

Memorandum



Date: October 30, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members
Board of County Commissioners

From: 
Carlos Alvarez
Mayor

Subject: Retirement of MDPD Director Robert Parker

Please be advised that after 33 years of a distinguished law enforcement career, Director Robert Parker has decided to retire. Director Parker's accomplishments are numerous. He began his career in 1976 and quickly began his rise through our civil service ranks. He served the Department in several appointed positions under my tenure as Police Chief and was appointed Director in April of 2004. Director Parker has not only managed the day-to-day operations of one of the largest police agencies in the country with honor and distinction, but during his tenure has represented us at the national, state and local levels in several leadership positions. He was appointed by the Governor of Florida to serve as Co-Chair of the Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force, served as the President of the Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police and has brought millions of dollars to this community in Federal dollars for the most state of the art initiatives.

Director Parker is my friend and I know you join me in congratulating him and wishing him the very best as he moves on to the next chapter of his life.

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under the provisions of Section 2.02D of the Miami Dade County Home Rule Charter, I am hereby appointing Assistant Director James Loftus to serve in the position of Interim Director of the Miami Dade Police Department. This appointment shall serve until such time as I have decided on a permanent appointment. This interim appointment will not be longer than six months. Mr. Loftus is a seasoned and highly qualified veteran of our police department and I know you will extend your full cooperation to him.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Attachments

c: Honorable Joel Brown, Chief Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida
Honorable Katherine Fernandez-Rundle, State Attorney
Honorable Pedro J. Garcia, Property Appraiser
Honorable Carlos J. Martinez, Public Defender
Honorable Harvey Ruvlin, Clerk, Circuit and County Courts
George M. Burgess, County Manager
R. A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney
Denis Morales, Chief of Staff
County Executive Office
Department Directors
Dr. Eneida Roldan, President and Chief Executive Officer, Public Health Trust
Robert Meyers, Executive Director, Commission on Ethics and Public Trust
Christopher Mazzella, Inspector General
Charles Anderson, Commission Auditor

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Date: October 30, 2009
To: Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
Miami-Dade County
Via: George M. Burgess
County Manager
From: Robert Parker, Director
Miami-Dade Police Department
Subject: Retirement

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COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE



With careful deliberation and consideration, I write to inform you of my decision to resign and retire as Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD). Please know that this decision was not arrived at easily. This action is immediate, effective Sunday, November 1, 2009. I apologize for the short notice of this action; however the immediacy outcomes and applications are obviously related in some ways to the current and ongoing 2009-10 budget adoption and implementation process.

Simply put, retirement is inevitable, happening sooner or later for all who live and labor long enough. This is my time to retire and I look forward to other future interests. In this regard, I have given much consideration to all things that matter most.

One of my several pivotal considerations is the affect and consequences of Miami-Dade County's ongoing budget adoptions and vetting processes. This exercise's consequences are economically based, unavoidable and imminent. Also unavoidable are some forms of negative fiscal implications and benefit reductions to everyone. I hope to mitigate the brunt of my negative financial impacts and implications or avoid the most impacting of them as I now retire.

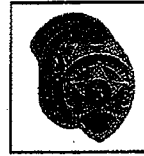
Please know that I greatly appreciate all opportunities and benefits that were afforded me throughout my employment with Miami-Dade County. I summarize the 33 ½ years experience as personally rewarding and gratifying. I am very honored and proud to have served for the past five plus years as Director of MDPD, the eighth largest police department in the country. I did not imagine more than 34 years ago when I joined the Department that not only would I be repeatedly promoted and serve through all the civil service ranks, but I would also serve as Director for over five years.

From my perspective MDPD is second to none, and I will greatly miss working with the fine men and women who serve our community, delivering excellence every day. I wish you success and my fellow County employees and citizens of Miami-Dade County well as you navigate these very difficult issues in their best interest.

Again I thank you for your support and friendship. God bless you and please accept my best wishes for continued success in serving Miami-Dade County citizens and visitors and in all your future endeavors.

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James K. Loftus

Personal Background

26-year veteran of the Miami-Dade Police Department who has held all civil service ranks. Married with two children, ages 8 and 10. Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, currently residing in Miami-Dade County. Avid golfer and outdoorsman who enjoys hunting and fishing.

Experience

2005 - Present

Assistant Director, Investigative Services

- Complete oversight of the major investigative bureaus within the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD). The bureaus include Homicide, Robbery, Sexual Crimes, Narcotics, Domestic Crimes, Economic Crimes, Warrants, and the Strategic and Specialized Investigations Bureau.
- Fiscal responsibilities for the aforementioned bureaus would include the general oversight, review, and monitoring of bureau budgets.
- Media responsibilities would include news briefings on major incidents that occur as a result of police intervention from any of the bureaus under Investigative Services.
- Law Enforcement Trust Fund, Chairperson, charged with managing the fund, reviewing requests for funding to defray costs of protracted or complex investigations, technical equipment, etc., within the realm of state law, and the appropriate dissemination of monies.

2003 - 2005

Chief, Criminal Investigations Division

- Responsible for the day-to-day managerial operations of the Homicide, Robbery Sexual Crimes, and Domestic Crimes Bureaus.
- Direct oversight of all major investigations.
- Responsible for staffing all hurricane shelters within Miami-Dade County in emergency situations.
- Represent the Department at community forums, exploring issues pertinent to major investigations.

1999-2003

Major, Homicide Bureau

- Accountable for all decisions made by supervisors and detectives assigned to the Homicide Bureau.
- On-scene commander of all major cases such as officers killed in the line-of-duty, police involved shootings, in-custody deaths, serial killers, organized crime contractual murders, and any deaths which would require additional oversight due to concerns for the community and Miami-Dade County government.
- Apprised of and involved in all county vehicle accidents in which a death occurs, or that could possibly involve civil liability against Miami-Dade County.

- Conduit for a cohesive working relationship between other entities within MDPD, as well as outside of MDPD, such as the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Miami-Dade Medical Examiner's Office, and the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office.

1997-1999

Captain, Homicide Bureau

- Coordinating all aspects of the Homicide Bureau into an efficient bureau that utilized all resources, departmental or non-departmental in an effective and productive manner.
- Actively involved in all death investigations.
- Direct supervision of four lieutenants and their platoons.
- Monitor the bureau's budget for overages and short falls and implement corrective actions.
- Attend command level briefings and express the concerns and wishes of the bureau to upper level command staff.
- Attend community organization functions to address the needs of the community and/or to alert the community of issues regarding their safety.
- Explored non-traditional methods of dismantling violent criminal enterprises, resulting in the mass prosecution of one of Miami-Dade County's most violent criminal organizations – the Kenneth Williams Organization (Boobie Boys).

1994 – 1997

Lieutenant, Special Investigations Division, Executive Officer

- Coordinated all logistical support of the investigative effort of ValuJet Flight 592 Crash.
- Directed the restructuring of the Division's analytical priorities and functions.

1992 – 1994

Lieutenant, Cutler Ridge District, Community Services Unit

- Charged with reconstituting police/community cooperative initiatives (Crime Watch, Homeowner Associations, farm worker organizations) in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew.

1992

Lieutenant, Professional Compliance Bureau, Criminal Conspiracy

Served as Commander of the Criminal Conspiracy Section. Responsible for the investigation of criminal wrongdoing by police officers.

Education

1996

- B.S., Bachelor of Professional Studies – Barry University

Highlights

- Super Bowl XXIX – NFL Commissioner Detail
- Summit of the Americas
- Hurricane Andrew Recovery Effort
- Assisted in the Re-Accreditation of MDPD to comply with CALEA's standards for law enforcement agencies

- On-site coordinator for ValuJet Flight 592 Crash
- Incident Commander for the Fine-Air Cargo Jet Crash
- Assisted in organizing a successful election within Miami-Dade County utilizing MDPD personnel
- Appointed by County Manager to Selection Committee charged with hiring a new Medical Examiner
- Incident Commander for investigation into murder of MDPD Officer Jose Somohano

**Community /
Organizations**

- The 200 Club of Greater Miami, Board of Directors
- Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police, Member
- Police Officer Assistance Trust (POAT), President

I have been involved with POAT since its inception in 1989. POAT is a nonprofit organization which provides assistance to all law enforcement officers working in Miami-Dade County from local, state and federal agencies in times of hardship, personal crisis, or critical need. To date, POAT has assisted nearly 600 officers and their families, providing over \$4,000,000. in assistance.