

# MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 2D

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** November 12, 2015

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County  
Mayor to prepare a report  
regarding the feasibility  
and potential benefits of  
re-establishing the Miami-Dade  
Fire Rescue Motorcycle  
Emergency Response Team

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** December 1, 2015

**FROM:**   
R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No.

Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No.  
12-1-15

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A REPORT REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY AND POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF RE-ESTABLISHING THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE MOTORCYCLE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PLACE THE REPORT ON AN AGENDA OF THIS BOARD

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with this Board's adoption of Resolution No. R-1360-02, a Motorcycle Emergency Response Team pilot program was established in 2002 to serve Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Motorcycle Emergency Response Team program, through its usage of motorcycles which maneuver more easily through high-traffic areas, attempted to reduce the emergency response time of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue ("MDFR") personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, although the Motorcycle Emergency Response Team program fielded over 1,300 calls in its initial year of operation and maintained an average response time to life-threatening calls of less than three minutes, it was discontinued in 2008 due to budgetary concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to study the feasibility and any potential benefits of re-establishing the Motorcycle Emergency Response Team program in Miami-Dade County,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a report regarding the feasibility and potential benefits of re-establishing the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Motorcycle Emergency Response Team. The feasibility report shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. The associated costs, potential benefits, and possible drawbacks of re-establishing the Motorcycle Emergency Response Team program;
- b. Whether current MDFR response times could be lessened via re-implementation of the Motorcycle Emergency Response Team program;
- c. Whether additional lives could be saved via re-implementation of the Motorcycle Emergency Response Team program;
- d. An investigation into the usage of similar motorcycle emergency response units in other United States counties and municipalities and a determination as to whether any such programs might provide a model to be adopted in Miami-Dade County;
- e. Identification of potential funding sources to assist with re-establishing the program, including acquisition of motorcycles and the costs of maintaining the vehicles; and
- f. Re-examination of the County's former Motorcycle Emergency Response Team program and a determination as to whether the program can be run more efficiently or with fewer operating expenses.

**Section 2.** Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide the report regarding the issues identified in Section 1 to this Board within 120 days of the effective date of this resolution and to place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman  
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

Javier Zapata

