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

From: Carlos A. Gimenez 
Mayor

Subject: North-end Street Violence Task Force and Northside District
Bi-Monthly Report

As requested by the Board of County Commissioners, attached are the bi-monthly reports outlining the activities and results of the North-end Street Violence Task Force and Northside District.

Should you require additional information, please contact J.D. Patterson, Jr., Director, Miami-Dade Police Department at (305) 471-3272, or me directly.

Attachment

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MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT



NORTHSIDE DISTRICT AND NORTH-END STREET VIOLENCE TASK FORCE BI-MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT JANUARY 2015 - FEBRUARY 2015

Proactive Policing Initiatives

Northside District

The Northside District (ND) is currently involved in several proactive policing initiatives aimed at combating the level of street violence occurring in and around the ND as detailed:

- The ND General Investigations Unit (GIU) is in a continuous partnership with the North-end Street Violence Task Force (NSVTF). Detectives meet weekly to discuss ongoing cases.
- The ND Crime Prevention Team is currently targeting identified violent offenders and working closely with other investigative components such as the Narcotics Bureau's Street Gang Section, Robbery Bureau, the Miami Police Department, and federal law enforcement agencies. This includes weekly participation in the Multi-Agency Gang Task Force and the North End Gang Initiative details, and proactive enforcement initiatives within ND.
- The ND Crime Suppression Team evaluates daily crime trends and conducts undercover investigations of offenders involved in drug-related criminal activity.
- The Robbery Bureau's Robbery Intervention Detail coordinates with the ND GIU to deploy detectives on a weekly basis in a proactive capacity to address robberies and other violent crimes.
- The ND GIU is in partnership with the Florida Department of Corrections and together conduct periodic proactive details to locate violent felons who have violated their parole.
- The ND Community Oriented Policing Squad conducts weekly directed patrol and enforcement details during the midnight shift to locate and arrest violent offenders in the area of the Lincoln Fields and Annie Coleman apartment complexes.

As a result of these efforts, from January 1, 2015 – February 28, 2015, 99 individuals have been arrested and 72 have been identified as violent offenders. Prosecutions are ongoing at this time.

North-end Street Violence Task Force

The NSVTF conducts both long- and short-term investigations involving repeat violent offenders who are known to be involved in shootings and homicides. Investigators review historical cases to determine if cases may be resurrected utilizing additional investigations. Detectives also conduct proactive investigations in order to arrest the

repeat violent offenders. Detectives use both the state and federal court system to achieve this goal.

- The Homicide Bureau (HB) investigated a total of 4 homicides within the ND. This figure, compared to 4 homicides investigated during the same period in 2014, reflects a 0% change.
- No homicides occurred within the Intracoastal District. This compared to 5 homicides investigated during the same period in 2014, reflects a 100% decrease.
- The ND investigated a total of 14 contact shootings. This figure, compared to 26 contact shootings investigated during the same period in 2014, reflects a 53% decrease.
- The Intracoastal District investigated a total of 2 contact shootings. This figure, compared to 7 contact shootings investigated during the same period in 2014, reflects a 70% decrease.
- NSVTF, in collaboration with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), continues to conduct a long-term proactive investigation in northern Miami-Dade County. It is anticipated that the investigation will culminate with the arrest of several individuals who have been involved in activities impacting violent crime within northern Miami-Dade County.
- NSVTF is currently working with the Miami Police Department to curtail gang activity impacting both northern Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami. Due to the NSVTF efforts, several individuals have been identified as gang members who perpetrate violence across County/municipal lines.
- NSVTF continues to proactively work "persons of interest" who have been identified as being involved in gun violence in northern Miami-Dade County. As a result of this operation and, with the assistance of Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation; Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office; U.S. Attorney's Office; FBI; Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; U.S. Marshals Service; Drug Enforcement Agency; and the U.S. Secret Service, several individuals have been arrested and are pending trial in both state and federal court.
- NSVTF has been involved in three Florida probation checks which have resulted in the seizure of firearms and narcotics.
- NSVTF detectives continue to cultivate witnesses in homicide investigations who were originally reluctant to cooperate with homicide detectives. Due to the tenacity and interpersonal skills of the personnel assigned to the NSVTF, it is anticipated

that these witnesses will be ready, willing, and able to assist with the prosecution of murder subjects.

- NSVTF detectives continue to work with 11 documented confidential informants (CI) and several sources, who are readily available to provide information to HB detectives in furtherance of their investigations. It is anticipated that additional CIs and sources will be developed.
- NSVTF detectives contacted four business owners, five community leaders, and three religious leaders to foster positive relationships and trust with the community we serve.
- NSVTF detectives assigned to the Community Outreach component of the NSVTF have attended five community meetings throughout the Liberty City area that have been held at local churches and community centers.

Education/Prevention/Community Outreach

Northside District

The ND, in accordance with MDPD policy, has established crime prevention and education programs with specific policies, goals and objectives, by which their commitment can be realized. The following are programs administered by the ND Community Oriented Policing Services Unit during this period:

- Weekly "Keeping it 100" mentoring sessions at the Lincoln Fields Apartment Complex
- Brownsville Middle School dismissal detail to prevent after-school gang violence
- Brownsville "Your Life Matters" Presentation
- Meeting with Pastor Robert Jackson – St. Paul AME Church regarding crime in the area
- Citizens Review Board Forum on Enhancing Trust Between Residents and Police

Investigative Partnerships

Northside District

The ND GIU has developed a partnership with the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office to address violent crimes within the ND on a full-time basis. This effort includes the addition of an assistant state attorney and a paralegal assigned to the Northside Station. The Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office specially assigned two assistant state attorneys and support staff for a concentrated initiative for MDPD ND and the north-end area of the city of Miami to assist with open investigations, community prosecutions, and review cold cases regarding violent offenders within ND.

Accomplishments

As a result of the aforementioned collaborative efforts, internal communication and cooperation between departmental elements and outside agencies have strengthened, clearance rates for homicides have increased, investigative partnerships have been developed, the community is engaged, and we are developing our personnel for future success. We are encouraged by these results and are committed to continuing our efforts toward the Department's goal of providing a safe environment for all citizens and visitors to Miami-Dade County.