

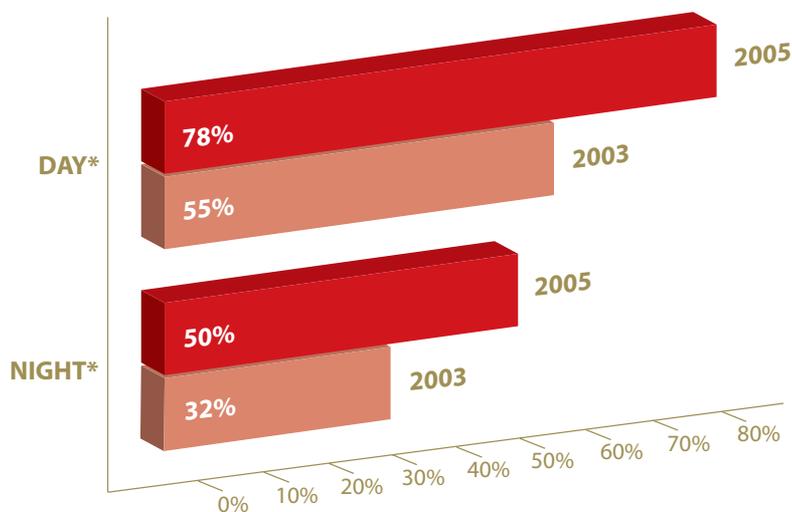
Public Safety

Mission

To provide a safe and secure community through public safety services that are coordinated, professional, courteous, efficient and effective.

How We Rated

“I feel safe walking during the...”*

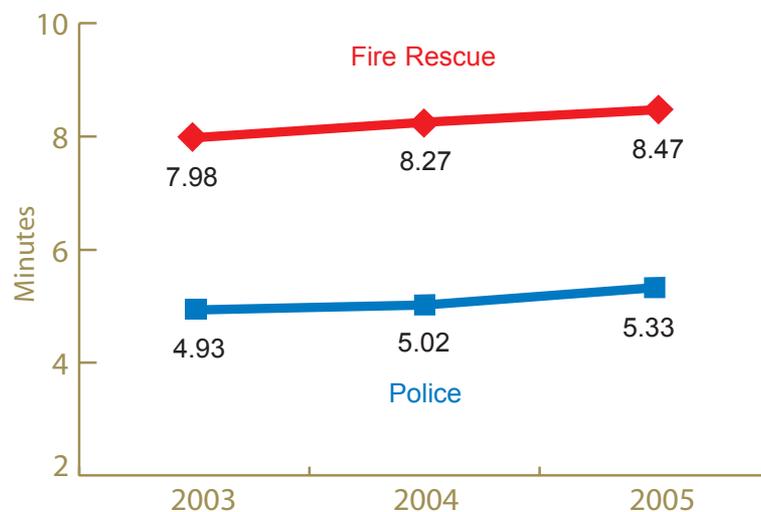


*When asked about personal safety, 78 percent of residents strongly agreed/agreed that they felt safe during the day and 50 percent at night. This is a significant improvement over 2003.

The dramatic improvement in public safety perception since 2003 likely benefited from the **12.5 percent** reduction in crime over the same period.

- When asked which public safety services needed the most improvement, residents rated the top three as: enforcement of local traffic laws, efforts to prevent property crime and courtesy, respectfulness and fairness of police officers.
- **Sixty-one percent** of those surveyed said that they were very satisfied/satisfied with Police services and **82 percent** were very satisfied/satisfied with Fire Rescue services.
- The County’s ability to shelter residents during an emergency increased in 2005 to **73,625**. While this already surpasses the demand estimated by the state for Miami-Dade County in 2011 (**62,487**), our target is to make **82,000** emergency shelter spaces available to residents.
- The Animal Services Department helped to rescue, recover and adopt **6,544** pets, an increase of **107** pets from the previous year.

Average emergency response times for Fire Rescue and Police



Fire and Police response times have increased due, in part, to population growth and traffic.



Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department will begin construction on six new fire stations in 2006.