

Memorandum



Date: **September 13, 2011**

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Scrap Metal and Copper Wire Theft Task Force

This report provides information regarding Public Safety & Healthcare Administration Committee Item 1E1: Ordinance creating the Miami-Dade County Task Force on Scrap Metal and Copper Wire Theft (Task Force). This Item was adopted on first reading by the Board of County Commissioners on June 7, 2011. According to Section 2-11, 37(b) of the Miami-Dade County Code, the following information is required to be provided to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) when a new board is proposed.

1. Will the establishment of the board, as a Task Force, create sufficient betterment to the community to justify the BCC's delegation of a portion of its authority?

The proposed Task Force is advisory in nature and therefore does not require a delegation of authority from the BCC. Any non-binding recommendations from the Task Force will be presented to the BCC, in accordance with standard procedures.

2. Is there another board or agency, either public or private, which is already in existence that could serve the same purpose?

No. There is no other County Board or agency that could serve the same purpose. The proposed Task Force members will have unique, broad based knowledge of this particular issue and can make specific non-binding recommendations to the BCC.

3. The cost, both direct and indirect, of establishing and maintaining the board.

There is no additional cost for staff to support the Task Force, as it will be facilitated by existing staff. The members serve without compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement of necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

4. Is it necessary for the board to enable the County to obtain state or federal grants or other financing?

No. As proposed, the Task Force is not being created to enable the County to seek state or federal grants or other financing.

5. Should the board have bonding authority?

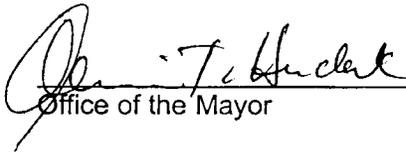
Based on the duties of the proposed Task Force, bonding authority is not required.

6. Explain whether the board should have final authority to enter into contracts and spend County funds, or whether its contracts and expenditures must be ratified by the BCC.

The proposed Task Force would not have the final authority to enter into contracts. Any contracts would have to be ratified by the BCC and should follow the County's established procurement procedures.

7. Is the creation of a new board the best method of achieving the benefit desired?

As the issue of scrap metal collection and resale is constantly evolving with new trends emerging daily, the knowledge of the individual Task Force members of the issue within their particular jurisdiction is best suited to continually review and provide recommendations. The Task Force's non-binding recommendations will provide the opportunity to alleviate issues, which creates public safety concerns and negatively impacts community stakeholders.



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