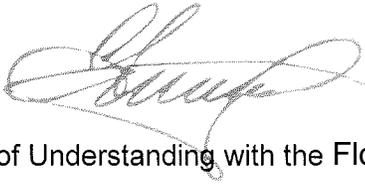


# Memorandum



Date: January 23, 2014

To: J.D. Patterson, Jr., Director  
Miami-Dade Police Department

From: Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor 

Subject: Possible Memorandum of Understanding with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement

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At our meeting with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), I inquired as to the feasibility of FDLE to conduct Miami-Dade police officer involved shootings and in-custody death investigations for the purpose of having an independent agency investigate such events as they do in other jurisdictions, leading to greater transparency.

It is my strong opinion that a thorough and expeditious investigation by an independent agency which leads to a conclusion statement will strengthen the community's trust of such a process and faith that the investigation of any event that may be unjustified would reach an appropriate conclusion. Additionally, those events that are deemed justified and supported by statements and evidence will be cleared in an expeditious manner, therefore not allowing the lingering investigation or the perception of a lack of independence cloud the justified finding.

As a follow up to this meeting, I am directing you to discuss with FDLE their policies and procedures as it relates to investigating such events, how this can be implemented, the respective duties and support needed to facilitate such investigations, and obtain a sample Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) utilized for such partnership. My office will schedule a follow up meeting with you to go over your findings and recommendations for implementation.

Additionally, please contact and meet with State Attorney Katherine Fernandez-Rundle to ensure a seamless process.

c: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
And Members, Board of County Commissioners  
Honorable Katherine Fernandez-Rundle, State Attorney  
Robert A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney  
Genaro "Chip" Iglesias, Deputy Mayor  
Christopher Agrippa, Clerk of the Board