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SOUTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



2009 ANNUAL REPORT

CHIEF ROBERT F. RICHARDSON II



CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI

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MISSION STATEMENT

The South Miami Police Department exists for the purpose of maintaining social order within prescribed ethical and constitutional limits, to develop a sense of personal security within South Miami, enhance public knowledge and confidence that timely emergency and professional assistance will be rapidly dispatched when needed, to create public confidence through educating the public in crime prevention techniques and encouraging a spirit of cooperation and mutual trust between the department and the public.

FUNCTIONS:

Maintain social order within prescribed ethical and constitutional limits

Preserve the peace and protect life and property

Promptly and thoroughly investigate crimes against persons and property

Enhance public awareness and confidence that timely emergency and professional assistance will be rapidly dispatched when needed

Courteous and efficient response to public service needs

Create public confidence through education in crime prevention techniques

VISION STATEMENT

To be a world class law enforcement agency - one that exhibits traits for other agencies to emulate - one that is constantly endeavoring to improve and stay on the cutting edge of the policing profession; an agency that impresses its citizens the first and every time, always striving to improve upon its successes, and; one that empowers and encourages its employees to serve the public and protect life and property with dignity, honor and pride.

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

The South Miami Police Department is comprised of 49 devoted sworn men and women, and 8 civilians that provide a wide range of services to the community. We provide service for approximately 10,700 residents and over 4,200 registered businesses.



In the year 2009, we made some procedural and personnel changes in order to better serve the residents and businesses of South Miami. This agency has and always will strive to improve the quality of life for all in this area. Our Department is dedicated to making sure all services are being provided in an efficient and effective manner by:

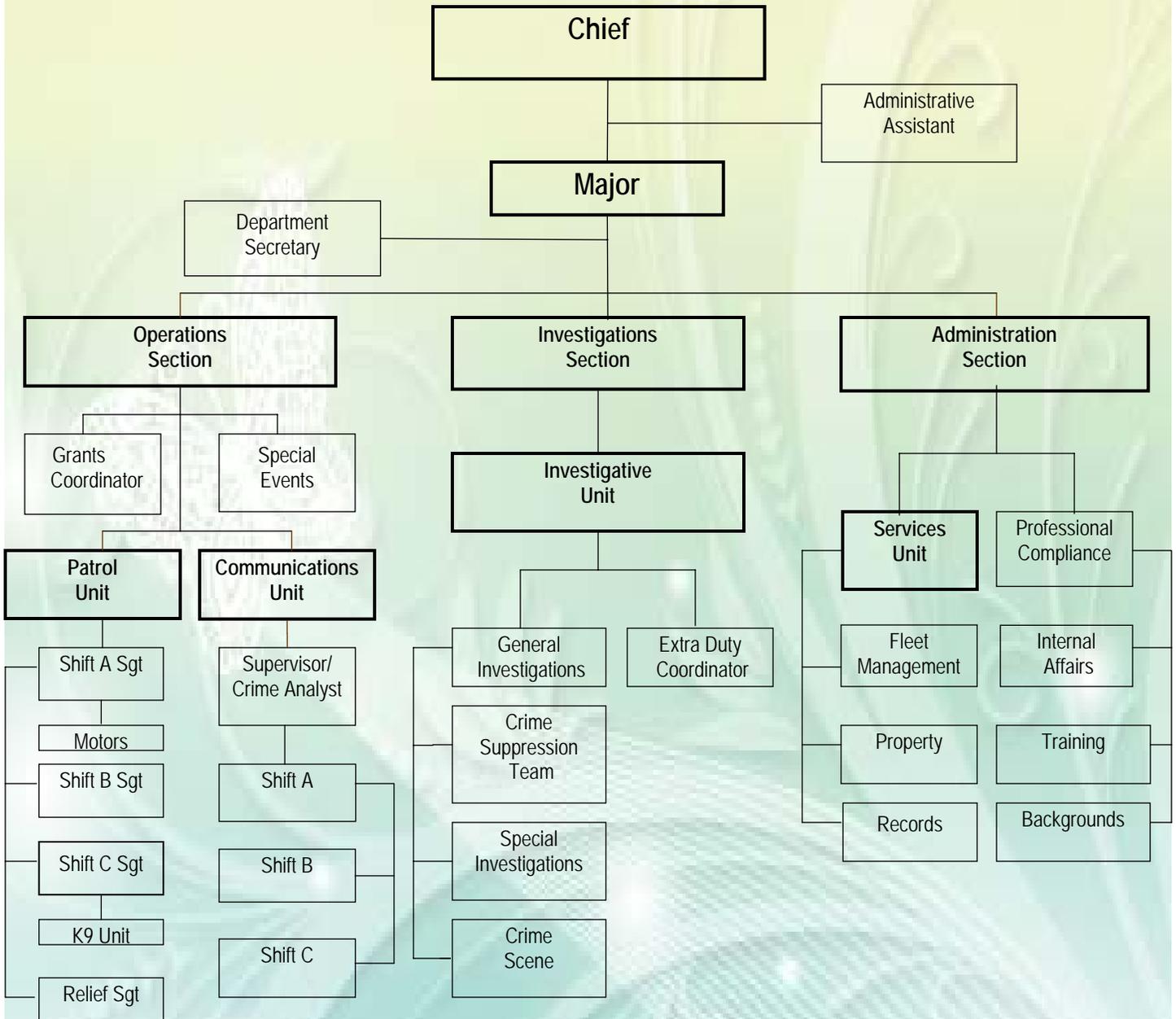
- Delivering progressive and cost effective law enforcement services
- Maintaining high standards of excellence utilizing training and technology
- Identifying and meeting the challenges of an increasingly diverse community
- Seeking input and feedback from citizens and employees
- Maintaining a safe community through crime prevention, aggressive traffic and criminal law enforcement
- Keeping our website up to date with police happenings; www.smpolice.org

As a means of staying committed to providing the best possible service, we constantly re-evaluate and assess our policing methods to ensure we are using the best practices in law enforcement to fulfill our pledge and service to everyone.

As Chief of Police, I am extremely proud of the sworn and civilian members of this Department. Their commitment to this agency and community are second to none and this report is a compilation of those achievements. I also recognize that this agency cannot fight crime and improve the quality of life without the assistance of the residents and business owners of South Miami. They are an instrumental component in helping us “protect and serve”.

Robert F. Richardson II
Chief of Police

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Revised: March 2009

COMMAND STAFF



CHIEF OF POLICE
ROBERT F. RICHARDSON II



MAJOR
MICHAEL MILLS



CAPTAIN
LISA MORTON



CAPTAIN
RUBEN RODRIGUEZ



CAPTAIN
MICHAEL D'ANGELO



LIEUTENANT
DANIEL SALERNO



LIEUTENANT
LARRY CORBIN



LIEUTENANT
JOHN BARZOLA



COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR
LISA CORBIN

BUDGET

Fiscal Year 2007/08: 4,813,078

Fiscal Year 2008/09: 4,753,039

Fiscal Year 2009/10: 4,622,034

ACCOUNT	2008-2009	2009-2010
SALARIES - REGULAR	3,482,658	3,437,912
SALARIES - PART TIME	0	0
OVER TIME	175,000	160,000
SPECIAL PAY-ED.	25,000	22,044
HAZARD PAY	51,156	50,112
FICA	285,637	280,760
GROUP HEALTH INS	260,540	262,360
TOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES	4,279,991	4,213,188
ANNUAL PHY/DRUG TESTS	12,980	11,800
CONTRACTUAL SERV.	32,400	19,000
CRIME PREV. PROGRAM	3,000	6,237
TRAVEL & CONFERENCE	2,000	1,500
TRAINING/EDUCATION	7,000	4,000
PRISONER DETENTION	250	100
LEASE PURCHASE - POL.VEH.	153,752	166,300
MAINT/REPAIR - EQUIP	32,000	22,500
MAINT/REPAIR - COMM.	42,700	38,100
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS	6,500	4,000
EMPLOYEE TESTING	12,000	11,750
SUPPLIES	33,000	25,666
UNIFORMS	67,700	62,500
MEMBERSHIP/SUBS.	8,000	6,500
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	413,282	379,953
EQUIP.UNDER \$500 IN VALUE	500	500
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	6,266	240
OPERATING EQUIPMENT	53,000	28,153
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	59,766	28,893
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,753,039	4,622,034

ANNUAL COMPARISON

Violent Class I Crimes	2007	2008	2009
Homicide	0	1	4
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape Committed	0	3	2
Rape Attempted	0	0	0
Sodomy	1	1	1
Fondling	0	0	1
Robbery	29	46	42
<i>Highway</i>	11	11	16
<i>Comm. Other</i>	4	10	11
<i>Gas/Soc. Station</i>	1	2	0
<i>Convenience</i>	1	0	2
<i>Residence</i>	1	2	7
<i>Bank</i>	2	0	0
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	9	21	6
Agg Assault	46	60	54
Agg Stalking	0	0	0
Simple Assault (not a class I crime)	108	115	114
Total Violent :	76	111	104
Non- Violent Class I Crimes			
Burglary Res	78	102	88
Burglary Non Res	32	35	52
Grand Theft Auto	61	39	43
Larceny	569	597	737
<i>Pick Pocket</i>	2	2	3
<i>Purse Snatch (reported under robberies)</i>	0	0	0
<i>Shoplifting</i>	60	105	143
<i>From Motor Veh</i>	219	173	256
<i>Motor Veh Parts</i>	79	90	79
<i>Bicycles</i>	13	15	35
<i>From Bldg</i>	19	10	32
<i>From Coin Opr.Device</i>	2	2	0
<i>All Other</i>	175	200	189
Total Non-Violent:	740	773	920
Total Offenses:	816	884	1024

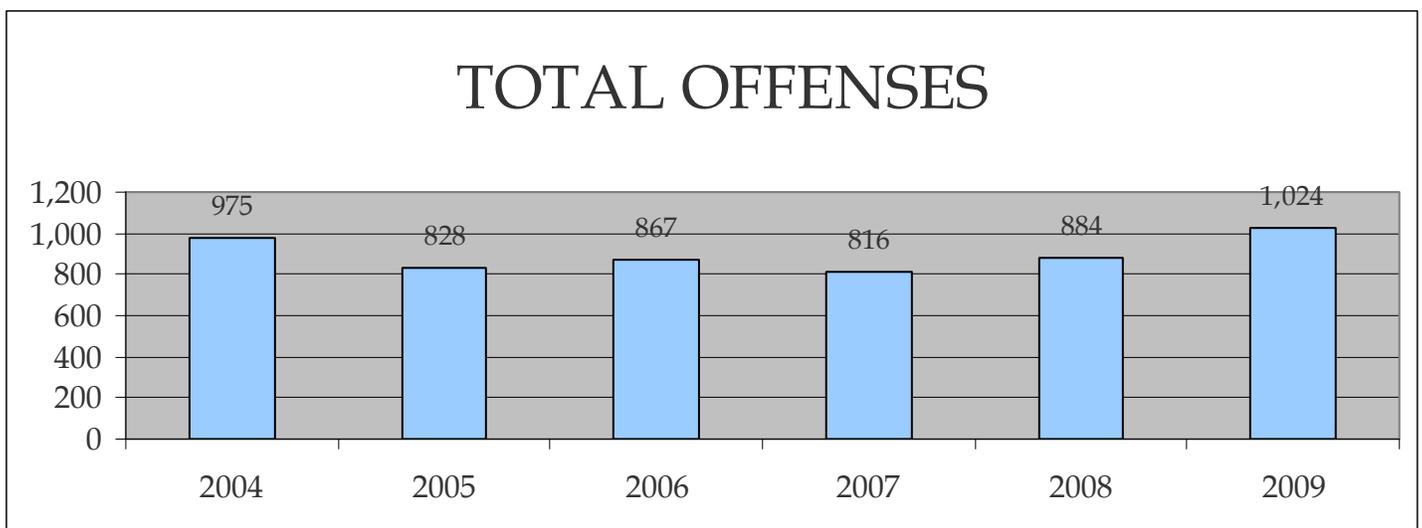
UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS

South Miami's sense of small town life is becoming hugely popular, attracting more families, businesses and visitors daily. Our central location makes living and working in South Miami a tempting atmosphere. The beautiful homes and apartment buildings, the neighboring famed University of Miami campus, tantalizing restaurants, exquisite stores and a variety of entertainment areas have substantially increased the number of people in and around the City day and night.

With the challenges of population growth, unemployment and the downtown area becoming a major "destination" in the region, South Miami's crime still remains lower and much less violent than 10 years ago. Overall violent crime is 7% lower and is more than 21% less prevalent than in 1999.

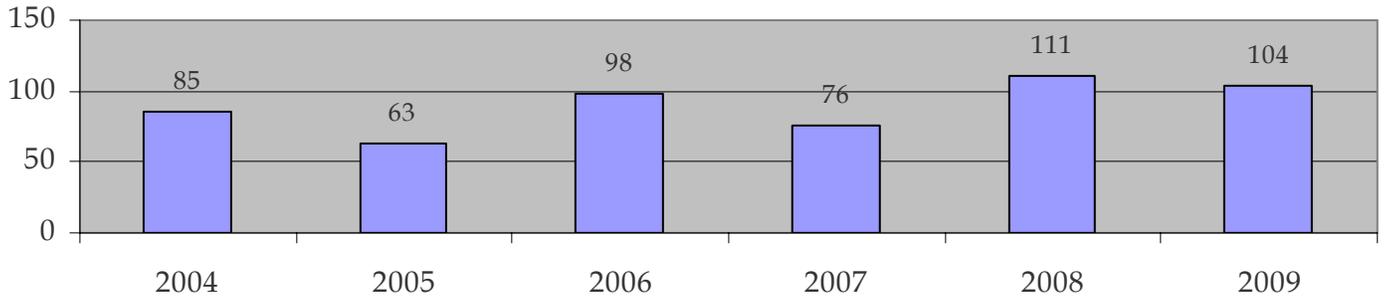
While violent crimes decreased by more than 6%, four murders were reported and as unsettling as that is, these crimes were not committed by strangers. They were committed by acquaintances or known family members. The fast response and follow-up of violent crimes that are handled by South Miami detectives resulted in clearing these cases and bringing the offenders to justice. Over 81% of aggravated assaults and 38% of robbery cases were cleared by patrol personnel or detectives.

An increase in non-violent crimes can be attributed to crimes of opportunity; articles left in plain sight and unattended. Purses, laptops, I-Pods, GPS devices and other electronics left in vehicles resulted in 256 break-ins vs. 173 in 2008. Other unsecured property, such as bicycles, accounted for another significant increase. A hike in shoplifting cases was noted (143 vs. 105 in 2008) and this is indicative of more proactive surveillance, as well as, the cooperation of loss prevention agents in the retail stores. Most retail thefts are unreported unless the thief is apprehended.

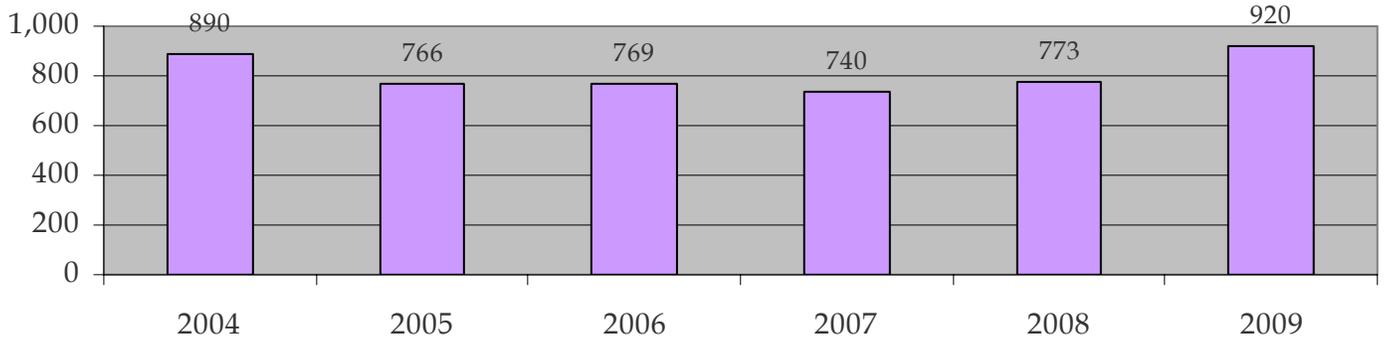


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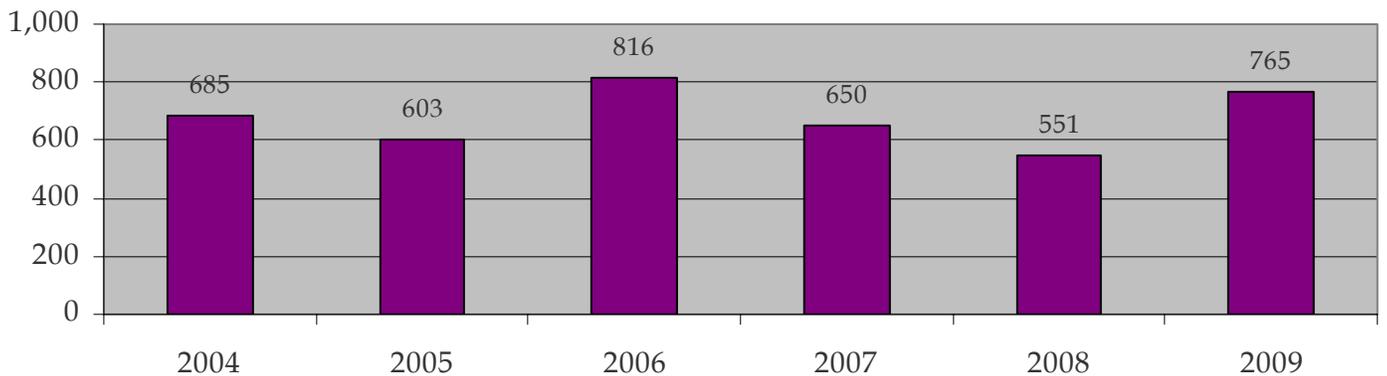
VIOLENT CRIMES



NON-VIOLENT CRIMES



ARRESTS



OPERATIONS SECTION



Capt. Rodriguez holds a supervisor's meeting. Pictured L to R: Lt. Barzola, Sgt. Aguiar, Sgt. Griffin, Sgt. Wagner, Sgt. James, Lt. Corbin & Capt. Rodriguez

The Operations section is the largest and most visible component of the police department. It's comprised of Patrol & Communications. This unit is the frontline in crime prevention. Although responsible for all calls for police service; emergency and non-emergency, the Patrol unit takes a proactive approach to preventing crimes and apprehending criminals. During down time, officers conduct park & walks and other directed patrol activities in areas where their efforts will be the most effective.

The following specialized units within Patrol greatly enhance the department's service to the community:

- K-9 Unit
- Traffic/ Motorcycle Unit
- Community Patrol Officers
- Crisis Intervention Officers
- Field Training Officers
- Enhanced D.U.I. Enforcement
- Honor Guard



Honor Guard at the Annual Santa's Parade L to R: Ofc. Morejon, Ofc. Baumer, Ofc. Vijil, Det. Weissberg & Ofc. Bartra

South Miami continues to honor their commitment to the county-wide Multi Agency Gang Task Force. Officers from agencies throughout Miami Dade bring information and expertise to areas impacted by gang activity. By participating, South Miami has all the resources of this task force at its disposal.

The Park & Walk concept is a simple, yet effective method of bringing officers closer to the community they serve. During times when officers are not handling calls for police service, they will park their vehicles and engage in foot patrols of South Miami's residential neighborhoods. This gives residents the chance to openly contact officers and share concerns, yet it also provides officers with a closer view of what is right and what may be wrong in a particular area.



Afternoon Shift Officers prepare for Roll Call. L to R: Ofc. A. Perez, Ofc. Morejon, Ofc. Jackson, Ofc. Taylor, Ofc. Kinlaw & Cpl. Lawson

The K9 Unit is fully certified in criminal apprehensions and narcotics detection. They provide ongoing support in the event of searches for fleeing criminals. Additionally, the unit continues to partner with outside agencies such as DEA & U.S. Customs Blue Lightning Task Force.

OPERATIONS SECTION



L to R: Det. Guzman, Chief Richardson & Det. Weissberg at the MADD Awards

South Miami Police Department continues to be a fully functional FLDE Breath Testing Facility.

The Intoxylizer 8000 is maintained monthly and is used by other agencies, especially the Miami Dade Police Department and the Florida Highway Patrol. The South Miami Police Department has its own FDLE licensed Agency Inspector to perform routine inspections on this instrument.

In December, during the holiday season, South Miami hosted a DUI Checkpoint and invited 25 other state and local law enforcement officials to join the detail in an effort to remind all of

those using alcohol to act responsibly by designating sober drivers. SMPD located, identified, or processed over 100 impaired drivers in 2009.

Pursuant to a grant prepared by the Non-Violence Project in 2007, the City of South Miami was awarded a Weed & Seed grant from the U.S. Department of Justice this fall for \$1,000,000.

The Police Department will be an integral part of this 5-year program with a strategy to “weed” the primary portion of the CRA of the most problematic crimes using proactive enforcement techniques. The key crimes were identified in 2007 as drug abuse and sales - and graffiti.

Community Policing will play a role in the enforcement efforts. The Police Department’s Community Patrol Unit (CPU), in conjunction with other community members play a large role in changing the perception of the police in the eyes of this community.

The Police Department will also be instrumental in the prevention, intervention and treatment aspects of the program as well as the neighborhood restoration effort. These are the “Seed” parts of Weed & Seed.



Ofc. Bukens & Ofc. Baumer review a response from FCIC/NCIC on their Mobile Laptop



Major Mills directing at the Santa’s Parade staging area

The grant provides an opportunity for a coalition representing every aspect of the community to bring finality to the vitalization of the target area.

The Operations Section also handles specialized patrol assignments such as the downtown holiday walking beat, parades, art shows, and a variety of other major events.

COMMUNICATIONS UNIT



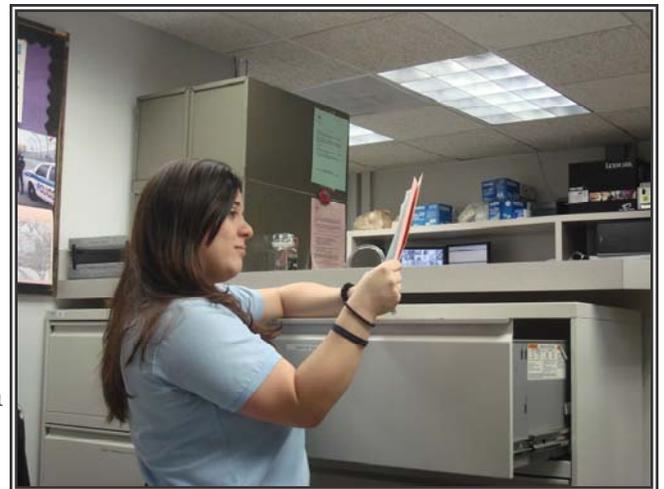
C.O. Redd answers a telephone call for police assistance

The Police Communications Center is, in effect, the nerve center of the Police Department and after hours, for the City in general. The highly trained Communications Officers receive and react to reports of crime, crashes, medical emergencies and literally every type of call or inquiry imaginable.

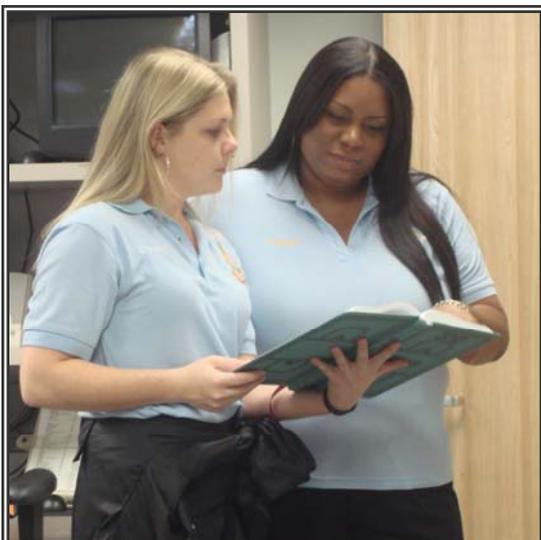
They are an integral part in keeping officers safe as they maintain awareness of all officer activity during shifts.

Frequently compared to dispatchers, complaint operators or receptionists in other agencies, our Communications Officers are required to handle a multitude of duties usually simultaneously.

In a matter of seconds they could be issuing a routine residential watch order when another line rings and a crime in progress now needs them to re-direct their attention to that priority situation in the most thorough and expedient manner.



C.O. Balas retrieves a police report for a records request



C.O. Skalski & C.O. Kinsey review the victim log

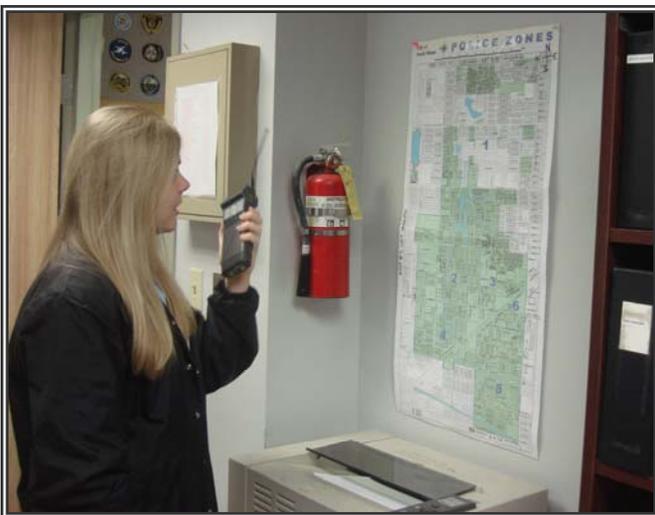
Often working solo, these duties include answering multiple telephone lines and monitoring two radio frequencies simultaneously. They also receive and dispatch requests for police services through two Computer Aided Dispatch computers while monitoring three additional major law enforcement systems. These systems encompass the Florida Department of Law Enforcement; Miami Dade Criminal Justice System; and the in house Police and City Hall security system which is inclusive of 26 security monitors located throughout the compound.

COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

In addition, they are responsible for maintaining official police records including offense/incident reports, arrests records, traffic crashes, parking violations and uniform traffic citations. They also receive those visiting or working in the building.



Ofc. Taylor discusses an Arrest Form with C.O. Lopez

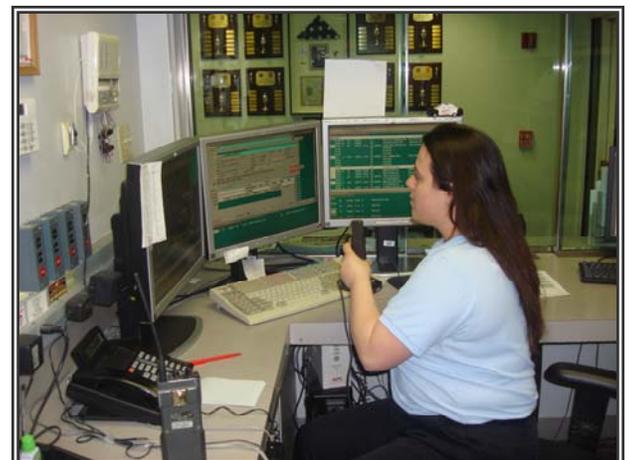


C.O. Skalski responds to the local radio frequency while verifying a location

Calls to the police department are generated in four different ways; 911 calls via the Miami Dade Police Department, emergency & non-emergency telephone calls directly into the main line, inter-agency radio communications and officer self-initiated or discovered activity.

During 2009 we received 11,274 calls for service. On average, 220 telephone calls are answered on a daily basis.

Officer and citizen safety is their top priority so communications officers are required to keep up certifications and are encouraged to attend any available training in their field. Some include; Stress Identification & Management, Advance Law Enforcement Dispatch, Active Shooting Response, Communications Field Training Program, FCIC/NCIC Basic & Recertification Courses.



C.O. Balas dispatches a priority call for police assistance

INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

The role of the Criminal Investigations Section within the South Miami Police Department is to conduct preliminary, follow-up and special investigations. Included in this process is the objective of establishing an information base of criminal activity encompassing the identification and apprehension of offenders. Additionally, VIP/dignitary protection will be provided when required.



L to R: Det. Vargas, Capt. Morton & Lt. Corbin review a narcotics case

The Criminal Investigations Section is supervised by a Lieutenant who reports to the section Captain. The section is divided into two units; General Investigations and Special Investigations.



Det. Guzman reviews video surveillance footage

The General Investigations Unit is currently comprised of three Detectives who conduct preliminary and follow-up investigations on crimes against persons or property and are also responsible for processing crime scenes for evidence. These detectives are also instrumental in assisting their counterparts in The Special Investigations Unit.

During the year, in addition to working their normal assigned cases, G.I.U. Detectives handled an additional 893 cases contacting victims of minor crimes and wrote 870 supplemental reports. They continued to work numerous crime suppression details to stem the increase in vehicle burglaries within the parking lots of the Shops of Sunset Place, South Miami Hospital, the downtown business and residential areas. They also conducted undercover operations in order to combat an increase in robberies occurring around the Metro Rail Station and around the Miami Dade County Fire Station. G.I.U. Detectives also assisted S.I.U. Detectives in identifying narcotic sellers/suppliers & buyers, who in turn were also committing residential and vehicle burglaries. As a result of their proactive work, they were awarded a unit citation.



The Investigation Unit receives a citation award; L to R : Major Mills, Lt. Corbin, Capt. Rodriguez, Det. Guzman, Det. King, Det. Weissberg and Chief Richardson

Overall, during 2009 there was a 67% clearance rate on assigned cases.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT



Lt. Corbin during a successful sweep at a grow house

The Special Investigations Unit is currently comprised of three Detectives; one who handles local narcotics, vice, intelligence and crime suppression activities and two who are detached to a Federal Task Force handling narcotics, smuggling and gathering of intelligence for homeland security.

A high priority for any police department is eradicating street drug sales in the community. While the sale and use of illegal drugs

is a problem in itself, customarily other crimes are always on the rise when this type of activity occurs. A continued focus with the emphasis on zero tolerance has continued in 2009 and is resulting in a noticeable change by members of the affected community.



Det. Weissberg makes contact with a victim on a case

During this year, the Special Investigations Unit detectives conducted numerous undercover narcotics operations. In February, Operation Impact was conducted to conclude the investigation of street drug sales. Also, due to the efforts and hard work of the two S.I.U. Detectives assigned to work closely with different federal agencies (DEA, ICE, USSS and FBI), they collectively confiscated \$8,042,725 of which a percentage will be forfeited and awarded to our agency. These detectives also assist their counter parts in the General Investigations Unit as needed.



Det. King prepares for a deposition by reviewing her investigative notes

Our efforts will carry on as we make a continued impact on the quality of life in our community and the lives of our children.



Ofc. Lantigua (currently detached to Investigations) scans the BOLO board for the latest information

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION



Det. Vesely & Capt. D'Angelo discuss case findings

The Administrative Section is responsible for maintaining the integrity and professionalism of the Police Department. This section oversees the training, recruitment, hiring, internal investigations and support service functions.

The training commitment of the South Miami Police Department goes beyond basic law enforcement skills. All personnel receive training appropriate for their position, as well as advanced training in the areas such as: human diversity, professional traffic stops, domestic violence and elderly abuse investigations. Annual disturbance training known as Field Force Concepts, takes place county-wide. Officers team up with surrounding agencies to practice scenarios they may face during a real life disturbance or civil unrest.

Officers assigned to the Criminal Investigations Section receive specialized training in various aspects of their assignments. Detectives and officers alike are exposed to the latest training and state of the art investigative techniques. During the course of 2009, officers from the Department attended 3,336 hours of training, both in-house and at specialized facilities throughout the state.

This year the Chief of Police announced the reinstatement of the Reserve Police Officer program. With a push to get the program up and running, the Department set out on a recruiting drive which garnered a large response from the volunteer law enforcement community. In order to ensure program's success, all applicants undergo the same screening and testing as full-time officers. During 2009, 15 background investigations were conducted on candidates for both full-time and reserve positions. This process consists of psychological testing, polygraph testing, a complete medical exam, and a review of a candidate's personal and professional past.

Additionally, in an effort to streamline the hiring process without compromising the quality of applicants reviewed, the Department created an active standby list of qualified candidates, in the event of an opening or expansion of positions, the Department is ready to put personnel in place when needed.

Performing the job professionally is the hallmark of a progressive law enforcement agency. Fairness, courtesy, and a commitment to providing community service are the goals of the officers of the South Miami Police Department. Anytime a member of the community has a concern that an officer has not acted professionally, the matter is reviewed thoroughly and investigated in a manner consistent with state law and Department procedures.



Field Force Concepts Training L to R: Ofc. Perez, Ofc. Kinlaw, Ofc. Vijil, Det. Vargas, Ofc. Lantigua, Ofc. Baumer, Sgt. Aguiar, Ofc. Alvarez, Ofc. Bartra, Det. Mendez, Ofc. P. Rodriguez

TAKING THE OATH

During 2009, seven new officers joined the force. After successfully completing a strenuous hiring process, these officers received the Oath of Office from Chief Richardson at individual Swearing-In Ceremonies; Ofc. Edgardo Bartra, Ofc. Rolando Perez, Ofc. Armando Perez, Ofc. Roberto Tefel, Ofc. Rafael Gonzalez, Ofc. Louis Fata & Ofc. Christopher Johnson, who was a Police Explorer with our agency for many years.



Chief Richardson & Ofc. A. Perez



L to R: Lt. Barzola, Lt. Corbin, Comm. Supvr. Corbin, Capt. Rodriguez, Ofc. Tefel, Chief Richardson, Major Mills, Lt. Salerno & Capt. Morton



Chief Richardson & Ofc. Fata
Lt. Corbin (background)



Chief Richardson & Ofc. Johnson
Capt. Rodriguez & Major Mills (background)

SERVICES UNIT



Lt. Salerno retrieves a file on Retention Laws

The Services Unit is comprised of four components: Records, Property/Evidence, Fleet Management and Crime Prevention.

The Records Unit maintains police offense/incident and crash reports, storage of department documents and the disposal of departmental records in accordance with Florida's Record Retentions Laws.

Each year, hundreds of items of personal property pass through the Police Department. Everything from a lost wallet to a firearm used in a robbery must be carefully handled and properly recorded for record keeping and evidence purposes. During the course of 2009, 865 items of property passed through or remain stored in our evidence room.



Lt. Salerno removes evidence for Sgt. James

The Crime Prevention Unit handles Crime Awareness and Crime Prevention Presentations, Citizens Crime Watch, and Drug Awareness Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) programs for our area schools.



Vehicle # 0903

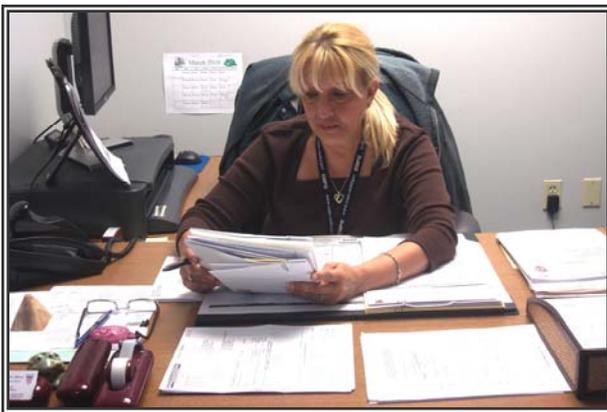
Maintaining a ready and capable fleet of police vehicles takes year round work and attention. Both current and newly acquired police vehicles are outfitted with state of the art emergency equipment and are maintained at a condition suitable for the rigors of police work.

SUPPORT PERSONNEL

The administrative assistant & department secretary are an integral part of our Support Personnel. They perform a variety of secretarial and administrative duties relative to the particular needs of the Administrative Staff.



Cathy Motta discusses payroll with Capt. Morton



Celia Vicente balances police accounts for purchase orders

They are responsible for preparing and maintaining statistical and technical reports such as; payroll, time & attendance records, invoices for payment, personnel files, confidential memorandum and department budget records.

During the holidays, they represent the department by becoming involved with the various city sponsored holiday food & toy drives.



Capt. Rodriguez meets with Celia Vicente & Cathy Motta regarding the budget

AWARD RECIPIENTS

OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2009

Community Patrol Officer Kevin Lantigua has received the prestigious Officer of the Year award for being a pacesetter and one to be emulated by his peers. Prior to April 2009, he was a patrol officer who excelled in proactive enforcement, particularly addressing the ever-persistent scourge of illegal drugs in this community.

As the most proactive officer in the area, he was assigned to the Community Patrol Unit when it was reconstructed by Chief Richardson in April. In that assignment, he diligently worked to achieve the goals of Community Patrol which are aggressive enforcement of drug laws and quality of life issues, combined with significant involvement at meetings of community organizations and programs.

He is recognized as a strict enforcer of our laws and ordinances while remaining level-headed and compassionate. It is significant to note that Ofc. Lantigua has attained this level of achievement and respect after joining the Police Department just 3 years ago. His efforts in Community Patrol only lasted until September, when he underwent and began recovery from knee surgery.



Det. Guzman & Ofc. Lantigua

RUNNER- UP OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2009

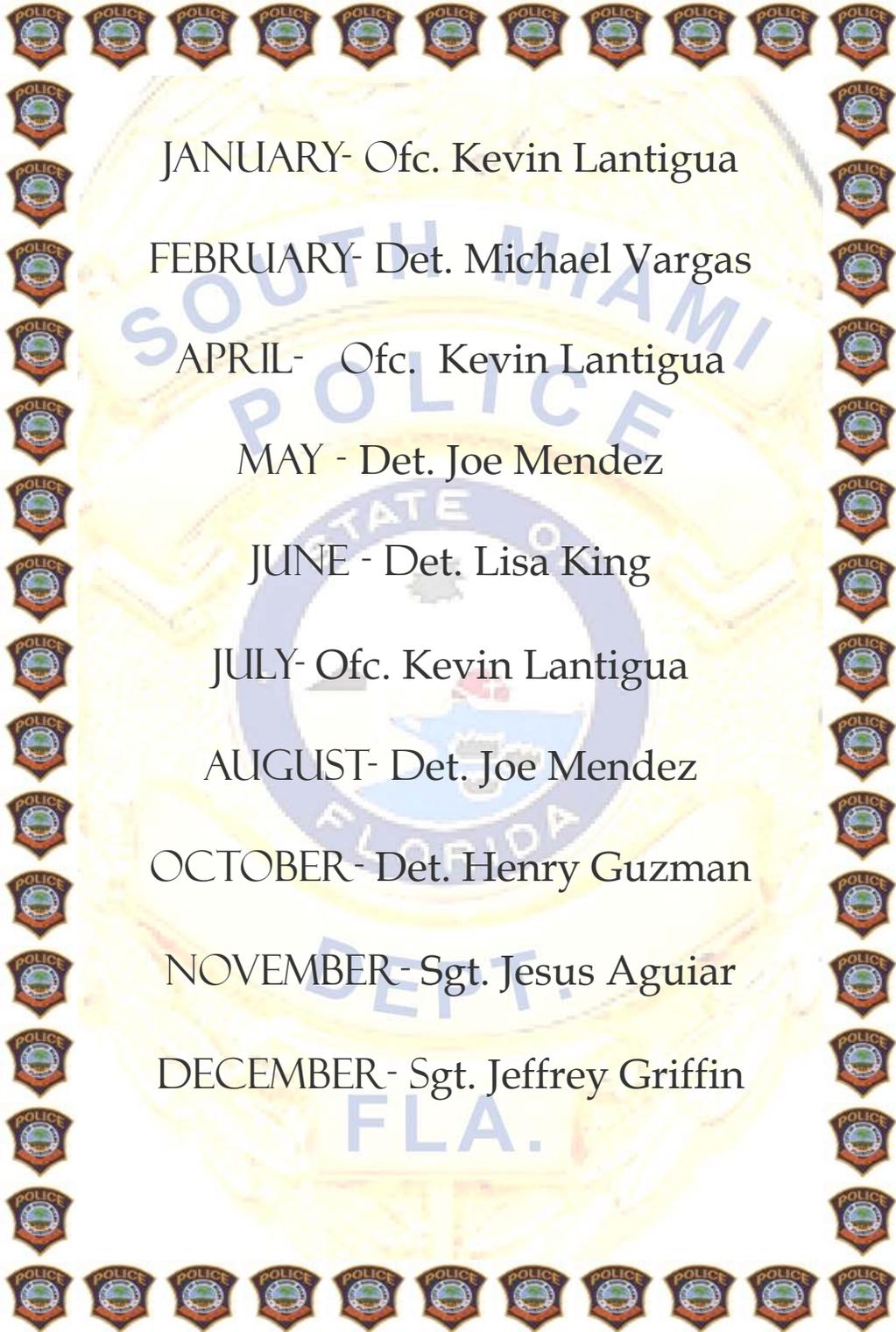
Detective Guzman has been as the Runner-Up Officer of the Year for his tireless efforts in investigations and the many personal sacrifices and contributions he makes to the community of South Miami. He is a 10-year veteran of the SMPD and not a year has gone by that he has not achieved recognition for himself and the agency.

Even as he carries a heavy case load as a detective, he continues to be an integral part of our DUI checkpoints and other non-detective assignments. The number of community organizations and projects he is involved with are countless. As a detective, he takes each assigned case and investigates every possible angle with the zeal and determination of a bloodhound. There are cases with little or no leads that he will review and turn in to successfully concluded investigations. He has also become the "go to" detective for sensitive or special investigations that require a high degree of maturity and discretion.

There are few people that are not familiar with Detective Guzman's singing talent. His renditions of our National Anthem and other patriotic tunes for special events reflect his heartfelt dedication and loyalty to this community.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

OFFICE
OF
RECORDS
AND
COMMUNICATIONS



JANUARY- Ofc. Kevin Lantigua

FEBRUARY- Det. Michael Vargas

APRIL- Ofc. Kevin Lantigua

MAY - Det. Joe Mendez

JUNE - Det. Lisa King

JULY- Ofc. Kevin Lantigua

AUGUST- Det. Joe Mendez

OCTOBER- Det. Henry Guzman

NOVEMBER- Sgt. Jesus Aguiar

DECEMBER- Sgt. Jeffrey Griffin

EXPLORER POST #256

The South Miami Police Explorer Post #256 is sponsored by the South Miami Police Department and is chartered through the Learning for Life Organization. The program provides high school and college students an insight into a career in law enforcement. It also allows young men and women an opportunity to give positive service back to the community. Throughout the history of the program many South Miami Explorers have become very successful leaders, inside and outside of the law enforcement community.

The South Miami Police Explorers regularly assist sworn police officers at DUI Checkpoints in South Miami, Sweetwater, and North Miami. This year SMPD Explorers were the only explorers who won a MADD award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving for their work.

The Explorers also went to local competition where they placed 5th overall, and won first place in the categories of Burglary in Progress Investigation and Traffic Crash Investigation. The Explorer post won 3rd place for Physical Agility course and 5th place for Domestic Violence Investigation. The Post also attended the Statewide Competition and Police Explorer Academy.



L to R: Exp. Johnson, Exp. Munoz, Det. Guzman, Chief Richardson, Det. Weissberg, Exp. Ruiz & Exp. DeJesus



Exp. Yovann Ruiz during a DUI Checkpoint



L to R 1st row: Exp. Celis, Exp. Perez & Exp. Gonzalez; 2nd row: Exp. Beltran, Exp. DeOca & Exp. Zambrana; 3rd row: Exp. Munoz & Exp. DeJesus; 4th row: Exp. Perez & Exp. Ruiz



L to R 1st row Exp. Beltran & Exp. Perez
2nd row: Exp. Gonzalez, Exp. Celis, Exp. DeOca, Exp. Zambrana
3rd row: Exp. Ruiz, Exp. Perez, Exp. Munoz & Exp. DeJesus



Expl. Elba Beltran with A MADD representative during an awards ceremony

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

D.A.R.E. PROGRAM:

The South Miami Police Department was one of the first in Miami-Dade County to have an officer certified to teach elementary and middle school students the dangers of drugs through the **D**rug **A**buse **R**esistance **E**ducation program. Since the early 1980's, the department continues the commitment to keep our children healthy and drug free. In 2009, approximately 400 middle school students completed this program.

S.A.F.E. AND R.A.D. PROGRAMS:

For the last few years, the S.A.F.E. program, Self Defense Awareness Familiarization Exchange, which teaches women awareness and self defense, has been offered and taught by the South Miami Police Department to local women's groups. The R.A.D. program, Rape Aggression Defense, is also taught to women and high school aged girls, primarily in cooperation with South Miami's Junior Commission for Women.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

Members of the Police Department are involved in a myriad of organizations to "give back" to the community and support positive programs. Some of these are:

Rotary
Kiwanis
Local, State & International Police Chief Organizations
Cops for Kids
Alliance for Youth
Community Relations Board
Senior Citizens Center
Citizen's Crime Watch
YMCA
South Miami Elks
Big Brother/Big Sister
M.A.D.D.
Informed Families



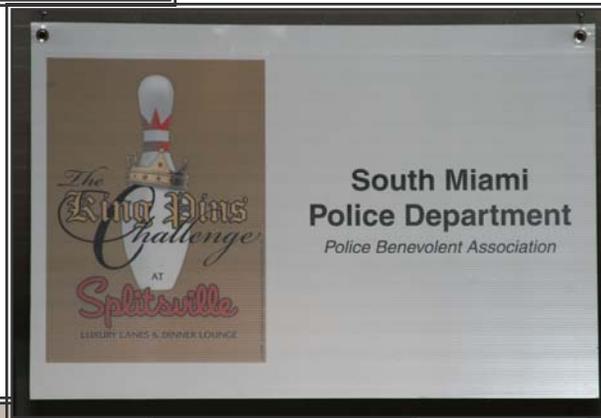
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

On Sunday, March 22, 2009, Informed Families held “The King Pins Challenge”, an Inaugural Benefit Event for the South Miami Drug-Free Coalition. The event took place at Splitsville Luxury Lanes located at The Shops at Sunset Place. This event was co-chaired by State Representative & former South Miami Mayor Julio Robaina, the current Mayor, Horace Feliu and former Mayor and President of Chamber South, Mary Scott Russell. The South Miami Police team was sponsored by the Police Benevolent Association and out of 14 teams, came in 3rd Place! The team consisted of Lt. Larry Corbin, Lt. John Barzola, Det. Henry Guzman, Ofc. Paul Rodriguez, Det. Joe Mendez and Ofc. Marcus Kinlaw. The officers were cheered on by fellow co-workers and family members.



Lt. Larry Corbin bowls a STRIKE!

The SM Team L to R: Det. Joe Mendez, Lt. John Barzola, Ofc. Marcus Kinlaw, Det. Henry Guzman, Ofc. Paul Rodriguez & Lt. Larry Corbin



Back Row: Exp. De Jesus, Major Mills, Tim Hardaway & Det. Weissberg; Front Row: Exp. Celis, Lt. Exp. Elba Beltran & Exp. Yosvany Ruiz



Front Row: Lt. Corbin; Middle Row: Lt. Barzola, Tim Hardaway, Det. Guzman; Back Row: Det. Mendez, Ofc. P. Rodriguez, Ofc. Kinlaw

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

On Saturday, April 25, 2009, the Police Benevolent Association held a March of Dimes - Walk for Babies Event at Crandon Park in Key Biscayne. The money raised for March for Babies will help support all important research offering preventions and solutions for babies born too soon or with birth defects; educate women on things they can do to increase their chances of having a healthy baby; provide comfort and information to families with a newborn in intensive care; and push for newborn screening and health insurance for all pregnant women and children. This years team was lead by Capt. Ruben Rodriguez and Lt. Larry Corbin and both of their families participated as well.



Capt. Ruben Rodriguez, his wife Marteena and daughters Mareena & Marteena



*Front: Mareena Rodriguez;
Middle: Logan & Lexi Corbin
Back: Marteena Rodriguez*



Lt. Larry Corbin and Capt. Ruben Rodriguez



Lexi Corbin & Mareena Rodriguez



Communications Supervisor Lisa Corbin, Lt. Larry Corbin and children Logan & Lexi

FALLEN HERO



Officer L. Daniel Schulz in the 80's while assigned to the Motor Unit

In memory of fallen Officer L. Daniel Schulz....

Officer Schulz died in the line of duty 22 years ago, after being stabbed while working an off duty job.

On October 15, 1987 Officer Schulz attempted to arrest a juvenile who was part of a gang which had been causing problems at the Bakery Centre movie theater. As he was taking the subject into custody, he was stabbed four times by the other members of the gang.

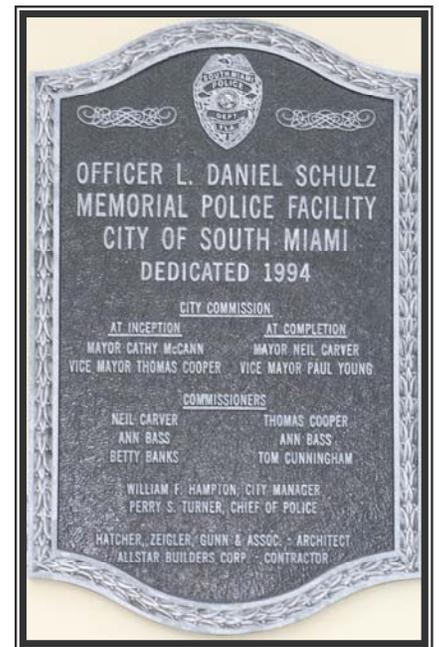
Officer Schulz succumbed to his injuries on November 27, 1987.

A granite memorial stone now sits in front of the police station and serves as a constant reminder of the hero who gave his life protecting our community.

In 1994, the South Miami Police Department dedicated the police station in Schulz' honor and through the PBA's street dedication program a portion of SW 57 Ave was also dedicated in Officer Schulz' memory. South Miami Mayor Horace Feliu presented The Schulz Family with a proclamation designating November 5, 2007 as Officer L. Daniel Schulz Day.



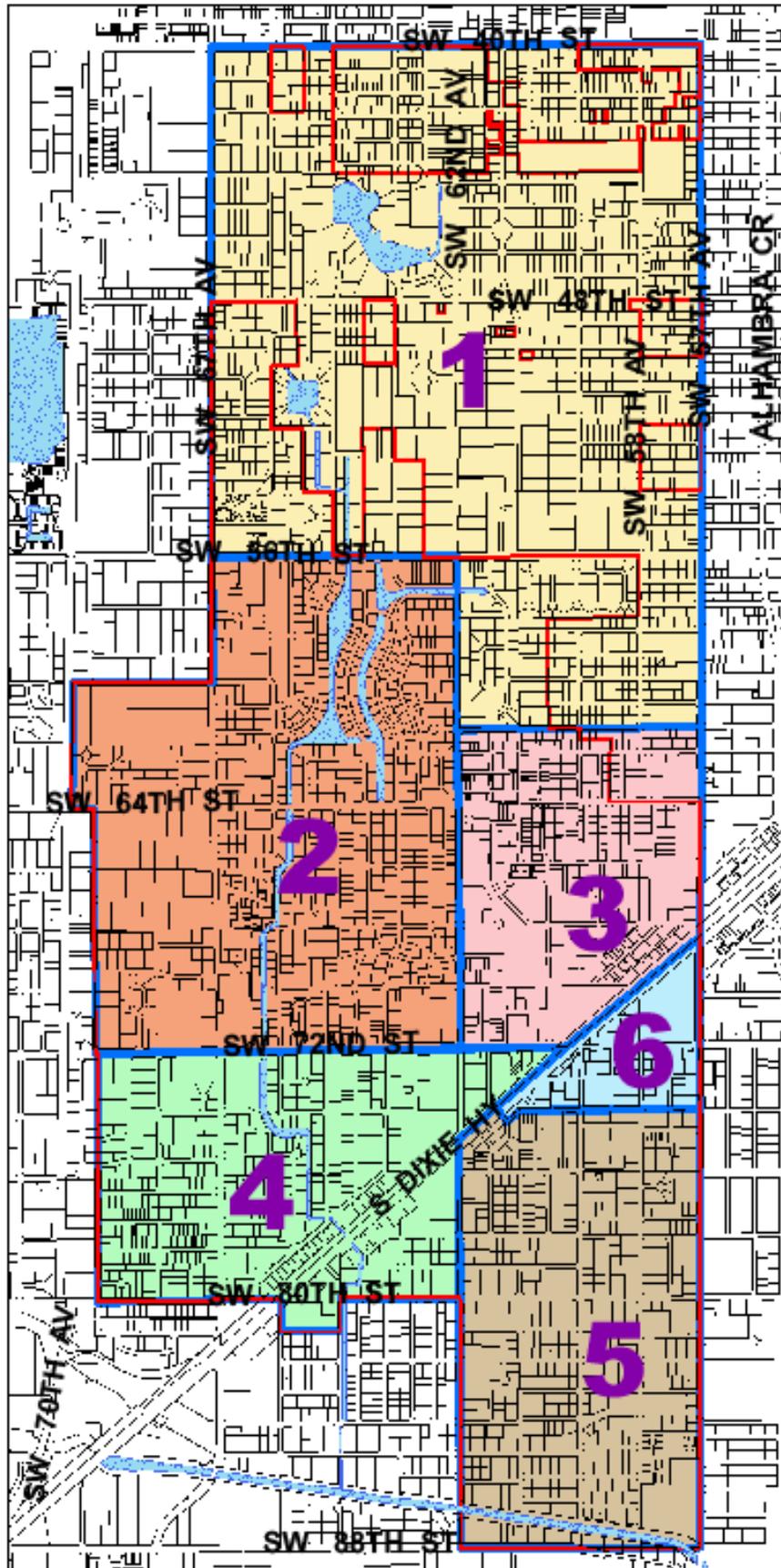
Memorial Stone in front of the police station



Dedication plaque on the front of the police building



Dedicated street sign on SW 57 Ave



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