

Memorandum



Date: November 24, 2015

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

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Homicide Street Violence Task Force Bi-monthly Report – September-
October 2015

Attached is the bi-monthly report for the Board of County Commissioners outlining the activities and results of the Homicide Street Violence Task Force.

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

Attachment

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MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT



HOMICIDE STREET VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

Northside District and South District

BI-MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

September 2015 – October 2015

Proactive Policing Initiatives

Northside District:

- During the period of January 1, 2015, through November 1, 2015, the Northside District (ND) investigated a total of 125 contact shootings. This figure, compared to 114 contact shootings investigated during the same period in 2014, reflects a 10% increase.
- The ND General Investigations Unit (GIU) maintains a continuous partnership with the Homicide Street Violence Task Force (HSVTF). Detectives continue to meet on a weekly basis to discuss ongoing cases and share intelligence.
- The ND Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Unit continues to conduct weekly directed patrol and enforcement details during the afternoon shift to locate and arrest violent offenders in the area of the Lincoln Fields, Miami-Dade Housing/Washington Heights, and Annie Coleman apartment complexes.
- Since September 26, 2015, the ND Gang Unit has been working diligently with ND GIU, HSVTF, and the Silver Blue Lakes (SBL) apartments management to end the rash of shootings within SBL. The workload includes proactive enforcement, intelligence gathering, meetings, and surveillances. ND personnel initiated this investigation by identifying the main "persons of interest," (all drug dealers and gun carriers) involved in SBL by their nicknames, Facebook accounts, and phone numbers.
- In addition to the SBL details, the ND Crime Suppression Team (CST) and the Crime Prevention Team (CPT) have conducted several operations and directed patrols in high crime areas, resulting in 21 felony arrests, 30 misdemeanor arrests, 7 warrant arrests, 1 traffic arrest, and seizures of 153.20 grams of marijuana, 31.5 grams of cocaine, a 9mm Kel-Tec firearm, a 9mm Mac firearm, and 1 stolen vehicle recovery.

South District:

- Year-to-date, the South District (SD) investigated a total of 47 contact shootings. This figure, compared to 37 contact shootings investigated during the same period in 2014, reflects a 27% increase.
- The SD GIU is in a continuous partnership with the HSVTF. Detectives meet on a weekly basis to discuss ongoing cases and share intelligence.

- The SD Neighborhood Resource Unit (NRU) conducts weekly directed patrol and enforcement details during the afternoon shift to locate, document, and arrest violent offenders in the area of Perrine Gardens, Arthur Mays Village, and Cutler Manor Apartment complexes.

Homicide Street Violence Task Force:

The HSVTF continues to initiate and further both short-term state and federal investigations within the northern and southern communities of Miami-Dade County (MDC). These investigations are designed to have a positive and sustainable impact on reducing homicides and shootings within the ND and SD. The HSVTF continues to focus its investigations on specific violent offenders who are known to be involved in shootings, homicides, and other violent criminal activity.

- **During the period of September through October 2015, the Homicide Bureau (HB) investigated a total of 7 homicides within the ND.** This figure, compared to 6 homicides investigated during the same period in 2014, reflects a 17% increase. **Four of the aforementioned murder cases were closed by arrest with the assistance of the HSVTF.**
- **During the period of September through October 2015, the HB investigated a total of four homicides within the SD.** This figure, compared to four homicides investigated during the same period in 2014, reflects a 0% change. **Two of the aforementioned cases were closed by arrest with the assistance of the HSVTF.**
- HSVTF detectives continue to work in collaboration with the City of Miami Police Department and Miami-Dade Police Department districts in the northern and southern part of MDC, as well as federal and state prosecutors in order to identify, apprehend, and prosecute the most violent offenders who have a nexus to violent crime.

Education/Prevention/Community Outreach

Northside District:

The following programs were administered by the ND's COPS during this reporting 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
- Citizens Review Board forum on enhancing trust between residents and police

- The ND midnight platoon increased their directed patrol initiatives when policing the Lincoln Fields, Miami-Dade Housing/Washington Heights, and Annie Coleman apartment complexes to deter confrontations between neighboring rival gangs and/or violent offenders

South District:

The following programs were administered by the SD NRU during this reporting period:

- The SD midnight platoon continues their increased directed patrol initiatives when policing the specific apartment complexes to deter confrontations between neighboring rival gangs and/or violent offenders.
- The SD NRU continues working in an off-duty capacity patrolling the Cutler Manor Apartment complex, in order to combat violent crimes.
- The SD continues to monitor and provide high visibility police presence on Busway (Route 38), to deter violent activities such as robbery and other related incidents.
- The Drug Abuse Resistance Education curriculum has commenced and is being taught in various schools throughout MDC.
- Feed America food distribution event was hosted in Goulds Park and approximately 500 families were fed.
- Citizens Stand Against Crime event was hosted in the Silver Palms Community to assist in bridging the community and police relationship.

Homicide Street Violence Task Force:

- HSVTF detectives assigned to the Community Outreach Component (COC) continue to attend community meetings at local churches and community centers throughout the Liberty City, Miami Gardens, Intracoastal, and Unincorporated north MDC communities in an effort to enhance community support and participation.
- During the captioned reporting period, the COC attended nine local church community meetings. Former HSVTF Lieutenant George Perez attended the Perrine Community Outreach meeting, which was organized by Commissioner Dennis Moss.
- The COC continues to dedicate its efforts to meeting with public school officials to educate them on potential gang members and/or associates attending their schools.

Accomplishments

- The HSVTF, in collaboration with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), continues to conduct a long-term proactive investigation in northern MDC. This joint law enforcement operation has initiated 6 Title III wire intercepts, 23 pen registers, 26 drug seizures, and executed 54 search warrants. The Title III wire intercepts and other investigations have substantiated the extensive scope of the violent organization and validated aggregate distribution amounts of 124 kilograms of cocaine on an annual basis. Executed search warrants have resulted in the seizure of 24 weapons including 3 automatic rifles and 630 rounds of ammunition. Evidence has also disclosed that the criminal organization is extensively involved in identity theft, tax fraud, Department of Labor fraud, credit card fraud, as well as other types of fraud. Analysis by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shows that from the main subject alone, the IRS reports tax fraud amounts in excess of one million dollars. This investigation specifically targeted a known violent gang organization responsible for multiple homicides, shootings, narcotics, and fraudulent activity. As such, homicides have decreased 70% in the affected area.
- HSVTF also located and arrested two subjects who were wanted for the homicide investigation of a 17-year-old Northwestern High School student.

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 MDC.