

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 5, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to (I) institute a Vehicle Sanitization Pilot Program in the Miami-Dade Police Department to reduce the risk of exposure to the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"), subject to funding availability, (II) determine the feasibility of expanding the program to the entire fleet of Miami-Dade Police Department vehicles, (III) identify available funding for the expansion program, and (IV) provide a report

Resolution No. R-337-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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4-5-22

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-337-22

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO (I) INSTITUTE A VEHICLE SANITIZATION PILOT PROGRAM IN THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REDUCE THE RISK OF EXPOSURE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 ("COVID-19"), SUBJECT TO FUNDING AVAILABILITY, (II) DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE PROGRAM TO THE ENTIRE FLEET OF MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES, (III) IDENTIFY AVAILABLE FUNDING FOR THE EXPANSION PROGRAM, AND (IV) PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers' frontline jobs cause them to have significant exposure to coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, according to the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum 2021 End-Of-Year Preliminary Law Enforcement Officers Fatalities Report ("Report"), COVID-19 was identified as the leading cause of death for law enforcement officers across the nation for the second year in a row; and

WHEREAS, according to the Report, "[p]reliminary data shows that some 301 officer fatalities have been identified as caused by Covid this year, and this number appears to increase almost daily;" and

WHEREAS, because the Report is only preliminary, it is possible that the number of law enforcement officer deaths attributed to COVID-19 may increase; and

WHEREAS, the Report further provides that the number of COVID-19 related law enforcement fatalities in 2021 was over 65 percent greater than those that occurred in 2021; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Report also provides that with 52 deaths, the State of Florida suffered the second highest number of law enforcement officer deaths caused by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, the law enforcement community in South Florida has suffered losses that have directly contributed to these alarming statistics; and

WHEREAS, during a one-week period in August 2021, South Florida grieved the passing of five law enforcement officers whose deaths were attributed to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Miami-Dade Police Department (“MDPD”), has instituted additional or enhanced cleaning and sanitization measures to better protect officers, civilian employees, and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its standard cleaning protocols, the MDPD has invested in handheld electrostatic sprayers and germicides to sanitize and disinfect vehicles and office spaces as it attempts to reduce the risk of exposure to, and minimize the spread of, COVID-19 within the ranks of officers and employees as well as members of the public whom they encounter; and

WHEREAS, such handheld sprayers are at each of the 11 district police stations and allow MDPD staff to sanitize locations or vehicles where symptomatic or COVID-19 positive officers, civilian employees, or members of the public have been and reduce the downtime that vehicles or locations are out of service; and

WHEREAS, similarly, in an effort to better protect law enforcement officers from COVID-19, Ford Motor Company (“Ford”) has introduced technology that heats certain police vehicles to a temperature high enough and for a long enough duration to inactivate the virus; and

WHEREAS, in addition to recommended cleaning methods, Ford’s heat cleaning software allows for police vehicles to be sanitized between calls and reduces the time that police vehicles must be out of service; and

WHEREAS, Ford tested its new software in vehicles owned by law enforcement agencies across the country including, but not limited to, the Michigan State Police Department, New York City Police Department, and Los Angeles Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the software is available for immediate use in certain Police Interceptor SUVs in the United States and Canada and may be installed at Ford dealerships or by police department service centers; and

WHEREAS, Ford is also exploring the feasibility of making the software available for use in other police vehicles; and

WHEREAS, as COVID-19 continues to afflict the nation, and the State of Florida in particular, such software could help prevent a member of the MDPD from being infected with COVID-19, especially when coupled with other cleaning and sanitization measures instituted by the MDPD; and

WHEREAS, this Board ardently supports MDPD, law enforcement officers in general as well as other first responders, and is interested in investing in technologies designed to better protect them; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to establish a program that could help protect members of the MDPD as they risk their lives to protect the community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Approves and incorporates the foregoing recitals in this resolution.

Section 2. Subject to the availability of funds as set forth in section 4 below, directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to institute a Vehicle Sanitization Pilot Program ("Program") in the Miami-Dade Police Department ("MDPD") to test and evaluate technology

and products that may reduce the risk of exposure to and infection with the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”). The Program shall be governed by the terms of Implementing Order 3-38.

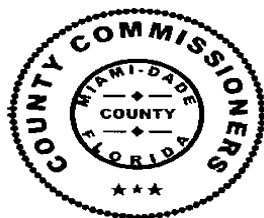
Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to determine the feasibility of expanding the Program referenced in section 2 above into a competitively procured program for the entire fleet of MDPD vehicles.

Section 4. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to: (a) identify one or more legally available funding sources from the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 County Budget for the implementation and operation of the Program referenced in section 2 above and the expansion of the Program referenced in section 3 above; (b) provide a report to this Board on the status of the Program and the feasibility of its expansion within 30 days of the effective date of this resolution; and (c) place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65. At a minimum, the report should identify: (i) any MDPD officers whose deaths were attributed to COVID-19; (ii) the technology or products used or to be used for the Program; (iii) any technology or products that could be used for the expansion of the Program; and (iv) available funding for the Program and its expansion or, if insufficient funds are available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 County Budget for the Program or its expansion, recommendations on grants or other sources of funds, in-kind services, or marketing partnership opportunities that may be available to fund the Program and/or its expansion.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	aye		
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye		
Sen. René García	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of April, 2022. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Shanika A. Graves