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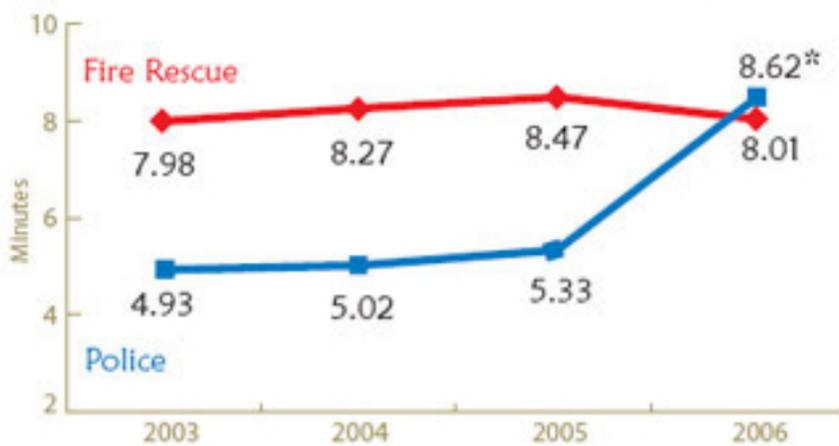
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Ensuring a safe and secure community through Police, Fire-Rescue and Corrections departments is a major priority for Miami-Dade County. Homeland security and emergency preparedness services protect residents during and after disasters and emergencies.

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Average emergency response times for Fire Rescue and Police



*Police improved the method of determining response time resulting in a more accurate measure by implementing a new dispatching system.



Highlights

- The [Miami-Dade Police Department](#) reported that the rate for violent crimes, burglary, larceny, and auto theft declined by **6.4 percent** in 2006.
- The [Office of Emergency Management](#) and Homeland Security continues to maintain approximately **73,000** emergency shelter spaces, including **2,000** for special needs residents. This level exceeds the County's demand for **2011** as estimated by the State.
- The [Animal Services Department](#) increased pet adoptions by **nearly 100 percent**. Typically, shelters strive for a **10-15 percent** increase annually. Also in 2006, a second pet-friendly disaster relief shelter was established.
- The [Dial-A-Life Program](#) distributed **1,442** cell phones to the elderly, victims of domestic violence, disabled and low-income residents. Since the program's inception in December 2003, more than **3,400** cell phones have been distributed.
- To help serve our growing community, **five** new fire stations opened in 2006 including the Hialeah Gardens, Uleta, West Miami, Tamiami, and Redland stations. **Four** additional stations are scheduled to open in 2007.

Fire Rescue responded to nearly 1,000 more calls in 2006 than the previous year while improving its response time to life threatening calls by 28 seconds.

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