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MDPD Outlines Initiative To Combat Juvenile Crime Enhanced Focus To Be Placed On 'At Risk Youth'



Miami-Dade County Mayor, Carlos Gimenez, speaks at the news conference to outline MDPD's initiative against juvenile crime. Behind him left to right: MDPD Director Juan J. Perez, and Commissioners Audrey Edmonson, Dennis Moss and Barbara Jordan.

The shooting of a six-year old child walking from his parents' apartment to buy candy, both jolted and refocused all of Miami-Dade County on the problem of juvenile crime.

The February 20, 2016, murder of King Carter in Northwest Miami-Dade County came less than two-months after the December 2015 killing of seven-year-old Amiere Castro in the southwest area of the County. There were vigils, protest demonstrations, town hall meetings, radio and television talk-shows, and various other for involving elected officials, religious leaders, educators, the media, and community activists. Even residents, who had previously not openly identified with community causes took a stand. There was a common theme; ways must be found to stop the violence.

"Although the crime statistics involving murders and shootings have

remained virtually the same over the years," Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) Director Juan J. Perez pointed out, "the ages of those involved in criminal activity has changed drastically, as the shooters seem to be younger than ever." He noted also that, "the victims are also younger."

Developments around the killings of King Carter and Amiere Castro reinforced his point. MDPD detectives arrested and charged six men in connection with the murders of the two children. Five of them were teenagers. Each had already accumulated a criminal record.

It was against this background that Director Perez enacted a multi-faceted initiative, based on a community policing model, to deal with the growing problem of juvenile crimes.

The Juvenile Services Department will seek to identify youth who are at risk of becoming involved in gangs and other criminal activity. Specially trained officers drawn from the Northside and South Districts, and assigned to a newly created Youth Outreach Unit (YOU), will then serve as mentors to these young people. At the same time, the MDPD will partner with other County departments and community agencies to provide services for the families of these 'at risk youth.' For example, Solid Waste Management and Regulatory and Economic Resource Departments will be utilized to address quality of life concerns (such as 'crack houses') in the neighborhoods where these young people live.

Two programs which specifically target young people will receive renewed attention. DARE (Drug Awareness, Resistance and

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Education) will be enhanced, and the Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) will be reinstituted.

MDPD's Gun Buyback and Gun Bounty programs will also be enhanced. Since the Director's announcement, successful Gun Buyback events have been held in the north and south ends of the County.

Another feature of this anti-juvenile crime initiative will be an increase in the rewards offered for tips related to shootings involving young victims. "We have set aside reward funding for those instances where an innocent child is victimized by gun violence" Director Perez said. "This funding will be used to augment the Crime Stoppers funding to entice investigative tips from witnesses."

Increased rewards for tips also factors into another aspect of the initiative. Knowing that the shootings are often the result of illicit drug activity, the MDPD has launched a 'Double Up for Drug Tips' campaign, which



Eleven-year-old Aziz Muhammad cried as he spoke at a town-hall meeting about the killing of six-year-old King Carter.

has augmented Crime Stoppers by doubling the rewards when a tip leads to a narcotics arrest.

As with other anti-crimes efforts, the stepped-up emphasis on dealing with juvenile crime will utilize modern technology. License plate readers, gunshot detection systems, cameras, and a 'Community on Patrol' app are among the systems the Director pointed out. This app, he noted, allows residents, (anonymously if they so desire) to send tips, photos and video to the Real-Time Crime Center. It is available online in the App Store for both IOS and Androidbased mobile phones.

Even as he outlined this initiative, with its focus on preventive measures, Director Perez emphasized that there would be no letup in enforcement efforts. "We will continue to vigorously combat violent crimes," he said. "Our crime fighting efforts will continue to be strategic in the areas with the greatest needs."

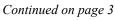
MDPD Hero Among 13 Law Enforcement Officers Awarded Public Safety Medal Of Valor By

President Obama

Since that early morning in October 2013, when he prevented a man from igniting an explosion at a gas station near Miami International Airport, Miami-Dade Police Department Officer Mario Gutierrez has insisted that he is not a hero.

People who have heard the story of how he activated the gas station's emergency shut-off valve, confronted the man trying to start the fire, survived several stab wounds, shot the subject, and while bleeding and in pain, call for help...,beg to disagree. Not the least of them being the President of the United States.

On May 16, 2016, President Barack Obama awarded Officer Mario Gutierrez the Public Safety Medal of Valor for his "bravery and composure while enduring a violent attack."





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Officer Gutierrez was one of 13 law enforcement officers (including one other from a South Florida agency) honored by President Obama that morning at a ceremony in the East Room of the White House.

"To a person, each of these honorees acted without regard to their own safety," the President said. "We're so grateful they were there, some off duty, others on duty, and all rising above and beyond the call of duty."

President Obama called on Americans to support law enforcement officers with deeds as well as words and thanked their families, many of whom were present for the ceremony, for the burden the families also face.

"We know that you wait up late and you're worried and you're counting down the minutes until your loved one walks through the door safe after a long shift. We know it never gets easier. And we thank you for that," the President said. "And of course we honor those who didn't come home, including one hero we honor posthumously today."

That was a reference to Philadelphia Police Sergeant Robert Wilson III, who while off duty confronted two armed robbers in a video store and was killed in the exchange of gunfire. His grandmother, Constance Wilson, accepted the medal in his honor.

Responding to the honor bestowed on Officer Gutierrez, MDPD Director Juan Perez said, "The bravery and selflessness displayed that night by Officer Gutierrez, exemplifies all that law enforcement stands for."

"His actions were exemplary and heroic," the Director continued. "We share this proud moment with him and recognize law enforcement officers throughout this nation who daily put themselves in harm's way to ensure the safety of their communities."

Northside District's Cop Unit: Another Way To 'Protect And Serve'

"It would not be incorrect to say that most times when Miami-Dade Police Department's Northside District makes news, it's because its officers have been forced to engage a person or persons who have posed a threat to the good people of that community.

In recent months, Major Ricky Carter and the men and women in his Community Oriented Policing (COP) Unit have been changing that. In collaboration with the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) and workers at a local Walmart, they have launched a number of home beautification projects to benefit needy and longtime senior residents of the community.

The most recent of these projects was last April, when COP Unit members and their collaborators worked on the NW 59th Street home of 72-year-old Mrs. Betty Lowery.

Mrs. Lowery, who retired from the Miami Heart Institute in 2004, has experienced more than her fair share of hardships. One of her two sons died of brain cancer. The other, who lives with her, has been disabled by arthritis. She has also been afflicted with diabetes, hypertension, and Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. The diabetes has resulted in several of her toes having to be amputated.

One consequence of these difficulties was that she has not been able to maintain the home she has occupied for more than 20 years, in a proper state of repair.

In stepped Major Carter, COP Unit members, and their supporters. At eight o'clock Friday morning, on April 15, 2016, they landscaped, painted, and undertook general repairs in an effort to make Mrs. Lowery's home as beautiful as when she first received the keys.

A grateful Mrs. Lowery was effusive in her praise for their efforts.

Kudos to Major Carter and his crew at Northside District. To see how it turned out, watch a video recording of the project on the MDPD's Facebook page.



Before



After

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Mrs. Betty Lowery's home before (top) and after (bottom) the beautification project organized by Major Ricky Carter and the officers of the Northside District's Community Oriented Policing (COP) Unit.

Body Worn Cameras: MDPD Rolls Out First Phase Of Its Program

"We're taking this step for you. We want you to trust in everything we do and realize that we're doing the right thing. Moving forward, I need you, the community, to assume that anytime you encounter an officer during an official matter, that you are being recorded."

That was Director Juan Perez' message to the community, as the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) rolled out its program of equipping patrol officers and their sergeants with the Body Worn Cameras (BWC). The rollout began at the Midwest District, followed by Northside and the South District. By the end of the year a total of 1,000 officers from all seven MDPD districts, Miami International Airport, and the Port Miami will be equipped with these cameras.

The program was outlined at a May 2, 2016, news conference at MDPD Headquarters in Doral.

Director Perez outlined the history of the BWC program, going back to when he was appointed Deputy Director, and then MDPD Director J.D. Patterson, assigned him the task of investigating what technologies the Department should adopt to record its law enforcement activities.

After extensive and detailed research, which involved examining the practices and recommendations of other law enforcement agencies across the country and meetings with various stakeholders including the Police Benevolent Association, it became clear that the BWC was the best

option.

Next came the lengthy and detailed procurement process, guided by a selection committee comprised of information technology personnel and officers of various ranks, "to look at what was available and to make a selection," Director Perez said.



The new MDPD Body Worn Camera. One thousand patrol officers and their sergeants will be wearing these devices before the end of this year.

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Adrianna Delgado of Telemundo51 interviews Officer Amado Garcia about the new MDPD Body Worn Cameras.

Outlining some of the advantages of this technology, he said the research had shown that where BWCs were in use, people knowing they were being recorded, were less aggressive in their encounters with the police, thus reducing the need for officers to use force. He also said that BWCs were shown to lead to fewer frivolous complaints against police officers.

Director Perez acknowledged that there were calls from community groups for officers to wear cameras as a way of promoting more transparency and accountability on the part of the police. His response? "We're gonna give it to them. Why? Because as an agency, we have nothing to hide."

"No longer will we have to rely on a five-second video clip captured on somebody's cell phone," he said. "Now we get to capture the entire incident from beginning to end."

By documenting the interactions between police officers and members of the public, BWCs "provide an opportunity for training," the Director said. In a note e-mailed to MDPD staff prior to the news conference, he had detailed this aspect of the program. "Of course, there will be times

where the videos will capture mistakes or policy violations on the part of individual officers," he wrote. "At times, they will capture concerns that highlight training issues or departmental policy failures." In those situations, he wrote, "we will, in collaboration with the police union, modify our training and policies to deal with the concerns."

At the same time, he noted that "the cameras will highlight many of the heroic acts by our personnel."

That point was underlined by Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez, who also spoke at the news conference. "I'm confident that those cameras will serve as another tool to show the good work that our officers perform each and every day in our community," the Mayor said. "I believe that they're critical to raising the level of trust between the police department and our residents," he added.

"Most of the body camera footage will be regarded as public record," he said, adding that news media personnel could request footage through the Media Relations Section of MDPD's Public Information and Education Bureau. Members of the public could also request footage through forms available on a new webpage at, www.miamidade. gov/police/bodycams/asp. The MDPD's BWC policy is also available on that webpage.

As important as they are, BWCs will not address all of the community's public safety concerns, the Mayor said. He listed other measures being undertaken to support the MDPD's efforts in the fight against violent crime.

- 1. An application that will allow members of the public to report non-emergencies, anonymously if they wish.
- 2. The purchase of 1,000 AR-15 rifles to better protect officers against the high powered rifles criminals are carrying these days.
- 3. Five hundred new and more modern body armor to protect officers against high powered weapons.

But the most important investment being made in the Police Department, the Mayor said, was the addition of 265 new officers this year. "It takes all of us to protect all of us so we must continue working together to create a safer Miami-Dade for all," the Mayor concluded.



Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Ceremony Honors 139 Killed While Serving Miami-Dade County



Some were gunned down while trying to apprehend felons who posed a direct threat to the life and well-being of Miami-Dade residents and visitors. Others were hit by careless and sometimes drunk drivers, as they worked to make our roads safer. Still others succumbed to the extreme stress that is an inevitable feature of a career in law enforcement.

The 139 men and women who since 1985 have given their lives serving in several law enforcement agencies within Miami-Dade County have one thing in common; a legacy of having made our community better as a result of their service and sacrifice.

The gratitude of the community and the empathy of their colleagues were highlighted on May 5, at the 35th Annual Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Ceremony at Tropical Park in Miami.

The ceremony included the lighting of the commemorative torches by the chief official of each agency that has suffered losses, an audio-visual presentation about the deceased officers, a 21-gun salute, a helicopter fly over, and the poignant process of a 'Riderless Horse.' Particularly touching was the presence of surviving family members (including a working local television news reporter, whose father was one of those being remembered) who pinned flowers on a memorial shield.

Chief Kevin Lystad, President of the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police and head of the Miami Shores Police Department told the gathering, "Law enforcement is a calling, a life of sacrifice. Today, we honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice."



Honoring Police Pioneer Thelma Harris

Last March 2016, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners designated a section of NW 175th Street, between 27th and 37th Avenues, Officer Thelma Harris Way.

The designation was in honor of Officer Thelma Sarah Gaitor Freeman Harris, Florida's first black female police officer, who served the Miami-Dade Police Department in various capacities from 1962 to 1982.

"Officer Thelma Harris deserves to be saluted as a trailblazer," declared District 1 Commissioner Barbara Jordan. "We are thankful that she has opened doors for so many black female police officers." Commissioner Jordan made special mention of Officer Harris' work as a community liaison and as a school resource officer.



L-R: Commissioner Barbara Jordan presents a proclamation in honor of the late Thelma Harris to Officer Harris' daughter Brenda Freeman and granddaughter Sheri Rousley.

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Some of the police officers for whom Thelma Harris blazed a trail, along with community leaders and Harris family members, pose with the new street sign in her honor.

MDPD Embarks On Training Program To Emphasize Fair And Impartial Policing

Scientific studies of human behavior have long established that even well-intentioned people have biases and that these biases can affect, sometimes profoundly, a person's behavior.

This was one of the issues examined by a high-powered panel of experts, including law enforcement officers from across the country, who comprised the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. In its final report the panel emphasized the role of Fair and Impartial Policing (FIP) in building both police legitimacy and the public's trust in law enforcement agencies and personnel. It recommended FIP training to help law enforcement officers develop new ways of resolving issues of bias.

It was against this background that the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) last year embarked on a program of FIP training for all sworn officers. This training seeks to make officers aware of their own biases (explicit and implicit), how these biases can affect both their perceptions and their behavior, and ultimately how they do their jobs.

The FIP training program teaches strategies to reduce the effects of biases on police practice. FIP trained officers will improve their own safety, be more effective at solving crimes, and enhance the Department's legitimacy with the community. Additionally, while making officers aware of their own biases, FIP training also helps officers be more aware of the biases of people with whom they interact.

Starting at the top, MDPD command staff were the first to receive FIP training, with the remaining sworn staff scheduled throughout the year. The decentralized training started in May 2016, and trainers are being deployed throughout all entities of the Department to deliver a four-hour block of training to sworn staff. Trainers will ensure that all sworn personnel receive FIP training before the end of the year.

MDPD strives to serve the community in a fair and just manner. FIP training is another positive step towards that goal.

Awards And Commendations

The officers and civilian employees listed below were the recipients of various awards commendations between February and April 2016:

February 2016

Distinguished Officer Of The Month/Life Saving AwardOfficer Daniel Causey Jr......West District

Awards And Commendations

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Congratulations and farewell to the following MDPD personnel who retired between February 29, 2016, and June 30, 2016: (Listed in alphabetical order)

Administrative Secretary Robin Baker – 35 yrs.

Secretary Nancy Barrett – 28 yrs.

Police Captain Luis Bazo – 31 yrs.

Police Records Technician Sherilyn Bell – 37 yrs.

Police Sergeant George Birlidis – 32 yrs.

Police Officer Kimmey Boykin – 35 yrs.

Police Property Evidence Specialist Mario Bravo – 33 yrs.

Secretary Irish Campbell – 36 yrs.

Warrants Technician Rosa Cancio – 29 yrs.

Police Records Technician Delia Carbon – 39 yrs.

Police Officer Gregory Carter – 31 yrs.

Police Officer Gilbert Cascante – 27 yrs.

Police Sergeant Osvaldo Castillo – 30 yrs.

Police Officer Evelyn Cave-Greaves – 28 yrs.

Police Officer Lateefah Cave-Rose – 26 yrs.

Police Officer Victor Chavez – 32 yrs.

Police Captain Louis Churukian – 34 yrs.

Secretary Earlin Clement – 30 yrs.

Police Sergeant Peggie Collins – 35 yrs.

School Crossing Guard Ela Dominguez – 20 yrs.

Police Lieutenant Peter Estis – 34 yrs.

Police Officer Julio Estopinan – 30 yrs.

Police Officer Leonard Farguharson – 29 yrs.

Police Officer Marvin Freels – 31 yrs.

Police Officer Carlos Galan – 21 yrs.

Police Captain Jorge Garcells – 29 yrs.

Police Officer Joaquin Garcia-Tunon – 29 yrs.

Police Sergeant Kathy Gilbert – 36 yrs.

Secretary Patricia Gombos – 35 yrs.

Police Sergeant Elio Gonzalez – 30 yrs.

Fingerprint Analyst David Haire – 35 yrs.

Police Officer Richard Hansen – 30 yrs.

Personnel Specialist Cherita Harvard – 36 yrs.

Assistant Director Randy Heller – 35 yrs.

Police Officer Carlos Hernandez – 33 yrs.

Police Lieutenant Mario Hernandez – 32 yrs.

Police Captain Miguel Hernandez – 31 yrs.

Stenographic Reporter Peggy Hubbard – 37 yrs.

Police Officer Mitchell Jacobs – 30 yrs.

Police Officer David Jones – 25 yrs.

Administrative Secretary Martha Kestel – 34 yrs.

Police Sergeant David Kidd – 34 yrs.

School Crossing Guard Carolyn King – 30 yrs.

Police Officer Barbara Kinsey – 28 yrs.

Warrants Technician Angela Lightbourne – 37 yrs.

Police Lieutenant Pablo Lima – 30 yrs.

Latent Fingerprint Examiner Tracy Lowe – 38 yrs.

Police Lieutenant Jeanette Mallary – 34 yrs.

Police Lieutenant Hugo Menendez – 35 yrs.

Police Officer Diann Michnowicz – 32 yrs.

Police Sergeant July Muina Wilbur – 33 yrs.

Secretary Ramona Oger-Romero – 36 yrs.

Police Officer Novell Pasley – 34 yrs.

Police Officer Francisco Perez – 34 yrs.

Police Major Nancy Perez – 30 yrs.

Police Lieutenant Kimet Pomes – 32 yrs.

Police Sergeant Eduardo Prieto – 29 yrs.

Police Officer Anthony Ray – 17 yrs.

Police Officer Damon Reynolds – 28 yrs.

Police Captain Darin Rock – 35 yrs.

Police Officer Carlos Rodriguez – 25 yrs.

Intelligence Analyst Sylvia Rolle – 37 yrs.

Police Property Evd. Spec. Heirberto Roman – 34 yrs.

Police Lieutenant Eric Rossman – 31 yrs.

Police Officer Juan Ruano – 32 yrs.

Police Lieutenant Kathleen Ruesga – 19 yrs.

Police Officer Sergio Ruesga – 26 yrs.

Police Chief Juan Santana – 33 yrs.

Police Records Technician Rita Sargent – 36 yrs.

Police Sergeant Theodore Sayre – 35 yrs.

School Crossing Guard Bessie Scott – 21 yrs. Police Sergeant Steven Signori – 30 yrs. Police Lieutenant Dak Simonton – 21 yrs. Police Officer Charmaine Smellie – 8 yrs. Criminalist Stephen Snipes – 35 yrs. Police Records Technician Mildred Stewart – 35 yrs. Police Officer Carlos Torres Jr. − 32 yrs.

Police Major Raul Ubieta – 32 yrs. Police Major Reinaldo Valdes – 32 yrs. Police Captain John Webb – 35 yrs. Police Officer Frank Wesolowski – 25 yrs. Police Sergeant Sheree Wilcox – 35 yrs. Police Officer Marcelo Yanes – 32 yrs.

MDPD Blood Donors 'Giving the Gift of Life'

Special recognition and gratitude are extended to the 39 officers and civilian employees who donated blood at the 'Blood Drives' staged simultaneously at the Miami-Dade Police Department Headquarters and the Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute on April 14, 2016.

Police Major Hector Llevat

Police Lieutenant Heriberto Aponte

Police Lieutenant Maribel Artime

Police Lieutenant Jose P. Gonzalez

Police Sergeant Robert Berris

Police Sergeant Randolf Caballero

Police Sergeant Andrew Cohen

Police Sergeant Javier Garcia

Police Sergeant Waukesha Kenon

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Police Officer Daniel Doval

Police Officer Jarvys Duran

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Secretary Miriam Dieguez

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Criminalist 1 Michelle Ferrare

Criminalist 2 Yamil Garcia

Criminalist Supervisor Cameron Hamlin

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Legal Secretary 1 Yvonne Rodriguez

Criminalist 2 Olga Saavedra

Criminalist 1 Facundo Torino

Clerk 2 Lucia Valles

Exceptional Service Awards



Director Juan Perez presents the Exceptional Service Award to Intelligence Analyst Sylvia Rolle. At right is Major Eleasa V. Thompson.



The Special Events Unit of the Special Patrol Bureau received a Certificate of Commendation.



Director Juan Perez presents the Exceptional Service Award to Criminalist 2 Yamil Garcia

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