

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 9, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the
County Mayor to evaluate
Countywide emergency
services response times,
develop methods for
improvement, and provide a
report detailing such findings
to this Board

Resolution No. R-985-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM (Revised)

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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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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10-9-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-985-25

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EVALUATE
COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES RESPONSE TIMES,
DEVELOP METHODS FOR IMPROVEMENT, AND PROVIDE
A REPORT DETAILING SUCH FINDINGS TO THIS BOARD

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has experienced significant population growth in the last two decades, and this Board anticipates that the County will continue to experience such growth in the coming years; and

WHEREAS, such growth increases the demand for services throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, of particular importance to residents are the emergency and life safety services provided by the County, especially through the County's Fire Rescue Department ("MDFR"); and

WHEREAS, MDFR has 71 fire rescue stations located throughout the County, serves 29 municipalities, and in addition to fire rescue operations, provides air rescue, ocean and marine rescue, hazardous materials services, urban search and rescue, venom response, aero-medical transport, and disaster mitigation, response, and recovery, among other services; and

WHEREAS, MDFR responds Countywide to nearly all life-threatening and time-sensitive situations, including 9-1-1 calls; incidents requiring fire suppression; emergency medical incidents involving the need for pre-hospital care, advanced life support, and basic life support; and environmental or other disaster responses; and

WHEREAS, in certain geographical locations within the County, particularly in densely populated areas, the County's emergency services response times may be able to be improved; and

WHEREAS, this Board is always interested in developing strategies to reduce Countywide emergency response times and make the provision of such services more efficient, whether through operational adjustments, technological enhancements, allocation of staff, or interdepartmental coordination,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to evaluate the response times for emergency services provided by the County throughout Miami-Dade County, develop methods for improving such response times, and provide a report detailing such findings to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution, and to place the completed report on an agenda of this Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure. The report shall, at a minimum, clearly delineate what types of emergency response services are provided by the County and, in particular, MDFR, with an emphasis on demand for services in areas with significant population centers, and how to reduce response times for such services.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez. It was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	aye		
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Sen. René García	aye	Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 9th day of October, 2025. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Javier Zapata