

Memorandum



Date: December 7, 2009

To: Honorable, Javier D. Souto and Members
Recreation, Culture and Tourism Committee

From: George M. Burgess 
County Manager

Subject: Report on the Wings Over Homestead Air Show, November 7-8, 2009

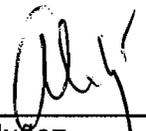
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The 482nd Fighter Wing, which maintains and operates the Homestead Air Reserve Base, hosted and conducted the Wings Over Homestead Air Show on November 7-8, 2009. The United States Air Force's flight demonstration team, the Thunderbirds, headlined the event.

Information provided by the base's command at the December 1, 2009, commission meeting indicated that event had over 200,000 attendees during the two days. Base command staff also reported a direct and indirect economic impact to the County of close to two million dollars.

The base conducted the event; therefore, the budget for the event is not available. County off-base support to the event in order to ensure a safe flow of traffic, parking operations, shuttle services, and an adequate first response for medical emergencies was \$188,113 made available from Countywide In-Kind Reserve carryover and the Mayor's In-kind carryover from FY 2008-09.

The base command is planning on conducting the event next year on November 6-7, 2010.



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