



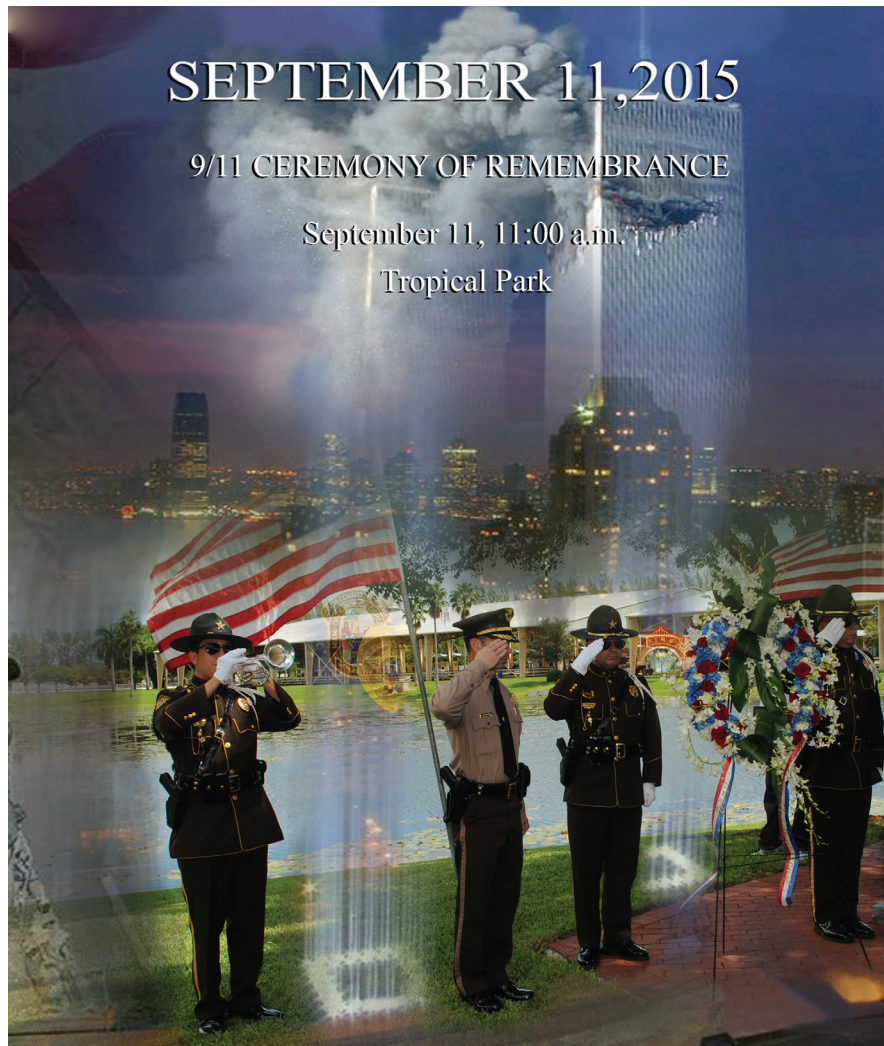
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# Miami-Dade Police & Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Remember 9/11

By Wynton Anders, Public Information & Education Bureau



The Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) and Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) jointly commemorated the 14th Anniversary of the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, in a Remembrance Ceremony at Tropical Park, honoring those who served and sacrificed their lives on that momentous day.

Those in attendance included Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez, MDPD Deputy Director Juan J. Perez; MDRF Chief Dave Downey; Sunny Isles Beach Police Chief Freddie Maas and Captain Dwight Snyder; and MDRF Chief of Staff Andy Alvarez. Master of Ceremonies was MDPD's Public Information and Education Bureau Major Hector Llevat.

The South Florida Law Enforcement Mass Choir opened the ceremony with *America the Beautiful* followed by Chief Downey who gave the formal welcome. MDPD Chaplain Dr. Walter Richardson delivered the Invocation and the Presentation of the Colors was conducted by both the MDPD and MDRF Honor Guards.

MDRF Dr. Denise Vidal sang the national anthem and Chief of Staff Andy Alvarez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The ceremony featured the showing of a video titled "Angels Among Us." There were reflections by Mayor Gimenez and Deputy Director Perez. Chief Maas and Captain Dwight Snyder read the names of the fallen heroes. To the playing of Taps, Deputy Director Perez and Chief Downey laid wreaths in remembrance of all the victims, followed by MDPD Officer Bridget Sanchez singing *God Bless America*.

The ceremony ended with a Benediction by MDRF Chaplain Lieutenant Alex Trichet.





# Miami-Dade Police connects with Nextdoor

By Carmen Caldwell, Citizens' Crime Watch

From: The Miami Herald



The Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) recently announced its new partnership with the social media network, Nextdoor.

Through this new technology, Miami-Dade residents can now connect online with Miami-Dade Police. For those of you in a municipality, check with your local police department to see if they have connected with this new program. Citizens' Crime Watch of Miami-Dade will use this technology with local crime watch groups that want to enhance communication with neighborhood residents.

According to a recent study, 93 percent of Americans say it is important to look out for each other, yet 50 percent of Americans do not know their neighbors by name, according to a Whitepages news release. That is why Nextdoor, the private social network for neighborhoods, was created. Nextdoor's mission is to bring back a sense of community to neighborhoods by offering free neighborhood websites specifically designed to foster conversations among neighbors and build stronger, safer communities.

Miami-Dade neighborhoods are already using Nextdoor, and now the MDPD has adopted the platform to connect with residents to improve safety and strengthen virtual neighborhood crime watch efforts.

"We've officially adopted Nextdoor as a strategy we can utilize to enhance our crime fighting abilities, as well as our community policing strategy," said MDPD Director J.D. Patterson.

On Nextdoor, neighbors create private websites to get to know one another, ask questions, and exchange local advice and recommendations. The MDPD will now be able to share important safety information and emergency notifications with residents on a neighborhood level through Nextdoor.

Nextdoor was specifically designed to make neighbors feel comfortable sharing information with one another. All members must verify that they live within the neighborhood. Information shared on Nextdoor is password-protected and cannot be accessed by those outside the neighborhood, including the MDPD, or found on Google or other search engines. Nextdoor never shares personal information with any third parties.

Join your neighbors and the MDPD in building a stronger, safer Miami-Dade today at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com).

Nextdoor becomes a lifeline to the neighborhood





# Miami-Dade Police Department Halloween Safety Tips

## Walk Safely

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing the street, and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up. Walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic.

## Trick-or-Treat With an Adult

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Children under the age of 12 should not trick-or-treat alone. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.
- Do not let children eat treats without inspecting them first.

## Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Use reflective tape or stickers to decorate costumes and bags.
- Use face paint or makeup instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.

## Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Look for kids at intersections, on medians, and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways slowly.
- Ignore distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.

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- Criminal Mischief/Vandalism
- Harassing Phone Calls



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School Crossing Guard Willie Bannerman – 7 yrs.  
 Police Officer Jose Caballero – 25 yrs.  
 Sergeant Anita Carabine – 32 yrs.  
 School Crossing Guard Juana Collazo – 7 yrs.  
 Police Officer Juan Crespo – 30 yrs.  
 School Crossing Guard Joyce Crowder – 6 yrs.  
 Police Financial Investigator Jose Dicrisi – 17 yrs.  
 Police Complaint Officer Deanne Elmore – 30 yrs.  
 Police Officer Raul Escobar – 27 yrs.  
 Police Complaint Officer Deanne Elmore – 30 yrs.  
 Police Officer Anthony Fera – 27 yrs.  
 Police Crime Analysis Spec. 1 Jorge Garcia – 35 yrs.  
 Police Records Technician 1 Daniel Gelin – 14 yrs.  
 Lieutenant Randy Greenberg – 31 yrs.  
 Pedestrian Educational Spec. Eileen Higer – 26 yrs.  
 School Crossing Guard Richard Hylton – 8 yrs.  
 Police Officer William Kostopoulous – 17 yrs.  
 Police Sergeant Paul Jean-Louis – 34 yrs.  
 Accountant 2 Carmen Larsen – 30 yrs.  
 Police Sergeant Jose Lugo – 26 yrs.  
 Lieutenant Cynthia Machanic – 31 yrs.  
 Police Officer Anthony Magrino – 30 yrs.  
 Police Sergeant Michael Malott – 28 yrs.  
 School Crossing Guard Omery Martin – 1 yr.  
 School Crossing Guard Pedro Martinez – 9 yrs.  
 Police Officer Michael P. Phillips – 18 yrs.  
 Police Property Evid. Spec. 1 Thomas Poole – 31 yrs.  
 Administrative Secretary Charlene Ray – 34 yrs.  
 Police Officer Javier Trabazo – 34 yrs.  
 Major Gregory Truitt – 30 yrs.  
 Police Lieutenant Daniel Villanueva – 29 yrs.  
 Secretary Katherine Williams – 32 yrs.  
 MDPD Court Support Spec. 1 Moises Yaber – 30 yrs.  
 Police Officer Johnny Williams – 34 yrs.  
 Criminalist 2 Timothy Wilmot – 22 yrs.

### **Thank You For Giving The “Gift Of Life”**

Police Major Ariel Artime  
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**Next Blood Drive October 22, 2015  
 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

***Thank you to the following personnel and local citizens for supporting the Police Complaint Supervisor II Isabel Lora Memorial Blood Drive.***

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# On the Beat

By Patrick Smikle, Public Information & Education Bureau

Detectives from the General Investigations Unit (GIU) at Miami-Dade Police Department's Intracoastal District conducted an operation that resulted in the detention of two burglary suspects and the recovery of stolen property.

The burglary took place on Saturday, August 22, 2015, when thieves broke into a house. Four days later, the homeowner saw two of the items stolen in the burglary, a television set and a bicycle, being advertised for sale on Craigslist.

Lead investigator, Sergeant Alejandro Baldor, initiated a Buy/Bust operation involving officers from the Intracoastal GIU's Property Crimes Squad and the Crime Suppression Team.

Arrangements were made to meet the seller in a restaurant parking lot and two men arrived with the items. Once the victim, who had photos and serial numbers of the items, was able to confirm ownership of property, two subjects were taken into custody.



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