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Sent to all staff on 9/20/17.

# Director’s Message



Juan J. Perez  
MDPD Director

I wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank you for your work during the recovery period following Hurricane Irma. I have received nothing but praise for the efforts and performance by Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD). You are the reason MDPD is a cut above. While others evacuated or sheltered in place, you stood ready to serve this community, never pausing or hesitating. Despite your own personal losses or hardships left by the storm, you’ve served admirably. You placed community over self. The sense of duty and calling to this profession is evident by your actions.

As things begin to normalize in our community, we must stand with our neighbors to the south, Monroe County.



Portions of the Florida Keys have suffered immense losses.

The deputies themselves have lost everything they own and yet remain on duty, serving the community. They have no water, power,

and limited supplies. Communications are also limited and they find themselves facing a long road to recovery. After

meeting with Sheriff Ramsey, I have vowed to assist his agency until things normalize. Beginning on September 20, 2017, we sent personnel to assist in patrolling the streets of the Upper Keys, giving the deputies much needed temporary relief. We bleed blue and will stand to help anywhere.

On another note, September 13<sup>th</sup> is a special day for me. Part of me was lost that day, yet other attributes were strengthened. On September 13, 2007, we briefed at the rear of the South District, determined to find burglars and robbers that were creating chaos in the community. We shared information regarding wanted shooters. Not too long after the briefing, the men and women I sent out to protect and fight crime, came under fire. The result is one End Of Watch (EOW) and three others injured. During the deadly encounter, several others could have been shot as well. My heart still aches from the memories of that fatal day. Many others that were present just avoid the discussion, as they try to erase the memory. Many broken hearts, a widow, and two fatherless kids were left behind. The EOW came too soon on September 13, 2007. Please pause for a moment as we remember our hero, Officer Jose Lazaro Somohano. We honor “Somo” and will never forget his sacrifice.



“Long Life for Those Who Dare...” enter this Profession!



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# MEMORIAM

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*Wynton K. Anders*

July 23, 1960 - September 23, 2017



Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) Director Juan J. Perez regrets to announce that Public Information and Education Bureau's (PIEB) Information Representative Wynton K. Anders, age 57, passed away on Saturday, September 23, 2017, of a heart-related condition.

Mr. Anders began his career with the MDPD as a Media Relations staff writer. He was assigned to the Special Projects Section, where he wrote articles about MDPD for the Department's Alert newsletter and local newspapers. He also provided photographic coverage for these and many other MDPD publications and special events. Mr. Anders received numerous commendations during his career with MDPD; among them, accolades from the Police Officer Assistance Trust, United Way, March of Dimes, National Kidney Foundation, One Blood, and the American Cancer Society for his support and campaign contributions; and appreciation from MDPD's School Crossing Guard, Central Records Bureau's Black History, and Gun Bounty Programs.

Mr. Anders was a peaceful man who was well liked and appreciated by his supervisors and coworkers. He always had a smile on his face and never had a negative thing to say about anyone. His many outstanding evaluations stated, "Mr. Anders is a team player and a conscientious worker who provides support to anyone who requests his help." He was always willing to assist in any way possible with the numerous PIEB tasks and projects, and those throughout the Department as a whole.

Mr. Anders was born in Miami, Florida, and was very close to his loving family. He attended local schools, and graduated from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU). He was an active member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. While at FAMU, he was selected as the Athletic Team Equipment Manager, a responsibility he accepted with pride and honor. As in his professional life, he was well received by the athletes and students of whom he kept in close contact with throughout his life.

Mr. Anders was also an outstanding church parishioner. He was an usher at the Church of the Open Door and was instrumental in the ministry's youth programs. He also assisted in writing church publications for the congregation.

Mr. Anders' untimely death has affected a great many people whose lives have been touched by his dedication and kindness. His genuine personality and demeanor epitomized a true "gentleman."

Mr. Anders is survived by his mother Elsaída Anders, his father James W. Anders, his sister Janis Lindsay, his many loving relatives, and his extended law enforcement family.

# Mega Entertainment Development May Be Coming Soon to Miami-Dade County

By Sergeant Keith Hedrick

This fall, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners will vote on whether to approve two proposed large scale developments in northwest Miami-Dade County. MDPD staff members have been reviewing the proposed plans for these developments to meet future policing challenges that will result from the growth of these properties.



The developers, International Atlantic, LLC, also known as the “American Dream Miami” and The Graham Companies are requesting to expand the area through two separate but corresponding zoning applications. The Graham Companies desire zoning changes to construct and develop approximately 337 acres of land into 2,000 multi-family rental apartments, 1,000,000 square feet of various commercial use, and 3,000,000 square feet of business park usage.

The proposed Graham Companies project will work along with the planned American Dream Miami development, sometimes referred to as the “Mega Mall,” and will be located east of the Florida Turnpike, west of Interstate 75, between NW 180 Street and NW 170 Street. The Graham Companies project will increase the number of residents and full-time employees in the area by 15,000 people. American Dream Miami developers are requesting zoning changes to construct and develop approximately 194 acres of land, located immediately north of the Graham Companies project, between NW 180 Street and the intersection of the Florida Turnpike and Interstate 75.

The entire development proposes to build 2,000 hotel rooms and 6,200,000 square feet of various retail and entertainment uses. This “Mega Mall” project is much more than just a large mall. It will be comprised of a live performing arts center, dining destinations, a multi-screen luxury theater complex, water ballet fountains, an

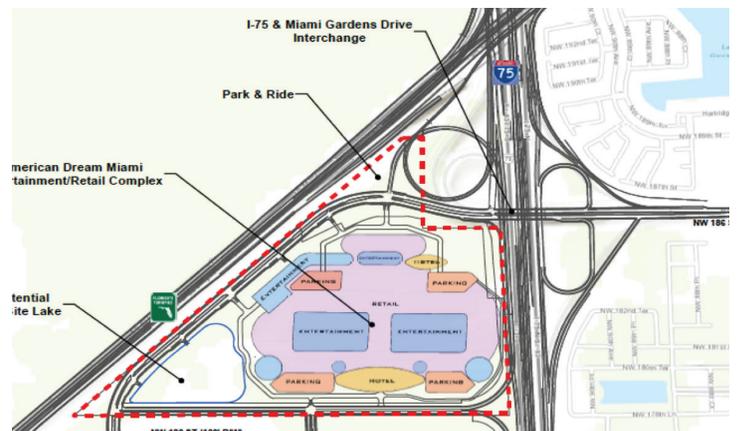
aquarium, a submarine ride, an art deco village, Tivoli gardens, luxury hotel accommodations, an indoor/outdoor amusement theme park, an indoor ice skating rink, and indoor snow ski as well as water parks.

American Dream Miami is projected to increase the population of full-time employees to the area by 14,800 people. More than 30 million people, per year, are expected to visit the American Dream Miami Complex. This averages to more than 82,000 people visiting the American Dream Miami project daily, and does not include the full-time employees. For perspective, in 2015, Disney’s Magic Kingdom had 20,492,000 visitors, for an average daily visitor count of 56,000 people.

To assist in determining the best delivery of police services to the American Dream Miami project, MDPD staff spoke with law enforcement agencies that provide similar police services to various malls and entertainment venues throughout the United States, including Walt Disney World’s Magic Kingdom (Orange County, Florida), Dolphin Mall (Sweetwater, Florida), Sawgrass Mills Outlet Mall (Sunrise, Florida), Mall of America (Bloomington, Minnesota), King of Prussia Mall (Prussia, Pennsylvania), and Aventura Mall (Aventura, Florida). Due to the scope and nature of the project, MDPD is reviewing numerous options to resolve the increased need for police services to these projects. If these developments are approved this fall, anticipated completion of the American Dream Miami project will be sometime in 2022. Build out for The Graham Companies are projected to be stretched out during the next 20-30 years from the approval date.

Progress and developmental growth is inevitable. As Miami-Dade County continues to evolve, MDPD is committed to delivering a safe and secure community to citizens and visitors, while practicing our core values of integrity, respect, service, and fairness.

<http://www.americandream.com/miami/?open=1>



# The Wide World of Forensics

## WIDE WORLD OF FORENSICS SAO/Mock Trials

Wednesday, July 19  
10:00am in the Cafetorium

Offered by Forensic Services Bureau

## WIDE WORLD OF FORENSICS

Fingerprint Identification Section

Wednesday, August 16  
10:00am in the Cafetorium

Offered by Forensic Services Bureau

## WIDE WORLD OF FORENSICS

Analytical Section

Wednesday, September 20  
10:00am in the Cafetorium

Offered by Forensic Services Bureau

The MDPD'S is Forensic Services Bureau (FSB) contains the only full-service public crime laboratory providing scientific and technical expertise to the MDPD and 35 municipalities within Miami-Dade County as well as to state and federal law enforcement agencies, upon request. The FSB serves approximately 2.7 million permanent residents with a staff of nearly 100 scientific and support personnel. The FSB is comprised of four Sections: Analytical, Fingerprint Identification, Forensic Identification, and Forensic Biology.

To encourage officers/investigators and their supervisors to learn more about the services offered by the FSB and the University of Miami's Forensic Toxicology Laboratory, the FSB is continuing a series of educational seminars known as "Wide World of Forensics" in 2017. FSB personnel from the four Sections, as well as personnel from the University of Miami's Toxicology Laboratory and the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office provide presentations throughout the year. The World Wide of Forensics seminar series affords attendees direct access to subject matter experts in disciplines, including but not limited to, drug analysis, trace evidence analysis, fingerprint identification, DNA analysis, and firearms and toolmark identification. FSB personnel provide instruction on submission requirements, a brief overview of the analytical process, and tips to ensure evidence acceptance, which is key to timely analysis.

### ***A brief overview of each of the respective sections of the FSB is provided below:***

The Analytical Section is responsible for analyzing and identifying illicit, controlled, and legend drug materials confiscated in Miami-Dade County. Additionally, the Analytical Section is tasked with developing methods to identify emerging drugs, including synthetic cannabinoids, bath salts, and fentanyl analogs. The Analytical Section is also responsible for the examination, analysis, and

comparison of miscellaneous trace materials that may be transferred during the commission of a crime. Comparison of these materials can show an association between an individual and a crime scene. Examples of trace evidence that can be identified and compared include fibers, glass fragments, paint chips, smears, and a wide variety of miscellaneous materials. Trace evidence can also be used to establish the elements of a crime by identifying certain materials, such as gunshot residues on the hands of individuals suspected of firing a gun, or ignitable liquid residues found at the scene of a suspected arson.

The Fingerprint Identification Section is comprised of the Master File Unit, Automated Fingerprint Identification System Unit, and Latent Unit. The Master File Unit is staffed by Fingerprint Analysts whose primary responsibility is to compare fingerprints from jail bookings to determine identification. The Automated Fingerprint Identification System Unit is responsible for maintaining more than 1.8 million biometric records (fingerprints, palmprints, and latent prints) for the Fingerprint Identification Section. In the Latent Unit, latent fingerprint examiners process and evaluate physical evidence from crime scenes for the presence of latent prints.

The Forensic Identification Section analyzes firearm and ballistic evidence in order to identify same gun evidence. This Section also performs additional types of analysis, including but not limited to, toolmark analysis and shoe and tire track impression analysis. In addition, to date the Section has used the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) to link guns and/or crime scene evidence confiscated during police investigations to more than 8,580 scenes of violent shooting cases where no other leads were previously known.

The Forensic Biology Section (FBS) is responsible for analyzing biological material that is associated with

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## The Wide World... *Continued from page 4*

crimes committed in Miami-Dade County. The types of cases that are processed by the FBS range from property crimes to violent crimes. The FBS utilizes state-of-the-art DNA analysis methods to generate a DNA profile from a known standard that can potentially be excluded or included as a source of an evidentiary DNA profile. The Federal Bureau of Investigation Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) combines forensic DNA profiles and computer networking technology. The FSB uses

CODIS to search DNA profiles at the local, state, and national level to determine if an evidentiary DNA profile has been associated with an individual and/or linked to another crime. To date, the FBS has made over 7,698 CODIS hits, many providing investigative leads where all other leads were exhausted.

For additional information about the Forensic Services Bureau, please go to <http://www.miamidade.gov/police/contacts-forensics.asp>.



(Listed in alphabetical order)

MDPD recently said farewell to 32 employees (18 sworn officers and 14 civilians) who retired after periods of service ranging from 6 to 35 years. Director Juan J. Perez, the Department's Command Staff, and the entire MDPD family wishes our departing colleagues many, many years of happy retirement.

### Officers

Lieutenant Robert Wilcox .....	28 yrs.
Sergeant Michael Bracci .....	27 yrs.
Sergeant Charles McCully .....	35 yrs.
Sergeant Leonard Muccillo .....	30 yrs.
Sergeant Tung Tellez.....	28 yrs.
Sergeant Robert Perez.....	25 yrs.
Police Officer Ramiro Alonso .....	30 yrs.
Police Officer Annette Basulto Alvarez .....	30 yrs.
Police Officer Robert Christie.....	31 yrs.
Police Officer Peter Coll .....	30 yrs.
Police Officer Elisa De Rojas .....	30 yrs.
Police Officer Wilbur Graham .....	30 yrs.
Police Officer Sergio Jordan .....	31 yrs.
Police Officer Alejandro Martinez.....	20 yrs.
Police Officer Rhonda Matthews-Finkel .....	24 yrs.
Police Officer Oscar Piedra.....	28 yrs.
Police Officer Jorge Rodriguez.....	30 yrs.
Police Officer Carlos Rosero .....	35 yrs.

### Civilians

Clerk 3 Onita Elam .....	34 yrs.
School Crossing Guard Edith Dieudonne .....	17 yrs.
School Crossing Guard Raymond Hammond.....	10 yrs.
School Crossing Guard Lionel McLeod .....	6 yrs.
School Crossing Guard Ofelia Vargas .....	18 yrs.
School Crossing Guard Alba Vega.....	10 yrs.
Secretary Ruth Goldberg.....	16 yrs.
Secretary Barbara Gonzalez.....	18 yrs.
Imaging Records Technician Edna Harris .....	18 yrs.
MDPD Court Support Specialist 1 Anastasia Dolan..	28 yrs.
MDPD Criminalist Supervisor Alan Klein .....	35 yrs.
Police Complaint Officer Alina Marcos.....	31 yrs.
Financial Investigator Margaret Rivas-Amaya .....	15 yrs.
Latent Fingerprint Examiner Teddy Harley .....	35 yrs.

# Thank You Blood Donors!



The Miami-Dade Police Department and OneBlood continue to hold successful blood collection drives at MDPD Headquarters and Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute. Special thanks are extended to the donors listed below for helping save lives!

Major Hector Llevat  
Sergeant Andrew Cohen  
Sergeant Glenn Ross  
Sergeant Joseph Zanconato  
Officer Jessica Alvarez  
Officer Susana Armenteros  
Officer Henry McPherson III

Officer Tanya Menendez  
Officer Mario Perez Jr.  
Officer Richard Raphael  
Officer Fernando Sacasas  
Officer Charles Stennett  
Armorer Jorge Corbato  
Secretary Mabel Echeverria

Police Records Specialist 1 Isis Llorente  
Police Property Evidence Specialist 1 Helena Lyons  
Secretary Jessica Schenone  
Data Entry Specialist 2 Travis Stanley  
Criminalist 2 Karen Wiggins

The Department would especially like to thank the six non-MDPD donors:  
Jorge Dearmas, Odalys Dominguez, Arturo Fernandez, Ines Fernandez, Claudio Pinero, and Arturo Rivera.

## WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT WHAT'S YOURS

Miami-Dade County wants to protect what's yours.

You or your loved ones could be the target of scammers who often use schemes combining new technology with old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information.

### Always stay a step ahead by doing the following:

- Review your finances
- Consider secure payment methods
- Be skeptical about free trial offers
- Sign up for FREE scam alerts

For more info and tips, call 311 or visit [www.miamidade.gov/fraudfree](http://www.miamidade.gov/fraudfree).



Please join us for the MSABC Walk at Marlins Stadium on **Saturday, October 28, 2017, at 7:30 a.m.** for a group photograph in front of the PINK Police Car.



# Police **POWER** in Pink!

Join Us:



**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk**  
**Saturday, October 28, 2017**

Marlins Park, 501 Marlins Way (NW 16th Avenue), Miami, FL 33125

Registration 8:00 a.m.



Contact SPA1 Allison Bishop-Cooner at 305-471-1751 or your entity representative.



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		<p>Ladies Dry Fit, V-Neck</p> <p><b>\$20</b></p> <p>Sizes: XS - XXL 3XL - 4XL \$5 Extra</p>
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		<p>Unisex Dry Fit, Round Neck</p> <p><b>\$20</b></p> <p>Sizes: XS - XXL 3XL - 4XL \$5 Extra</p>
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Contact your Entity Representative or SPA Allison Bishop-Cooner at abishop-cooner@mdpd.com



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The Broward book does NOT have the Fresh Market bonus coupons.

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Broward book:

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Contact SPA 1 Allison Bishop-Cooner at abishop-cooner@mdpd or your MSABC Entity Representative to purchase your Coupon Book.

# DIRTY CRIMES CARRY FINES

ILLEGAL DUMPERS can expect penalties, fines and possible jail time.  
Dispose of your trash and debris properly!



For more information or to report illegal dumping  
call 311 or visit [www.miamidade.gov/311Direct](http://www.miamidade.gov/311Direct)



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