

GOOD MORNING EVERYONE!

I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY RECOGNIZING MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR JUAN PEREZ, AND OUR CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER ANGEL PETISCO.

MIAMI-DADE RESIDENTS APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTY.

ALSO WITH US IS RICHARD ADAMS, AN OFFICER WITH OUR MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO YOU WILL HEAR MORE ABOUT LATER.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO AND TO EACH OF YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY!

EMERGE IS THE PERFECT SETTING FOR TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

WHEN MANNY MEDINA FIRST THOUGHT TO PUT THIS EVENT TOGETHER, HE TOLD ME THAT HIS VISION WAS FOR EMERGE TO BE A VEHICLE FOR INTRODUCING INNOVATION IN GOVERNMENT SO THAT OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS COULD BETTER SERVE THEIR CONSTITUENTS.

I COULDN'T AGREE MORE WITH MY FRIEND MANNY.

AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT MY ADMINISTRATION HAS SET OUT TO DO IN OUR NEARLY FOUR YEARS IN OFFICE.

AND WE ARE TAKING A BIG STEP TO MAKING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY A SAFER COMMUNITY BY USING TECHNOLOGY.

TODAY, I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE NEWEST EFFORT THAT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN AND IS IN THE FINAL STAGES BEFORE LAUNCHING LATER THIS SUMMER.

I'M REFERRING TO ONE OF THE FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND MOBILE APPLICATION TOOLS THAT WILL BE KNOWN AS THE COMMUNITY ON PATROL APP, OR COPA FOR SHORT.

WHAT COPA WILL DO WILL BE SHOWN MOMENTARILY IN A VIDEO PRESENTATION WE HAVE PREPARED.

BUT WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT LIKE BODY WORN CAMERAS - WHICH I ADVOCATED FOR IN 2012 AND WELL BEFORE EVENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ONCE AGAIN

CALLED ATTENTION TO POLICE MATTERS - COPA WILL BE A TOOL FOR OUR APPROXIMATELY 2,650 POLICE OFFICERS IN THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OUR COUNTY'S 2.6 MILLION RESIDENTS TO USE TO BETTER PROTECT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

WHEN I FIRST EXPRESSED MY DESIRE TO HAVE A MOBILE APPLICATION LIKE COPA BUILT, OFFICER ADAMS VOLUNTEERED TO WORK ON THE PROJECT.

HIS EFFORTS GAVE US A FIRST LOOK AT WHAT IT IS THAT COPA COULD ULTIMATELY LOOK AND FEEL LIKE AND DO.

I THANK OFFICER ADAMS FOR HIS WORK AND HOPE THAT HE WILL CONTINUE WORKING WITH OUR HARD-WORKING PARTNERS AT MICROSOFT AND IN THE COUNTY'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT AS WE FINALIZE THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

AND NOW FOR THE VIDEO...

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE COPA APP WILL PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH THE ABILITY TO ANONYMOUSLY REPORT TIPS TO THE MDPD COMMAND CENTER, UPLOAD VIDEOS, PHOTOS AND NOTES, AS WELL AS

IDENTIFY AND PROVIDE THE RESIDENTIAL LOCATION OF SEXUAL OFFENDERS, FILE POLICE REPORTS AND COMMEND MDPD OFFICERS - ALL FROM YOUR SMART PHONE.

USERS CAN SHARE THE LOCATION OF WHERE AN INCIDENT OCCURRED OR A DIFFERENT ADDRESS IN CASE THEY HAVE TO MOVE FOR SAFETY.

THE APP WILL ALSO ALLOW THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO DISTRIBUTE NOTIFICATIONS TO USERS ABOUT CRITICAL ISSUES HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY.

IN SHORT, IT IS ANOTHER 21ST CENTURY TOOL FOR THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

KEEP IN MIND THAT THE MDPD IS ONE OF THE TEN LARGEST PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES IN THE COUNTRY, AND THE LARGEST IN THE SOUTHEAST.

MDPD PROVIDES SERVICES TO APPROXIMATELY 1.1 MILLION OF OUR 2.6 MILLION RESIDENTS. THAT TOTAL INCREASES WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT THE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT ALSO PROVIDES PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES TO SOME OF OUR 34 MUNICIPALITIES.

SO WHY ANNOUNCE COPA TODAY PRIOR TO THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH?

BECAUSE IT IS YOU - RESIDENTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND EMERGE PARTICIPANTS WHO CAN HELP US FINALIZE THE PRODUCT.

BETA TESTING WILL BEGIN SOMETIME IN JUNE, AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IS LOOKING TO ALL OF YOU FOR FEEDBACK.

SO I ASK THAT THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE TESTING PHASE, EMAIL MAYMR@MIAMIDADE.GOV

OUR STAFF WILL REPLY TO YOU WITH UPDATES ON WHERE WE ARE IN THE PROCESS, AND PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ON WHEN TESTING WILL BEGIN.

ALSO, FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ALL THE APPS THE COUNTY HAS AVAILABLE VISIT OUR MOBILE APPLICATION CENTER AT MIAMIDADE.GOV/MOBILE-APPLICATIONS

WORKING TOGETHER - MIAMI-DADE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, THE MDPD, TECHNOLOGY EXPERTS

**AND RESIDENTS - WILL ADD ANOTHER TOOL TO
MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFER.**

**THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY AND I AM
HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.**

