

CONGRESSWOMAN WILSON

COMMISSIONER MONESTIME...

COMMISSIONER EDMONSON...

DEAR FRIENDS, GOOD MORNING!

LET ME START BY CONGRATULATING CONGRESSWOMAN WILSON ON HER VICTORY TUESDAY NIGHT, WINNING RE-ELECTION TO THE U.S. CONGRESS.

LET ME ALSO CONGRATULATE HER BECAUSE IT WAS HER BIRTHDAY YESTERDAY.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CONGRESSWOMAN!

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS HER BIRTHDAY, IT'S THE CONGRESSWOMAN WHO COMES BEARING GIFTS, SO THANK YOU FOR THAT!

JUST THIS SUMMER WE WERE HERE TO CELEBRATE THE GRAND OPENING OF THIS BRAND NEW ROSLYN MCGRUDER CLARK NORTHSIDE DISTRICT POLICE STATION.

TODAY, IT'S A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE BACK AT THE NORTHSIDE STATION TO CELEBRATE THE AWARD OF A \$1,000,000 GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THAT WILL HELP US FURTHER REDUCE CRIME IN THE NORTHSIDE DISTRICT.

THIS AREA, THE NORTHSIDE DISTRICT, HAS BEEN A VITAL PRESENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1979.

ALONG WITH THIS BRAND NEW STATION, THE AWARD OF THE BYRNE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INNOVATION PROGRAM GRANT AWARD WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARD FURTHER IMPROVING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THIS COMMUNITY.

ROSLYN MCGRUDER CLARK WAS THE HIGHEST-RANKED AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE POLICE OFFICER IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND SHE WAS THE HEAD OF THE NORTHSIDE POLICE STATION.

SHE WAS ALWAYS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, GETTING TO KNOW THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE. HER "HANDS ON" APPROACH WAS COMMUNITY POLICING AT ITS BEST.

THIS WILL ALLOW US TO FOCUS IN ON THIS GRANT CARRIES FORWARD THAT SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

“PROJECT PEACE: PEOPLE ENGAGED & ADVOCATING FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT” WILL BRING POLICE AND PEOPLE CLOSER TOGETHER, SEEKING COOPERATION TO HELP RID THIS NEIGHBORHOOD OF CRIMINALS.

THIS EFFORT IS PART OF A FEDERAL NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE THAT HELPS LOCAL COMMUNITIES DEVELOP PLACE-BASED, COMMUNITY-ORIENTED STRATEGIES WITH COORDINATED FEDERAL SUPPORT...

CHANGING NEIGHBORHOODS OF DISTRESS INTO NEIGHBORHOODS OF OPPORTUNITY.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WAS ONE OF ONLY SIX COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE FROM HUNDREDS THAT APPLIED TO RECEIVE THIS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE GRANT.

THROUGH PROJECT PEACE, THIS GRANT WILL ENABLE US TO TARGET MAJOR CRIME HOT SPOTS WITHIN THE NORTHSIDE DISTRICT.

THIS WILL ALLOW US TO FOCUS IN ON NEIGHBORHOODS WITH CHRONIC HOT SPOTS OF VIOLENT AND SERIOUS CRIME, AND EMPLOY DATA-DRIVEN, CROSS-SECTOR STRATEGIES SUCH AS ENFORCEMENT, PREVENTION, AND INTERVENTION TO REDUCE CRIME AND VIOLENCE.

IT WILL ALSO HELP US PUT TOGETHER A CROSS-SECTOR PARTNERSHIP TEAM THAT WILL INCLUDE LAW ENFORCEMENT, NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS, FIU AS OUR LOCAL RESEARCH PARTNER, AND VARIOUS OTHER RELEVANT COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS.

ULTIMATELY, EFFECTIVE POLICING RELIES ON POLICE OFFICERS HAVING THE COOPERATION OF THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE.

IT'S A TWO WAY STREET, AND TODAY WE TAKE A GREAT STEP FORWARD.

THIS GRANT IS THE RESULT OF VERY HARD WORK FROM OUR FOLKS WHO PUT IT ALL TOGETHER...

SO LET ME THANK DAN WALL AND HIS TEAM, TERRY PARKER AND MICHELLE ALEMAN.

FROM THE MDPD LEGAL BUREAU, COMMANDER JANET LEWIS.

LISA STOLZENBERG FROM OUR EDUCATION PARTNERS AT FIU.

COMMISSIONER MONESTIME, COMMISSIONER EDMONSON, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP IN YOUR DISTRICTS.

AND A BIG THANK YOU TO CONGRESSWOMEN FREDERICA WILSON FOR BEING THE "VOICE OF THE VOICELESS" AND FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN CONGRESS AND OUR COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU ALL AND LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO PROMOTE PEACE - PEOPLE ENGAGED & ADVOCATING FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT - IN THE NORTHSIDE DISTRICT AND THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

