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2025





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The Miami-Dade Police Department will commit its resources in partnership with the community to:

Promote a safe and secure environment, free from crime and the fear of crime,

Maintain order and provide for the safe and expeditious flow of traffic,

Practice our core values of integrity, respect, service, and fairness.

INTEGRITY

Integrity is the hallmark of the Miami-Dade Police Department and we are committed to the highest performance standards, ethical conduct, and truthfulness in all relationships. We hold ourselves accountable for our actions and take pride in a professional level of service and fairness to all.

RESPECT

We treat all persons in a dignified and courteous manner, and exhibit understanding of ethnic and cultural diversity, both in our professional and personal endeavors. We guarantee to uphold the principles and values embodied in the constitutions of the United States and the State of Florida.

SERVICE

We provide quality service in a courteous, efficient, and accessible manner. We foster community and employee involvement through problem-solving partnerships.

FAIRNESS

We treat all people impartially, with consideration and compassion. We are equally responsive to our employees and the community we serve.



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A Message from the Major of the Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute & Research Center

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for considering the Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute & Research Center for your training needs. As part of the largest law enforcement agency in the South Eastern United States, the Specialized Training Unit has been providing outstanding practical and innovative training programs for law enforcement since 1986. As of January 6, 2025, we will be transitioning from a police department and into a sheriff's office. We will continue to provide outstanding classroom instruction and the latest hands-on exercises to ensure that all aspects have a real-life scenario-based approach.

The course fees include lunch and costs of all student notebooks and/or manuals, as well as select promotional items.

Each course addresses a topic of critical concern and is presented with the highest caliber of professional instruction. Students from all over the United States and from over 46 foreign countries have traveled to Miami to participate in our courses. Instructors for the courses are drawn from throughout the world to provide you with the latest, state-of-the-art information. Each instructor is also rated for presentation skills and only those with the highest rating are selected for courses conducted by our Department. We recognize that most of these training programs are intensive; therefore, we are committed to providing an atmosphere conducive to learning and relaxation. Our training staff is always on site to assist you in ensuring that your learning experience is second-to-none.

We appreciate your patronage and hope to have the pleasure of serving you in the future as we continue to do our very best to meet all of your training needs.

Yolande Jacinthe, Major





PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER WORKSHOP

February 3 - 7 | \$815

LOCATION: Univision Studios

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$225 Single/Double

This workshop has been designed for Public Information Officers (PIO), social media specialists, law enforcement officers, public safety personnel, and others who represent their agencies to the news media and community. The focus of the workshop is to provide the students an interactive experience that will allow them to apply their crisis communications, critical interview, and social media skills, as well as explore additional strategies and best practices affecting the PIO.

Students in this dynamic workshop will be exposed to:

- Media relations functions and the role of a Public Information Officer
- On-camera techniques
- Press conference presentation
- On-camera interviews and mock scenarios
- Crisis communications and critical interviews
- Writing skills for PIOs
- Social media best practices
- Personal critiques and panel discussions

This workshop is being hosted at Univision Studios, located in Doral, Florida. The Newsport Complex is a state of the art, fully operational news studio that also houses Univision Radio, a major radio broadcasting network. Don't miss the opportunity to hear and learn from industry experts and experienced public information professionals.



MIAMI-DADE POLICE

COLD CASE INVESTIGATIONS

February 11 - 13 | \$890

LOCATION: Doral Glades Park

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$225 Single/Double

This course will cover how to approach a cold case investigation by explaining ideas for how to review and dissect investigative supplemental reports, which includes reviewing the crime scene from reports and photographs. Additionally, with today's technological advancements in DNA and other forensic opportunities, we will discuss things to look for that may result in positive outcomes from scientific examinations. The course will also cover working with prosecutors and medical examiners on how to discuss the investigation, and how to work together for a successful prosecution.



INTRODUCTION TO BLOODSTAIN PATTERN ANALYSIS ON FABRICS AND DIGITAL CASEWORK

March 10 - 14 | \$1275

**LOCATION: Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute
& Research Center**

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$225 Single/Double

This course will teach the participants about the composition and construction of natural and synthetic fibers, construction of yarns, construction of fabrics, and the effect these variables have on the formation and appearance of bloodstains when liquid blood is deposited on these materials.

Instruction will be delivered through, lectures, readings, discussion, and laboratory practical's involving liquid blood, fabric, and clothing. Participants will learn how to examine, document, preserve, and write reports for bloodstained fabrics and clothing.

In addition, participants will learn how to evaluate BPA cases that are provided in a digital format. The workshop is limited to 16 participants that have previously attended a minimum of a 40-hour basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop.



MIAMI-DADE POLICE

INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS

March 17 - 21 | \$800

LOCATION: City of Doral Police Training Center

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$225 Single/Double

This 5-day seminar will cover sensitive topics such as sexual harassment, criminal sexual misconduct, roles of the medical examiner, interview and pre-interview techniques, domestic violence, officer conduct, criminal violations, case preparation and public record issues. It will also touch on Internal Affairs investigations in small departments, correctional facilities, and other related topics.



SOCIAL MEDIA AND OPEN-SOURCE INVESTIGATIONS

April 10 - 11 | \$600

LOCATION: City of Doral Police Training Center

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$175 Single/Double

This course is designed to teach law enforcement personnel how to legally utilize and exploit Open Source and Social Media intelligence in their respective roles. Students will be shown relevant and current case studies and case law to reinforce some of the unconventional investigative techniques taught in the course. Students will learn how to protect their investigations by using anonymization techniques, conduct advanced open-source searches and utilize the latest investigative techniques on all of the major social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and TikTok). **Students must bring their own laptops.** Most importantly students will be shown how to properly document and save what they find to win the case in court.



MIAMI-DADE POLICE

FUNDAMENTAL TECHNIQUES AND METHODOLOGY FOR DOCUMENTING CRIME SCENES

April 28 - 30 | \$760

**LOCATION: Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute
& Research Center**

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$175 Single/Double

The purpose of this 3-day workshop is to introduce the attendees to successful documentation of crime scenes. Attendees will be able to discuss, report, and apply techniques to the documentation of crime scenes through photographic and sketching methodology. Attendees will utilize photographic methods using various lighting techniques, and measurement techniques to demonstrate size as well as hand-crafted sketches and 3D technology programs for documenting crime scenes.

Instructor:

Certified Crime Scene Investigator

Sharon L. Plotkin M.S., North Miami Police Department (retired)

All attendees must bring cameras, tripods and dress appropriately for the unpredictable south Florida summer weather patterns, as this 24-hour workshop has many outdoor, hands-on, practicums.



ADVANCED AUTO CRIMES INVESTIGATIONS

May 5 - 9 | \$910

LOCATION: City of Doral Police Training Center

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$175 Single/Double

This advanced level course is designed for Auto Crimes Investigators and combines classroom instruction with practical exercises daily. The attendee will experience and participate in actual use of information presented during classroom presentations. The practical hands-on field exercises are related to investigations of organized vehicle crimes and will be conducted by MDPD, NICB, and other law enforcement instructors and investigators.

The course includes:

- Investigations of fraudulent license plates and temporary tags
- Advanced Title Fraud Investigations
- Vehicle Security Programs and the Effects of Electric Vehicles and Autonomous Vehicles on Law Enforcement
- Organized Auto Re-VIN Investigations
- Vehicle Data Recovery
- Vehicle Insurance Fraud and Arson Investigations
- Export Investigations
- Salvage Yard Investigations

Hands-on Field Exercises:

- Identifying Altered VINs
- Retrieving Data from Vehicles
- Live Burn of a Vehicle
- Shipping Facility Inspection
- Salvage Yard Inspection



MIAMI-DADE POLICE

UNDERWATER POLICE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

May 12 - 23 | \$1900

**LOCATION: Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute
& Research Center**

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$175 Single/Double

This 2-week course is open to all officers assigned to a dive team in an official capacity within a criminal justice agency. Officers not assigned to a dive team in an official capacity may attend this course; however, their participation must be approved in advance by their agency and the Training Institute Director.

Prior to entering this course, participants must possess current certifications and email the copies to the coordinator of the following:

- Advanced Open Water SCUBA Diver
- First Aid/CPR/AED
- Oxygen Provider Certification
- A Medical Statement Form must be completed by each participant

The course will combine classroom instruction with practical in-water application. The student will participate in the removal of vehicles from lakes, rock pits, and canals. Students will also search the hull of a freighter at the Port of Miami and participate in helocasting exercises. The student will be exposed to underwater search and recovery, underwater video and photography, underwater crime scene processing and the use of underwater lift bags. This is a salary incentive course for Florida officers. Students must provide a letter from their department stating if they are taking the course for Salary Incentive or Mandatory Re-Training credit.

Should you have additional questions regarding the curriculum, please contact Officer Richard Johnson at rrjohnson@mdpd.com.



PHYSIOLOGICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES OF SHOOTING FOR FEMALES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

June 2 - 4 | \$790

LOCATION: Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute & Research Center

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$140 Single/Double

This intensive fast-paced 3-day course, taught by 3x Olympian and Professional Shooter Lanny Barnes, was designed specifically for female law enforcement officers. The students' mental and mechanical skills will be challenged daily under stress. A certain level of physical readiness and proper hydration are required. Specializing in teaching how to shoot with an elevated heart rate and under stress, students will develop a thorough understanding of the physiological and psychological principles of shooting.

Lanny Barnes, aka Lanny "Oakley", is a 3x Olympic Biathlete, National & World Champion 3-Gunner, IPSC Rifle World Champion and Bronze Medalist, Professional Shooter, Firearms Instructor, Trick Shooter, Artist, Event Coordinator, Public Speaker and a Celebrity Chef.

This course will provide the students with information and training in the following areas:

- Basic Principles of Shooting Under Physical Stress
- Psychological Aspects of Shooting While Under Stress
- Physical Symptoms of Stress
- Fight or Flight

Required Equipment:

Full Duty Belt with Duty Weapon
3 magazines
Full Body Armor
Rifle/Carbine (if Applicable) with Magazines



MIAMI-DADE POLICE

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATIONS

August 4 - 8 | \$840

LOCATION: Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute & Research Center

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$140 Single/Double

This course is for both crime scene technicians and investigators, both novice and experienced. The purpose of the course is to provide extensive hands-on training for police personnel, including crime scene technicians. Crime scene technicians are specially trained to assist police personnel in criminal investigations, as well as attorneys prosecuting the case. Many topics will not only be introduced through PowerPoint lectures and handouts, but all objectives will have a hands-on component to ensure that all attendees accomplish the objectives. Your instructor is certified in crime scene investigations, has over 30 years of experience and teaches real-world application in this hands-on workshop.

Topics to include:

- Documenting crime scenes through photography, sketching and note taking
- Fingerprinting
- Shooting reconstruction
- Collection of evidence
- Trace evidence detection through alternate light sources
- Shoe wear impressions, casting
- Death investigations
- Legal aspects of criminal investigations

Instructor:

Certified Crime Scene Investigator

Sharon L. Plotkin M.S., North Miami Police Department (retired)

All attendees must bring cameras, tripods and dress appropriately for the unpredictable south Florida summer weather patterns, as this 40-hour workshop has many outdoor, hands-on, practicums.



ADVANCED FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS

August 18 - 21 | \$750

LOCATION: City of Doral Police Training Center

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$140 Single/Double

This course is designed for both law enforcement personnel and investigators within the banking industry. The curriculum will cover Mail Fraud, Contractor Fraud, Sovereign Citizens, Squatters, Medical Fraud, Credit Card Fraud, Cargo Theft, Workman's Compensation Fraud, Insurance Fraud, Condo Fraud, Deed Fraud, Mortgage and Real Estate Fraud, Organized Retail Theft and other critical topics relevant to fraud investigators.



MIAMI-DADE POLICE

HIGH PROFILE MURDER CASE SYMPOSIUM

August 26 - 28 | \$1,100

LOCATION: City of Doral Police Training Center

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$140 Single/Double

Learn the innermost details, firsthand, from the detectives who investigated globally recognized, high profile murder cases. These detectives will provide the intricate dynamics, evidence, and specific details to their cases, which made them domestic and international headlines, for years to come. This 3-day symposium will present multiple cases which deeply resonated through their communities and shocked the world! Additional information on cases to be presented will be forthcoming.



HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIONS

September 22 - 26 | \$885

LOCATION: City of Doral Police Training Center

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$140 Single/Double

This course will take the new and experienced homicide investigator through the different aspects of investigating a homicide crime scene. Other topics that will be discussed are profiling violent crimes, interview and interrogation techniques, crime scene reconstruction and analysis, as well as identifying and documenting bloodstain patterns. Special attention will be given to forensic investigations, homicide and death scenes, domestic violence homicides, police shooting-survival mindset, police involved shooting investigations and homicides involving children. Multiple cases will be profiled and discussed.



MIAMI-DADE POLICE

FINGERPRINTING TECHNIQUES, EVALUATION AND ANALYSIS OF FINGERPRINT EVIDENCE

September 22 - 26 | \$880

**LOCATION: Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute
& Research Center**

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$140 Single/Double

This 40-hour workshop is designed to introduce crime scene and law enforcement personnel on how to properly fingerprint crime scenes and effectively collect evidence. The first portion of this workshop (first 3 days/24 hours) will introduce attendees to analyze and evaluate fingerprint lifts. The second portion of this workshop (last 2 days/16 hours) will introduce attendees to the history, physiology, analysis and the evaluation process of those lifted fingerprints.

Other course objectives include instructing students on how to lift fingerprints from different surface types, while utilizing the most effective techniques. Several fingerprinting techniques will be discussed, examined and utilized. The attendees will then be introduced to how fingerprints are evaluated and analyzed, and how that relates to the outcome of a criminal investigation. Attendees will analyze and evaluate their own fingerprint lifts in the second portion of this course.

This workshop will be taught by crime scene personnel and latent examiners, in order to provide a well-rounded course outcome.



SOCIAL MEDIA AND OPEN-SOURCE INVESTIGATIONS

October 2 - 3 | \$600

LOCATION: City of Doral Police Training Center

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$150 Single/Double

This course is designed to teach law enforcement personnel how to legally utilize and exploit Open Source and Social Media intelligence in their respective roles. Students will be shown relevant and current case studies and case law to reinforce some of the unconventional investigative techniques taught in the course. Students will learn how to protect their investigations by using anonymization techniques, conduct advanced open-source searches and utilize the latest investigative techniques on all of the major social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and TikTok). **Students must bring their own laptops.** Most importantly students will be shown how to properly document and save what they find to win the case in court.



MIAMI-DADE POLICE

ADMINISTRATION AND LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT CIVILIANS

October 7 - 9 | \$625

LOCATION: City of Doral Police Training Center

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$150 Single/Double

This workshop is designed as an advanced learning experience for civilian law enforcement employees seeking to build their administrative and leadership competencies. Civilians are a growing segment of the law enforcement community. They have increasing importance in the administration of law enforcement agencies and the management of personnel. This 3-day academy provides intensive, efficient instruction, to help civilian leaders elevate their potential and hone their skills as reliable and trusted public safety professionals.

Attendees who complete this workshop will:

- Understand the nuances of law enforcement culture
- Be able to balance risk with potential rewards in decision making scenarios
- Know the value of personality diversity in the workplace
- Learn how to improve internal culture by creating organizational predictability and rhythm
- Understand what causes misconduct and failures of professional responsibility
- Gain confidence in their ability to manage employee performance and discipline



AUTO THEFT SYMPOSIUM

October 20 - 24 | \$855

LOCATION: City of Doral Police Training Center

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$150 Single/Double

This course is designed to cover all types of auto theft related crimes and benefit novice and experienced auto theft investigators from both large and small departments, as well as regional task forces. There will be sessions on VIN history/breakdown, VIN number locations, altered VINs, truck and tractor identification, motorcycle identification, vessel identification, title fraud, fraudulent purchases, export investigations, and resources for investigations, including NMVTIS, NICB, and more.

Additionally, there will be hands-on sessions involving restoration of altered VINs and inspection of recovered stolen altered vehicles.



MIAMI-DADE POLICE

CRIME SCENE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

November 5 - 7 | \$675

LOCATION: Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute & Research Center

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$150 Single/Double

The purpose of this 3-day workshop is to introduce the many challenges facing crime scene personnel and law enforcement personnel in documenting crime scenes through photographic techniques and how to overcome these challenges.

Scene photography, alternate light source photography and working in low lit situations will be addressed. PowerPoint lectures and many hands-on practicum's will be provided to all those attending in order to achieve these objectives.

Attendees must bring departmental issued camera equipment and tripods and wear comfortable but appropriate clothing. Basic camera knowledge is desired but not mandatory.



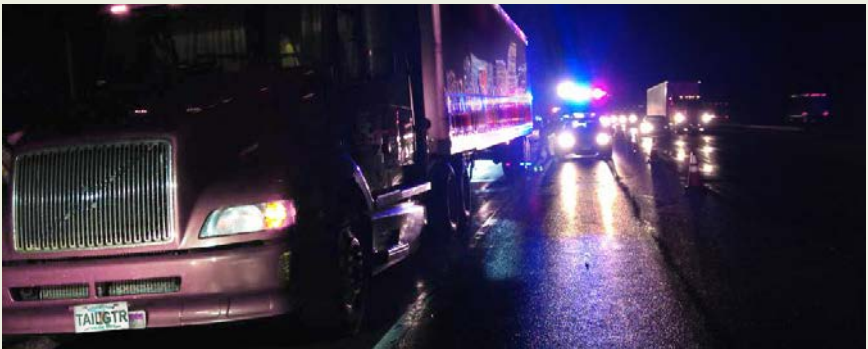
GLOBAL CARGO THEFT SYMPOSIUM

November 11 - 13 | \$850

LOCATION: InterContinental at Doral Miami

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$150 Single/Double

The South Florida Cargo Theft Task Force (SFCTTF) encompasses a host of federal and local law enforcement agencies with extensive experience in cargo theft investigations. The SFCTTF prides itself in collaborating with law enforcement agencies across the nation to combat cargo theft in partnership with industry leaders. This three-day seminar will deliver intense instruction by industry experts on current trends and innovative methods that are being utilized by criminal enterprises. Industry and law enforcement professionals will highlight topics that include basic characteristics of the transportation industry, recommended best practices to follow with security measures to protect your cargo, fraudulent pickup preventions, and how to prepare and package complex investigations. Trends and security measures when transporting by railway and freight forwarding companies will also be discussed. Our goal is to leave you with a clear understanding of the immense financial impact that cargo theft crimes have on the global economy. The course will illustrate recent cargo theft cases showcasing actual investigative techniques, and how the use of modern technology can be applied to solve complex cases. This seminar also represents a great networking opportunity with your local cargo theft investigators, as well as industry leaders who are eager to meet you.



MIAMI-DADE POLICE

DOCUMENTATION AND COLLECTION OF IMPRESSION EVIDENCE ON CRIME SCENES

November 19 - 21 | \$775

**LOCATION: Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute
& Research Center**

HOTEL: InterContinental at Doral Miami, \$150 Single/Double

The purpose of this 3-day workshop is to introduce the attendees to proper documentation of impression evidence using important lighting methods as well as hand-drafted sketching techniques and 3D technology programs. Attendees will be able to discuss, report, and apply techniques to the documentation and collection of impression evidence for the process of identification to occur. Attendees will utilize advanced photographic methods using various lighting techniques and scales to demonstrate size in an effort to assist forensic lab personnel in the comparison and identification of evidence on crime scenes to known collection standards. The attendees will be introduced to the different techniques in the collection of impression evidence through casting, gel lifters, Mikrosil and inking tires.

All attendees must bring photography equipment, tripods, and flashlights.

Instructor:

Certified Crime Scene Investigator

Sharon L. Plotkin M.S., North Miami Police Department (retired)



VIOLENT CRIME SCENE RECONSTRUCTION

December 1 - 5 | \$875

LOCATION: Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute & Research Center

HOTEL: Intercontinental at Doral Miami, \$210 Single/Double

This 5-day workshop of advanced level course work will provide the additional skills needed for crime scene investigators and analysts to both handle and process the most violent of crime scenes.

This course is intended for individuals who already have a solid foundation in routine crime scene processing and is taught at an intermediate to advanced level. Students will participate in hands-on scenarios almost daily in order to apply techniques taught.



MIAMI-DADE POLICE

BLOODSTAIN PATTERN ANALYSIS WORKSHOP

December 8 - 12 | \$975

LOCATION: Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute & Research Center

HOTEL: Intercontinental at Doral Miami, \$210 Single/Double

This 40-hour course will instruct the student how to identify bloodstain pattern evidence at a crime scene. Students will participate in numerous hands-on scenarios in order to learn how to properly interpret, document, preserve and reconstruct bloodstain pattern evidence. Should you have any additional questions regarding the curriculum, please contact the course instructor, Toby Wolson at toby.wolson@gmail.com.

Class size is limited.



GENERAL INFO

The Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute & Research Center, located at 9601 N.W. 58 Street, Doral, Florida, is pleased to announce its 2025 Specialized Training Courses catalog, outlining the training programs offered by the Specialized Training Unit.

You may register for any course described in this catalog by accessing the 2025 Specialized Training Courses online/digital catalog (PDF) and clicking on the "Register Now" button located at the bottom of each individual course page.

Our online/PDF catalog is located on the MDPSTIRC homepage at www.mdpdtraining.com. You may also receive a digital version of our 2025 Specialized Training Courses catalog via email by registering for our mailing list.

If you would like to be included on our mailing list, please send an email to miamidadespecializedtraining@mdpd.com or text MDPDTRAINING to 22828.

We strongly encourage early registration as classes with limited space fill quickly. Please make all tuition checks payable to the Miami-Dade Police Department, mail to:

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Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute & Research Center



MDPD Fred Taylor Headquarters Building



City of Doral Police Training Center

(Partnering Agency Training Venue)
3719 N.W. 97 Avenue, Doral, FL 33178



InterContinental at Doral Miami

2505 N.W. 87 Avenue, Doral , Florida 33172



GENERAL INFO

As a courtesy to our students, the STU has pre-negotiated special room rates at this hotel. For reservations, please call (305) 468-1400 and refer to the course name in order to receive the special negotiated rate.



Cancellation Policy

We highly recommend that any prospective student receives approval from their agency prior to registering for any Miami-Dade Police Specialized Training Unit course in order to avoid the following cancellation policy:

NO-SHOWS (including those who cancel after 3pm on the Thursday preceding the course) WILL BE INVOICED THE FULL REGISTRATION FEE.

In order to qualify for the full refund, students (or their employing agencies) must cancel attendance no less than two weeks prior to the commencement of the course. Cancellations must be received via email and/or fax to the attention of the course coordinator.

A confirmation of receipt and a cancellation number must be obtained from the coordinator. No claims will be accepted unless the aforementioned is adhered to. Cancellations made within the two week time period are subject to a \$150 fee. Substitutions of students may be made at any time. Please call us immediately if you have any questions.

Dress Code

In order to foster an environment that is both professional and conducive to learning, the MDPSTIRC adheres to a strict dress code consisting of business casual dress attire. Please refrain from wearing jeans, t-shirts, shorts, tank tops, sheer clothing, sandals or any other type of inappropriate clothing to the classroom. Exceptions are made for our hands-on courses which may require casual clothing or coveralls. Please confirm the preferred course dress attire with the lead course coordinator prior to your arrival.

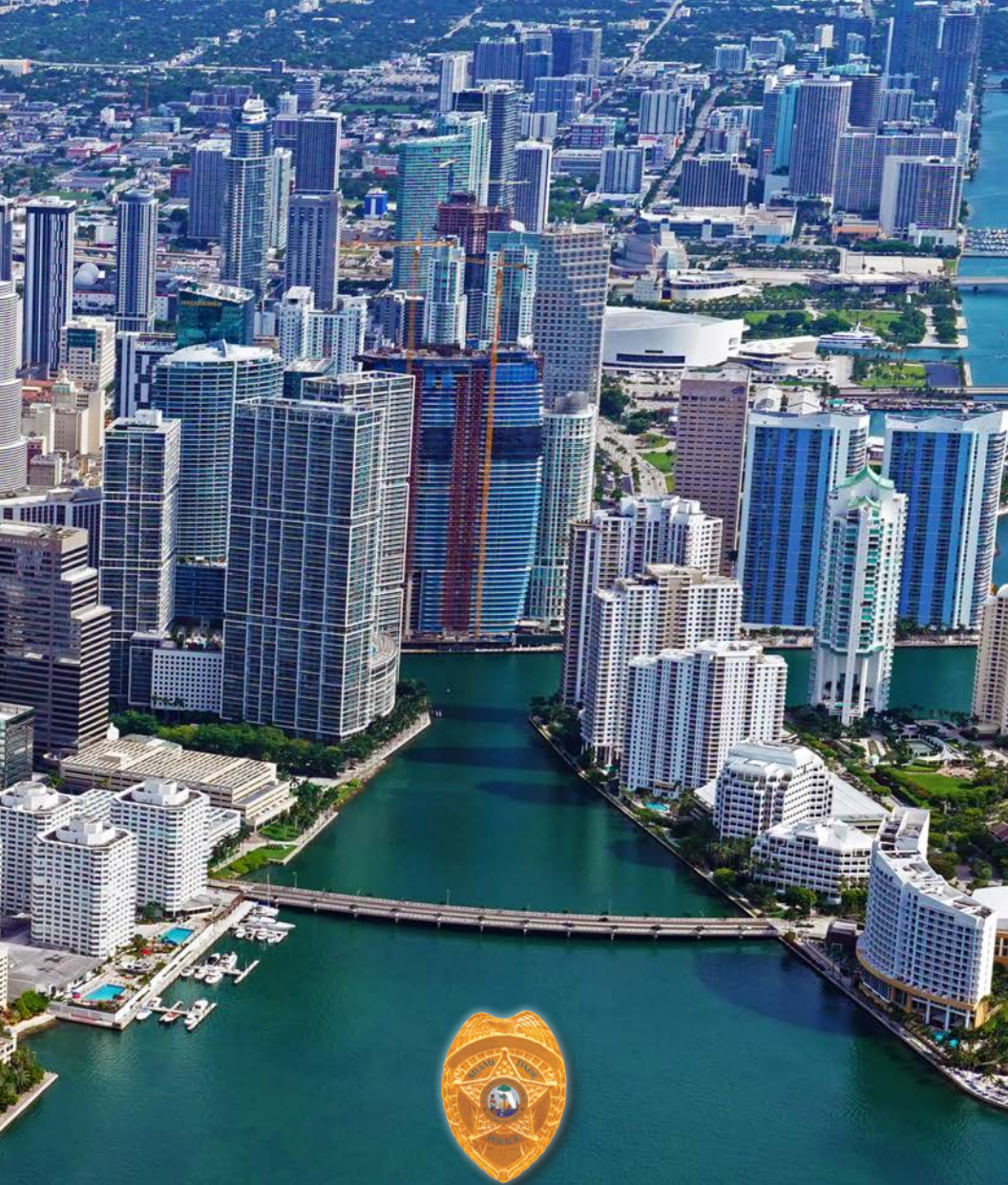
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