of Croatia but I reside in Texas in America*.

2025 job title and/or crew and brief description of your duties/sphere of influence
*Deputy Chief Scrutineer. I Scrutineer the Scrutinners that Scrutineer the F1 Cars. Sometimes I get yelled at by the Chief, mostly of my own doing.*

How many years of F1/MIAMI and briefly how were you first led to/recruited to work F1/MIAMI?
*4 years. I was lucky enough to be chosen by the late Suzanne Royce to join this team many years ago. I've stuck with this group since then. Never actually tried to join any other specialties.*

Can you share a memorable MIAMI experience?
*2024 Miami, 3 mins before the start of the race as we are leaving the grid. Kevin Magnussen's mechanic grabs me because Kevin had a question. Turns out he was actually wanting an Engineer from his team and not me.*

One thing/fun fact most people don't know about you.
*I live life at the seat of my pants. I fly standby mostly everywhere including to races.*
















## LINDA BRUGGENKAMP - FLAGGER



*My name Linda Bruggenkamp or LindaBonthego as my email also says because I am "always going somewhere". I was born in The Netherlands and I am proud of my Dutch roots, but now split my time between CA, NV & soon FL*. I fell in love with "all things racing" when I was 5 years old writing down lap-times, sitting on the couch next to my dad. From the TT to F1 to Le Mans, we watched it all!

How many years of F1/MIAMI and briefly how were you first led to/recruited to work F1/MIAMI?
*This is my 1st Miami F1 working F&C as a Yellow Flagger, but my third time at the Hard Rock. I think they have a lot to offer here with so many different fan-zones. How could you not have an amazing time?!*

Can you share a memorable MIAMI experience?
*I think one of my funny experiences in Miami involves interacting with the colorful fans here who make us, the "orange brigade", feel quite special to where they want to take pictures with us.*

One thing/fun fact most people don't know about you
*People don't know that I am a Honorary Sheriff for Alameda County in CA. My badge leads to funny situations sometimes. i flew in from Vegas and TSA there thought I was on a special assignment at the F1 as someone's undercover detail. Little did they know I *was* on a special assignment but as a "corner worker"*

## MARSHALS AWARD

Sunday afternoon, before the F1 Driver's Parade, F1 Driver Lando Norris presented the Marshals Award to Miami Dade Fire Rescue Speial Events Officer in Charge Captain Vincent McArthur and Lt. Alex Suarez on behalf of all the special duty MDRF firefighters and paramedics. McArthur, who has served for nearly 30 years, has overseen the planning, logistics, and staffing for all major off-duty events including the Miami F1 Grand Prix for the past three years. Lt. Suarez has provided immense support over the last five years.




The planning for the immense operation started well over a year before the first edition. As well as firefighters and paramedics that are stationed around the venue for guests, MDFR staff have trained side by side with US Rescue Chief Roy Spielmann's FIV and MIV on track team, provided fire support on track with two specially equipped Kubota's, and three strategically placed fire engines; have mobile paramedic teams in the pit lane and both paddocks; provide six trauma rescue units (ambulances) and provide fire fighters on pit lane.

## STEVE CAULEY - PPG-ANTI-DOPING CHAPERONE

*I am Steve Cauley from Lakewood, Colorado. I am part of the PPG Team, Pit/Paddock/Grid.*

How many years of F1/MIAMI and briefly how were you first led to/recruited to work F1/MIAMI?

*For the 2025 season I will work at all 3 of the US based F1 races, as I have the last few years. The PPG team is responsible for managing the Pit Lane events, the support paddock, as well as keeping an eye on the Formula 1 drivers as they grid for their races. When it comes to experience, wow, I have been racing all my life. When we were children in California my dad took us to dune buggy races on Long Beach. We moved to New Mexico when I was a child, where we became friends with the legendary Unser family. Although my dad raced on dirt tracks, I started racing motorcycles quite early, winning my first enduro at age 9. Moving on, as an adult I quit racing motorcycles and moved into the open-wheel sport. I worked as a consultant for a race management business that designed and built race courses for the ChampCar and Indycar series, as well as managed the race events. The next natural migration was Formula 1. I was quite privileged to join the PPG team where I could be right on Pit Lane where the action is.*

*Nadja asked me to speak specifically about the doping program. Here are my thoughts: I have volunteered to work as a driver's chaperone at multiple races. FIA has a number of very distinct processes in place to protect the integrity of the Formula 1 race cars. The Doping Program is a part of protecting the integrity of the drivers. As a chaperone I get to take part in the Doping Program. We follow very specific procedures meant to ensure the drivers are carefully, randomly tested my medical professionals. The drivers are escorted directly from their race cars to FIA medical staff for testing. Chaperones are there to witness and verify the integrity of this process.*

Can you share a memorable MIAMI experience?

*My most memorable moment in Miami would be the PPG group photo we took on pit lane, right at pit exit. So many countries and states represented in our team.*

One thing/fun fact most people don't know about you

*Little known fact? I moved to Colorado because I love riding my motorcycle through the mountains. And I positively hate broccoli.*












## TOM CORONA - PPG - GATE TEAMS

*My name is Tom, i live in Fairfax Virginia*



How many years of F1/MIAMI and briefly how were you first led to/recruited to work F1/MIAMI?

*This year at the 2025 Miami GP, I've been assigned as Gate 1 lead for the pitt/paddock/grid (PPG) team. In this role, I coordinate with race control, F1/FIA, and our PPG team to ensure this gate supports gear/personnel movements between the pitlane and the circuit. We ensure the area around our gate is safe, free of debris, and race control is kept informed of anything that may impact race operations or be a hazard - we are their eyes and hands on the lane! Additionally, I'm part of the team that executes a starter light panel for a grid position and on the grid for the formation lap flagging for stalls or other issues. I've been with the PPG team and supporting f1 races since Miami debut in 2022. I was lucky enough to apply and be selected by our Chief PPG Nadja through our common hobbies of racing Miata's!*

Can you share a memorable MIAMI experience?

*Two memorable experiences come to mind - my first trip to Miami GP in 2022 was the first time I've seen an F1 car or been to a F1 race. It was truly a shock and awe inspiring to be thrown into this show at Miami and be embraced by the PPG team! THANK YOU!! More recently was Lando's first win last year. The vibe in the lane and paddock was electric and absolutely everyone had a smile and loved that.*

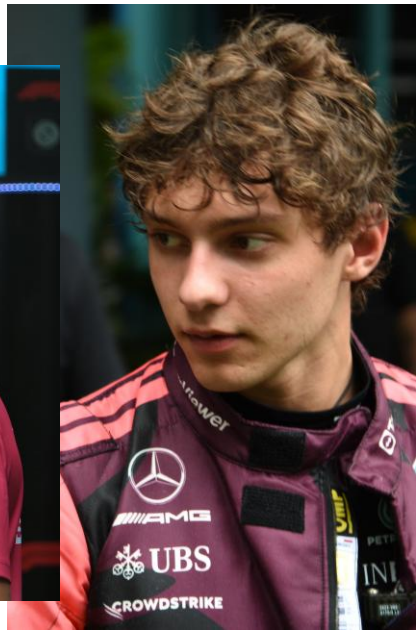
One thing/fun fact most people don't know about you

*I compete in Spec Miata with the National Auto Sport Association in my NB1 (first win this April at summit point!) and am an active member of the DC motorsports community. For my "boring" day job, im a mechanical engineer developing tactical systems for submarines.*









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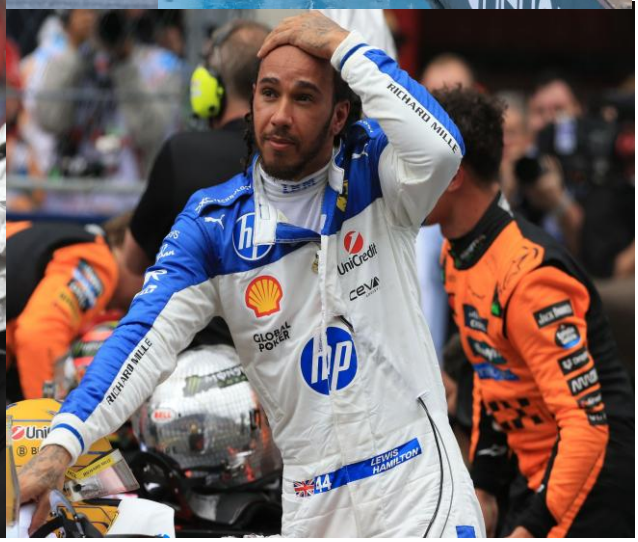
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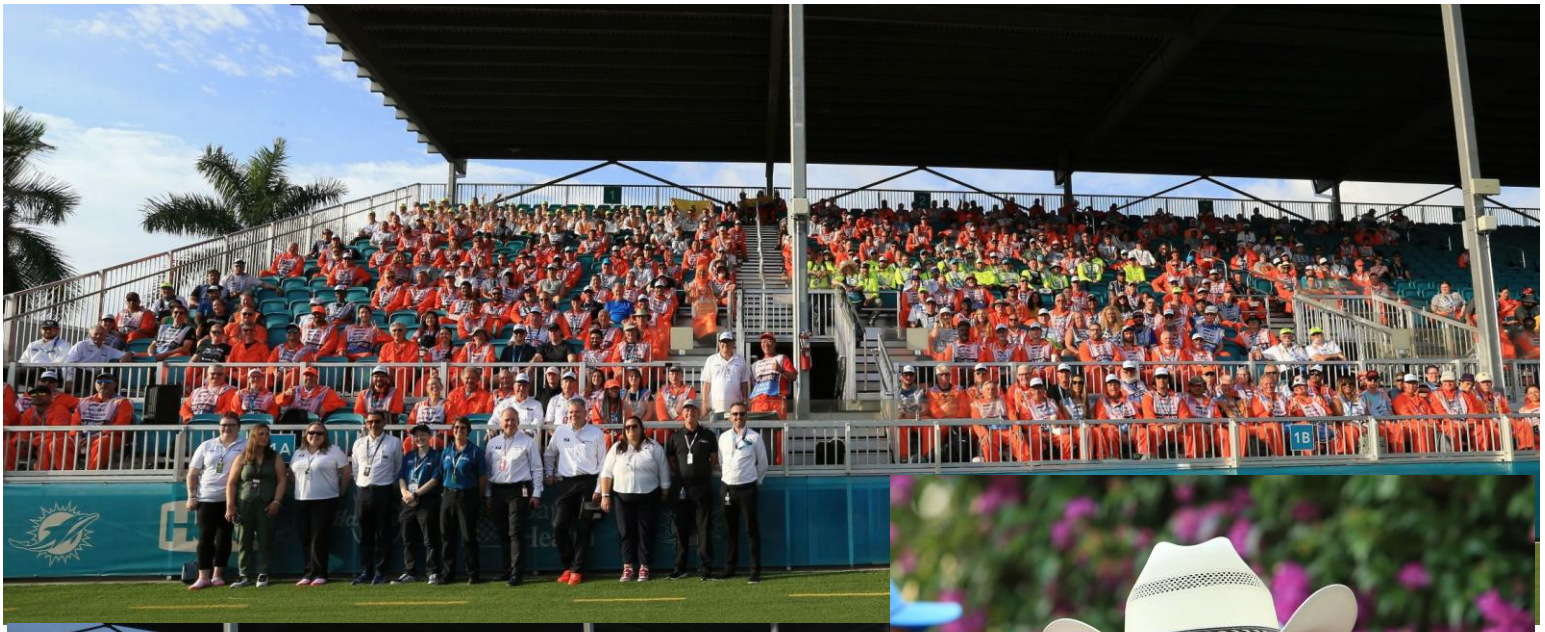


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