


# Memorandum



**Date:** August 2, 2019

**To:** Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez   
Mayor

**Subject:** Additional Security Measures - Stephen P. Clark Center

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This memorandum is provided as an update on security measures for the Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC). As Mayor of Miami-Dade County, I take the safety of our employees and visitors very seriously, and have outlined steps to increase security measures that will allow for the safer administration of County government in the SPCC.

After September 2016, certain security measures were added to the SPCC lobby area. Visitor screening was implemented only during public Board of County Commissioner (Board) meetings due to fiscal constraints at that time. Miami-Dade Police Department officers are now stationed in the lobby area during all business hours, creating an additional layer of visibility and response in case of emergency.

With funding identified through the Homestead Exemption Mitigation Reserve, additional steps are being taken to better secure the facility. I have directed the Internal Services Department (ISD) to contract for security equipment and personnel necessary to add a number of critical security features inside and outside of the SPCC. Ratification of an emergency contract for this equipment and security personnel will be submitted to the Board for approval in the coming months.

## **Elevator Safety and Security**

- Modernizing our aged elevators is necessary to bring them into compliance with current life safety code requirements. New technology will provide an immediate improvement in safety, efficiency of elevator performance, and reliability. This technology will integrate new security features not currently available that increase the safety of our employees and visitors. All elevators will also be enhanced with video surveillance inside the cab.
- Work will begin in August to modernize the elevator servicing the commission office floors and chambers. Concurrently, the backbone of the new elevator Port Technology system is in design, to be launched in January 2020. At that time, the first set of elevators, one from each side of the building, will be taken offline to begin the modernization process. As each pair of elevators is updated, they will be brought back online and the next set of elevators will be taken out of service.

## **Employee and Visitor Screening**

- During August and September, employees and visitors will notice the construction of a state-of-the-art screening center in the lobby of the SPCC. This area will consist of six screening lanes supported by cutting-edge magnetometers, three airport quality X-Ray systems, a secondary high-sensitivity walkthrough metal detector, and additional security screeners. Modern turnstile exits will complement the screening area to assist in the control of movement throughout the

building. The entire area will be monitored by additional video surveillance and other technology to enhance security.

- Following the initial launch of this new screening area in September, additional layers of security will be added. A separate Visitor Management system will require all visitors to check-in and receive an identification badge prior to entering the screening area. The visitor management software is designed to integrate with the elevator Port Technology to assist in controlling visitor movement throughout the facility.
- The presence of Miami-Dade Police Officers will continue to be maintained in the screening area to support the security screeners and provide immediate response as needed.

Employees and visitors should expect to see the new screening area in operation during the month of September. ISD will be closely monitoring this area and the flow of traffic to make any necessary adjustments. In order to assist in the efficient flow of employees and visitors, all screening lanes will be open during peak times.

### **Facility Exterior**

- The addition of permanent security bollards to extend the secured perimeter around the facility is in design. In the short term, additional concrete bollards will be strategically placed around the perimeter of the facility. Existing bollards that were placed too close to the facility's south entrance doors will be repositioned and additional bollards installed. A new configuration will be implemented that extends the perimeter further from the entrances and secures additional areas of the perimeter until the permanent bollard project that extends to the public sidewalk is complete.
- All ingress and egress on the south side of the building will be closed, and used as emergency exits only. Anyone entering the facility will be routed to the north entrances through the new screening area.

Should you require additional information, please contact Tara C. Smith, Director of the Internal Services Department, at 305-375-5893, or me directly.

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