

2006



SOUTH MIAMI



POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT



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 professions; an agency that impresses its citizens the first and every time, always striving to improve upon it's successes, and; one that empowers and encourages it's employees to serve the public and protect life and property with dignity, honor and pride.

CHIEF'S MESSAGE



I am pleased to present the 2006 Annual Report for The City of South Miami Police Department. Our police officers, supervisors, and command staff completed another excellent year in terms of professional services provided to the citizens of this great community. It is easy to focus on the statistical results in how we positively impacted on crime, while so often forgetting that the vast majority of our departments' value goes undocumented. Most citizens forget that it's not the number of arrests made, tickets written, calls for service handled etc., but the inestimable number of crimes that never occur because of the presence of the fine men and women in our police department. Overlooked, are the contributions of the command staff and the administrative detail that is necessary to manage a police department and provide the excellent level of service expected by the citizens.

This year, I would like to focus on the translational aspects occurring within the department. More than ever, the department needs to embrace a broader vision. In law enforcement today, technology in most aspects is king. Areas that I immediately addressed, with a forward looking vision, were computers (hardware and software), communications equipment, records management system, police fleet, departmental orders, emergency preparedness, training and the organizational structure.

Computers: My staff and I worked with the department's computer software provider in an attempt to secure, at a minimum, the level of services, upgrades and other contractual stipulations which we were entitled. Once that was accomplished we were in a position to evaluate the software's ability to provide a quality product. As a direct result we are now evaluating other vendors and will be migrating to one of these products sometime this year. Additionally, when the laptops for the officers were purchased there was no consideration given to the durability of the product. The everyday home or business type laptop, which our officers utilize, cannot withstand the punishment experienced in the law enforcement environment. There are laptops made specifically for use in law enforcement. The department's laptops need to be replaced this coming year to avoid any interruption of services. I have identified alternative funding sources that will significantly minimize or completely eliminate any additional tax burden to our citizens.

Communications and Records Management: All of the department's communications equipment and the records management system is dated and rapidly approaching obsolesces and they are past the band-aid approach. The departments communications system is not stand alone, as for example our neighboring cities, Pinecrest and Coral Gables. The City of South Miami depends on the Miami-Dade Police Department for dispatch, 911 notification, equipment, records management, and other ancillary services. Our citizens and police officers stand in line behind the needs of the county's constituents when it comes to these services. My staff and I have been working with various vendors and other police agencies in evaluating the practicability of a transition to a City of South Miami Police Department that has a stand alone communications and records management application. With the re-direction of present funds budgeted for these applications and some identified alternative funding sources, I'm planning to start the transitions sometime in 2007. It should be noted that this will cause no additional tax burden on our citizens.

Police Fleet: My staff and I evaluated our aging police fleet. The fleet had been neglected for several years due to budgetary constraints. When working from a "catch up" position, and looking at the budgetary allocations, I had to come to grips with some very difficult realities. I had staff prepare a realistic matrix which projected our absolute minimum needs five years in the future. This matrix should keep our fleet at the "water line", in terms of utility and serviceability. We evaluated not only the vehicle but the equipment that makes it an emergency vehicle. I have a certain level of comfort with the matrix and our ability to maintain its postulates.

Departmental Orders: In any law enforcement agency this document is the organizational reference manual. The document in some areas is constantly in a state of flux and needs at minimum a yearly review and update. I found that the document had not been revised since 1992. I had my staff immediately start the arduous task of updating and computerizing the document. This is scheduled for completion in the first quarter of 2007.

Emergency Preparedness: Upon assuming command of the police department I determined that our department was not participating in the Department of Home Land Security "National Incident Management System" (NIMS). What this meant was our citizens were missing out on millions of dollars of federal assistance funds, available to our department. These vital funds could have been utilized to harden our police physical plant, purchase equipment and other related applications; plus putting the city in a position to off set citizen

tax dollars, which are now and in the future, necessary for updating the police department. With the support of the City Manager I was successful in having the necessary resolution past by our city commission. It should be noted that this was extremely important to our city because there are strong indications that, in the near future, those communities that do not have the appropriate resolutions in place, will not be eligible to receive federal disaster assistance funds. Our department will be fully compliant by the second quarter of 2007.

Training: I am a strong supporter of on going training. Training is necessary for the organizational health of the department. It ensures our citizens that their police officers, supervisors and command staff will be well prepared to face future concerns. To that end, I have reviewed our present training commitment with staff. As a result we have instituted on going roll call training, and are ensuring that every officer takes advantage of all available courses. Additionally, I am sending one of the department staff officers to the prestigious Southern Police Institute, where they will be introduced to the latest advanced police management theories.

Organizational Structure: I will totally revamp the organizational structure of the police department by the end of the first quarter. The ranks will follow a traditional structure, with clear lines of reporting responsibilities. Additionally, I will make personnel changes, which places those individuals, in key decision making positions, which I am comfortable with and have confidence in.

In closing, I would just like to say that I am grateful for the opportunity given to me to lead and work with the fine men and women of the South Miami Police Department. I appreciate their support, the support of the citizens of South Miami, our Mayor, City Commission and the Manager. The City of South Miami is a great community and I'm proud to be part of its history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vincent Landis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "V".

Vincent Landis

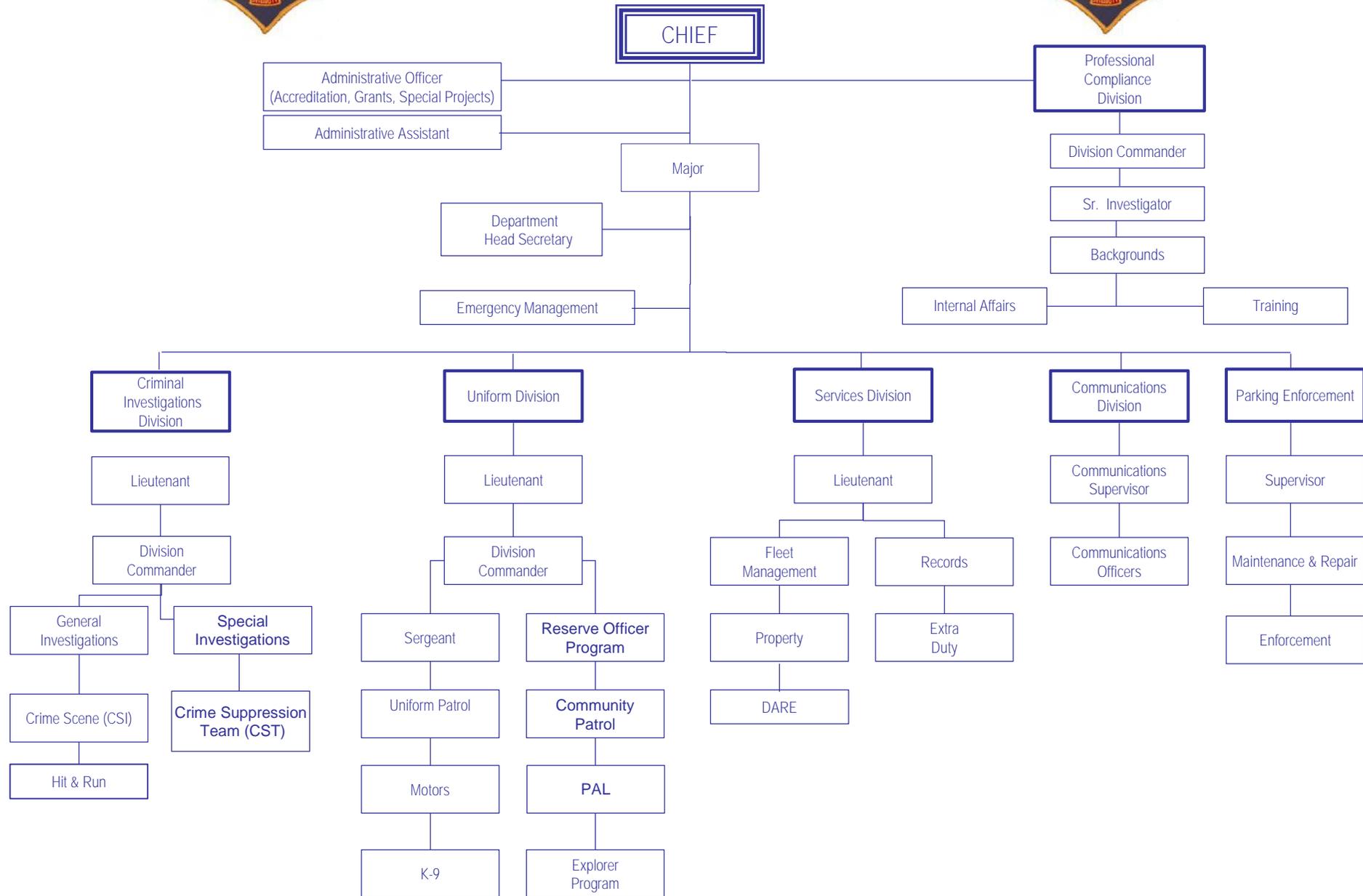
Chief of Police



City of South Miami Police department Organizational Chart



Revised 10/06



2006 SOUTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF



Chief Vincent A. Landis



Major Michael Mills



*Lieutenant Daniel Salerno
Services Division*



*Lieutenant Bruce Ross
Criminal Investigations Division*



*Lieutenant Robert Richardson
Uniform Division*



*Commander Lisa Morton
Professional Compliance Division*



*Commander Michael D'Angelo
Uniform Division*



*Commander Ruben Rodriguez
Criminal Investigations Division*



*Sergeant John Barzola
Uniform Division*



*Sergeant Larry Corbin
Uniform Division*



*Sergeant Jeff Griffin
Uniform Division*



*Sergeant Sheila Scanlon
Uniform Division*



*Lisa Corbin
Communications Supervisor/Crime Analyst
Communications Division*

BUDGET

Fiscal Year 2004/05: 4,545,200

Fiscal Year 2005/06: 4,414,660

Fiscal Year 2006/07: 4,583,481

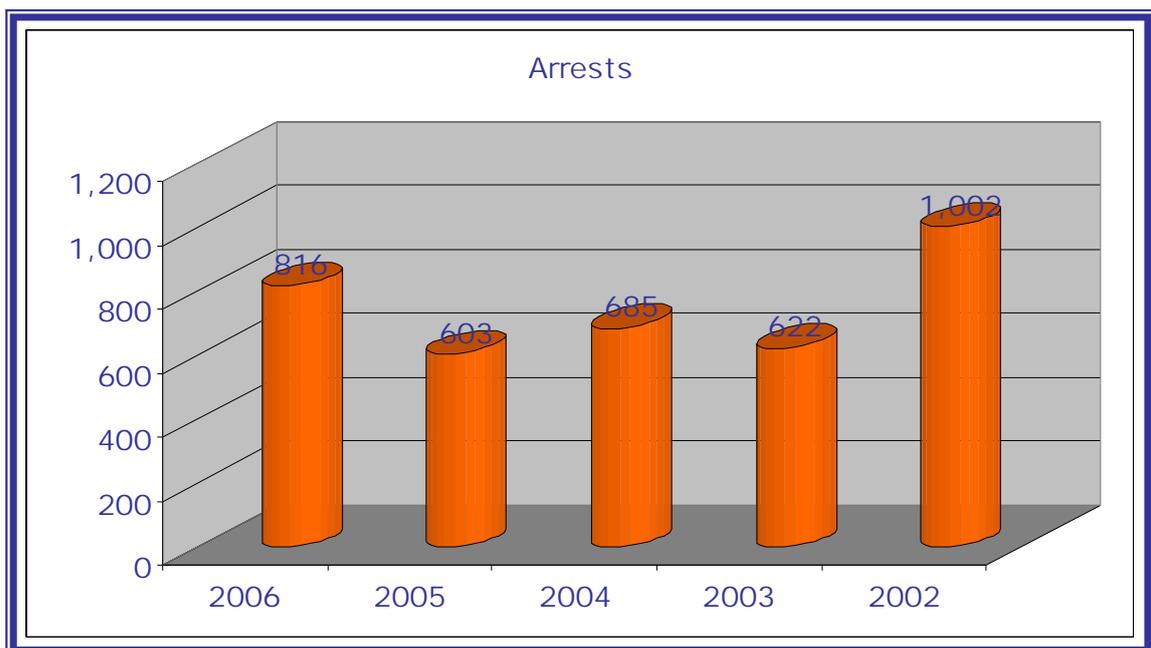
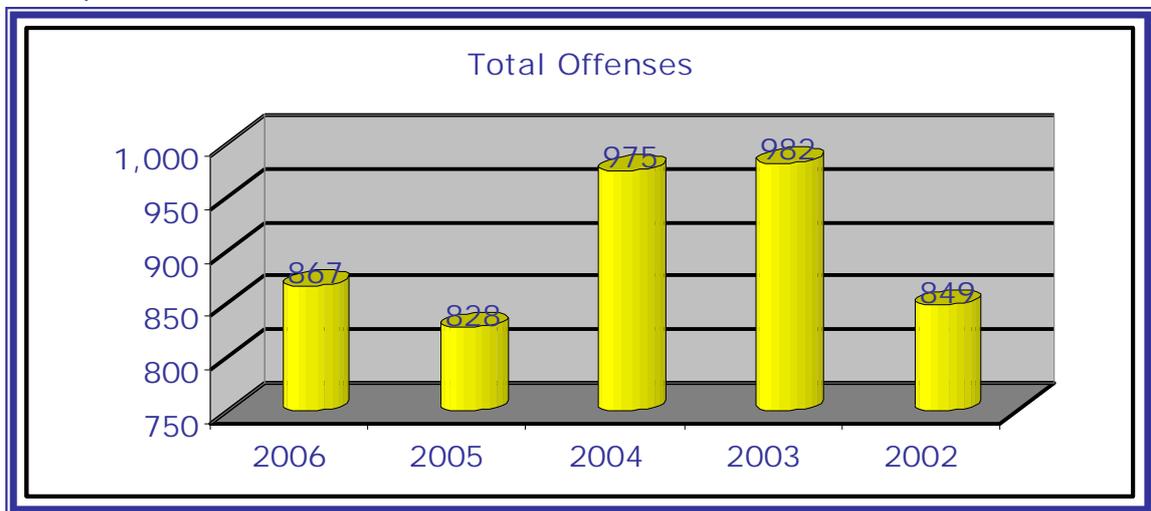
ACCT	2005-2006	2006-2007
SALARIES - REGULAR	3,252,668	3,343,717
SALARIES - PART TIME	11,895	11,895
OVERTIME	140,000	140,000
TOTAL SALARIES/WAGES	3,392,668	3,495,612
SPECIAL PAY-ED.	25,000	25,000
HAZARD PAY	53,000	52,000
FICA	265,506	273,305
GROUP HEALTH INS	271,676	285,793
TOTAL PERSONNEL SERV.	4,007,850	4,131,710
ANNUAL PHY./DRUG TESTS	5,000	6,325
CONTRACTUAL SERV.	33,670	33,270
CRIME PREV. PROGRAM	6,980	6,500
TRAVEL & CONFERENCE	4,500	10,000
TRAINING/EDUCATION	7,000	14,000
LEASE PURCHASE - TEL.	-	-
LEASE PURCHASE - POL.VEH.	106,660	129,812
MAINT/REPAIR - EQUIP	17,200	25,000
MAINT/REPAIR - COMM.	65,000	42,704
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS	7,000	7,500
APPLICANT TESTING	7,500	10,000
SUPPLIES	30,000	35,000
UNIFORMS	55,000	60,000
MEMBERSHIP/SUBS.	5,000	7,000
TOTAL SERVICES/SUPPLIES	350,510	387,111
TOTAL OPERATING EXP.	4,358,360	4,518,821
EQUIP.UNDER \$500 IN VALUE	900	4,350
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	1,700	1,510
OPERATING EQUIPMENT	53,700	58,800
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	56,300	64,660
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,414,660	4,583,481

ANNUAL COMPARISON

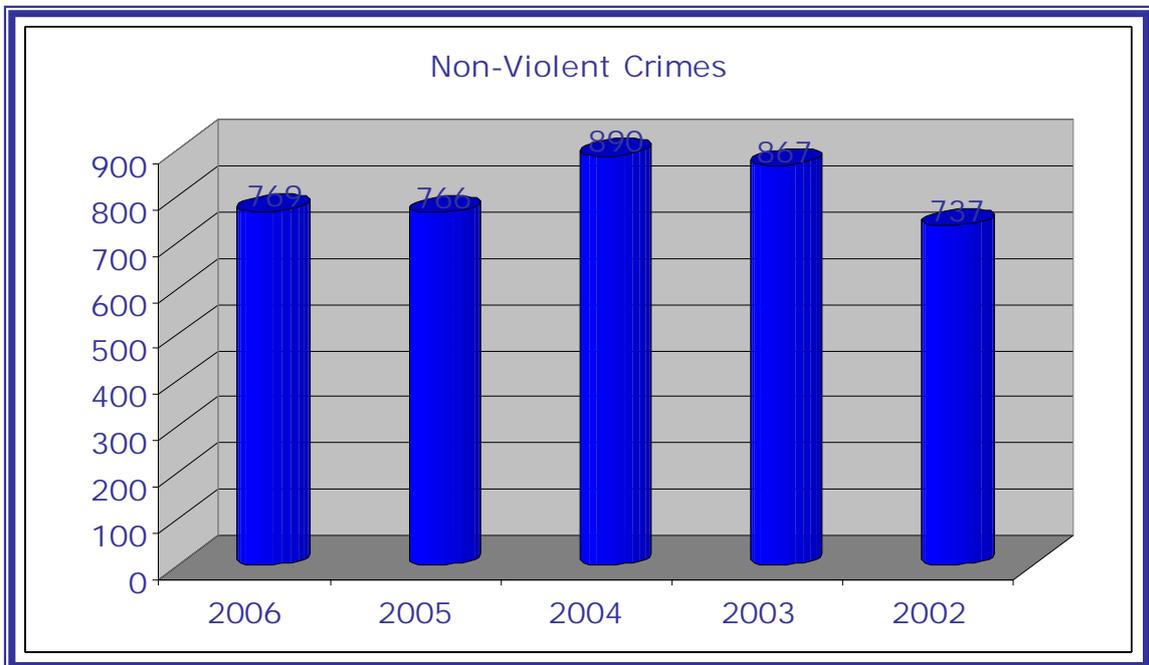
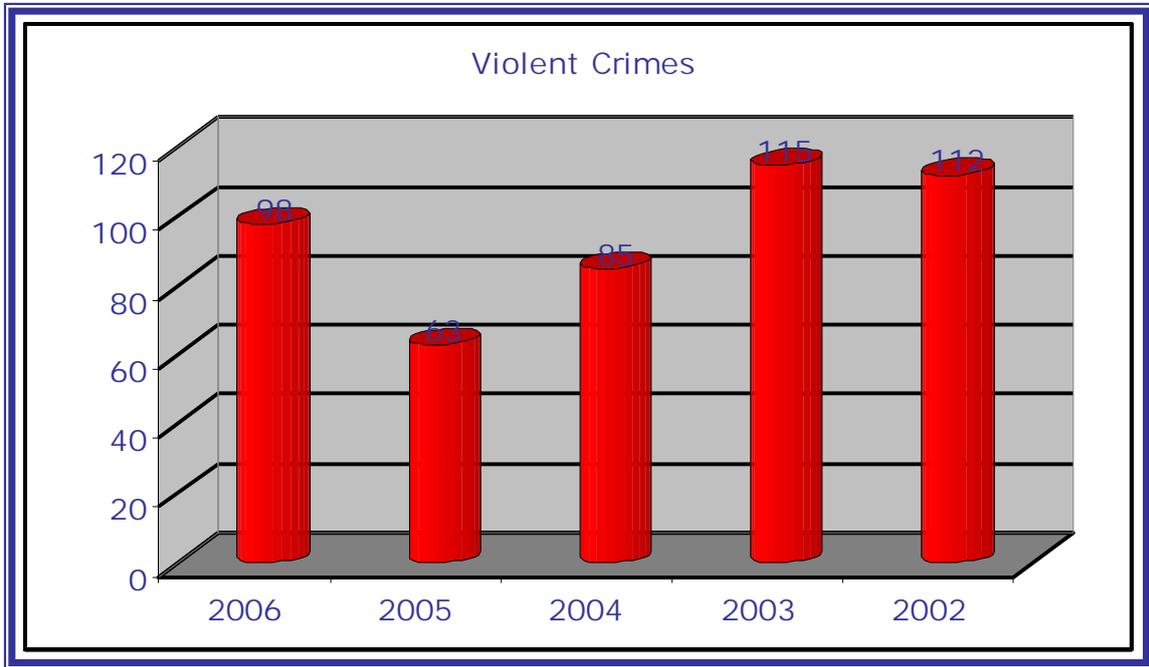
	2006	2005	2004
Violent Crimes			
Homicide	1	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape Committed	1	2	1
Rape Attempted	0	0	0
Sodomy	0	2	2
Fondling	0	0	2
Robbery	50	23	25
<i>Highway</i>	23	10	9
<i>Comm. Other</i>	6	3	5
<i>Gas/Svc. Station</i>	0	0	1
<i>Convenience</i>	2	1	0
<i>Residence</i>	5	1	6
<i>Bank</i>	1	0	0
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	13	8	4
Agg Assault	45	35	55
Agg Stalking	1	0	0
Simple Assault+	107	121	144
<i>Total Violent</i>	98	62	85
Non-Violent Crimes			
Burglary Res	98	94	89
Burglary Non Res	43	32	26
Grand Theft Auto	44	44	46
Larceny	584	595	729
<i>Pick Pocket</i>	3	5	4
<i>Purse Snatch</i>		<i>reported under robberies</i>	
<i>Shoplifting</i>	60	62	138
<i>From Motor Veh</i>	204	206	202
<i>Motor Veh Parts</i>	88	105	118
<i>Bicycles</i>	13	14	29
<i>From Bldg</i>	29	16	5
<i>From Coin Opr. Device</i>	0	1	0
<i>All Other</i>	187	186	233
<i>Total</i>			
<i>Non- Violent</i>	769	766	890
<i>Total Offenses</i>	867	828	975

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS

The South Miami Police Department experienced a significant increase in violent crimes for 2006. The historic drop in the United States crime rate has ended and is on the rise throughout the nation. Many law enforcement officials are suggesting this increase is a result of the federal government's reduction of federal grants and other local law enforcement initiatives. Whatever the cause, the rise is of great concern to our agency and we have directed our efforts in specialized policing tactics to remove the criminal element from our community. We have had significant results with a 35% increase in arrests made overall. More specifically, we had a 76% increase in violent crime arrests and a 34% increase in non-violent crime arrests compared to 2005.



UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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 Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. Since the early 1980's, the department continues the commitment to keep our children healthy and drug free.

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.

POLICE EXPLORERS: 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 participate in a wide range of community service events and city events. Students participate in events such as: crime prevention projects, parades, observer ride alongs, explorer competitions, social events, law enforcement related training and much more.

The South Miami Police Explorer Program is known locally for its dedication to provide community service and help build a bridge between students and police officers. The program is also known for its ability to improve student's leadership skills and to produce future leaders.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

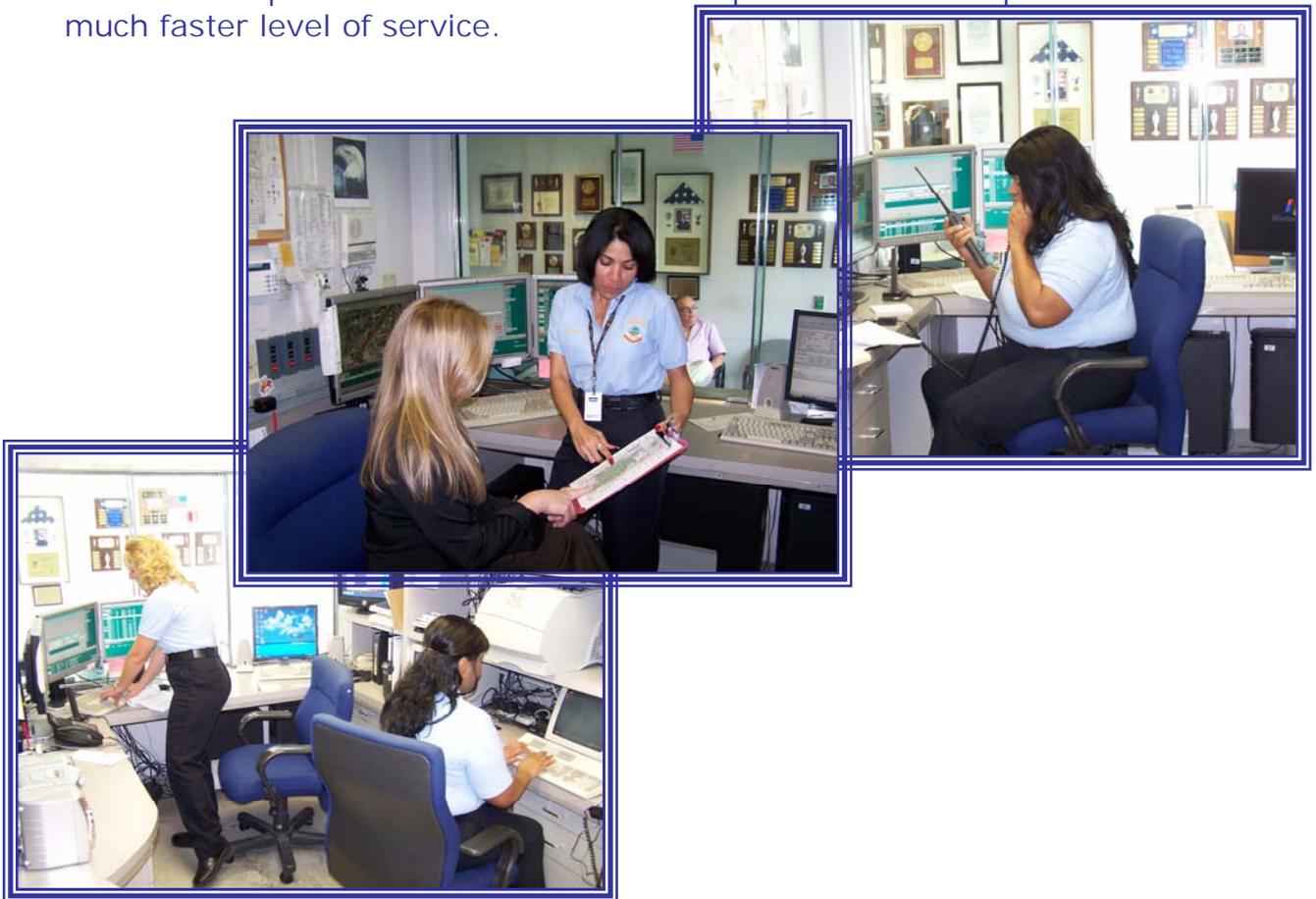
Members of the Police Department are involved in a myriad of organizations to "give back" to the community and support positive programs. Some of these are:

- ✦ 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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Division is the hub of the department and is staffed around the clock, year round. Communications Officers are usually the first responders on calls for service. They function as dispatchers, call takers, teletype operators, court liaisons and record clerks. During 2006 we received 11,526 calls for service. These calls are generated in four different ways; 911 calls via the Miami Dade Police Department, non-emergency calls, inter-agency radio communications and officer self-initiated or discovered activity.

Our calls for service are primarily dispatched to the Miami-Dade Police Department via their Computer Aided Terminal (CAD). For the first time in 2006, we began using a secondary CAD terminal that allows us to dispatch directly to our units on patrol via officers Mobile Data Terminals (MDT). This "in-house" CAD enables us to dispatch our officers to calls in a more expeditious manner. This is hugely advantageous during periods when air traffic is extremely heavy on the police frequency. This also allows us to instantly access calls for service from previous shifts and facilitates public records requests on a much faster level of service.



UNIFORM PATROL

The South Miami Police Department's Uniform Patrol Division responds to all calls for service for the citizens, merchants and visitors to the City. The members of this unit work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year including holidays, hurricanes and other significant events. During 2006, officers assigned to Patrol responded to over 11,000 calls for service. Additionally, they provide a myriad of additional services, such as crime prevention, traffic enforcement, roadway assistance and general community service. Within Patrol, the following specialized units assist regular patrol officers with their mission:



- K-9 Units
- Motorcycle Unit
- Crisis Intervention Officers
- Field Training Officers
- D.U.I. Enforcement
- Honor Guard

Patrol officers are responsible for the six patrol zones of South Miami. The zones are made up of a wide variety of residential and commercial areas and provide our officers with the ability to

work with citizens from a wide variety of backgrounds. Officers receive continual diversity and community oriented training.

This unit also handles specialized patrol assignments (such as the downtown holiday walking beat, parade details and major event organizations) and all other requests for general police services. Patrol Officers are responsible for initiating criminal investigations for detectives to follow up.

In 2006, technologies role in patrol increased as the police report writing process became fully computerized. Additionally, patrol officers have the ability to run on the spot tag and person checks from their vehicle's mobile data terminal, saving valuable time.



Eileen Whitlon, Uniform Division Secretary, retired with almost 17 years of service to the City. Eileen is remembered as the consummate administrative professional and a friend to all that have worked in the Police Department during her tenure.

SPECIALIZED UNITS



Our Motor Unit is pro-active and enforces all State Traffic Laws. Traffic enforcement is the most common complaint of citizens. In 2006, our Motor Unit began issuing electronic citations through the use of a palm pilot. This device scans the motorist information from their driver's license into the computer. This generated a 33% increase in citations issued by the Motor Unit alone.

Citations Issued
2005: 3,340 vs 2006: 4,434



We have two K-9 teams that are fully certified in criminal apprehensions and narcotics detection. Our K-9's have made 27 narcotics seizures and have assisted seven other agencies upon request. Of particular note, our K-9 Unit partnered with federal agents on a task force searching cruise ships, luggage and containers at the Port of Miami to assist in combating the importation of illegal drugs.

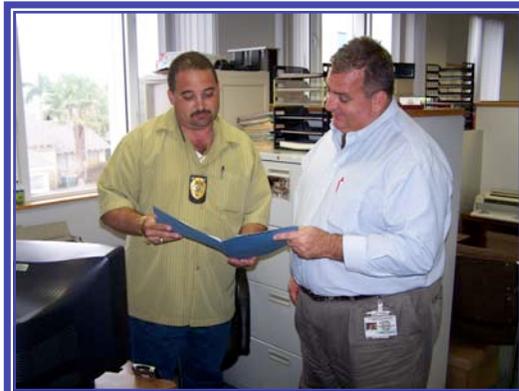
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

The role of the Criminal Investigation Division 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.

The Criminal Investigations Division is supervised by a Commander who reports to the division Lieutenant. The division is divided into two units; the General Investigations Unit and the Special Investigations Unit.

The General Investigations Unit is currently comprised of four Detectives who conduct preliminary and follow-up investigations on crimes against persons or property and processing crime scenes.

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



SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

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 2006 and is resulting in a noticeable change by members of the affected community.

During this year, the Special Investigations Unit detectives conducted their 9th and 10th narcotics operation aided by other department personnel. These investigations have resulted in over 120 people being identified as narcotic sellers, suppliers or buyers.

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.

Month	Arrests	Recovered Narcotics Value	Guns Recovered	Reports Written	A.O.A.
January	01	\$250.00	00	01	00
February	03	\$800.00	00	03	00
March	03	\$23,000.00	00	03	00
April	01	\$115.00	00	11	01
May	06	\$1,045.00	00	06	00
June	01	\$75.00	00	06	00
July	00	\$90.00	00	08	00
August	11	\$395.00	00	11	00
September	10	\$135.00	00	10	00
October	02	\$30.00	00	02	00
November	06	\$70.00	00	06	00
December	04	\$1,580.00	00	04	00
Total :	48	\$27,585.00	00	71	01



IN MEMORY OF OFFICER L. DANIEL SCHULZ



Officer L. Daniel Schulz began his service with the South Miami Police Department on September 28, 1981, and had more than 14 years in Law Enforcement. He served honorably in the U.S. Navy and was a Combat Veteran of the Viet Nam War. Officer Schulz was nominated five times as Officer of the Month and received the award twice. His personnel file contained 21 Letters of Commendation. His professional demeanor earned him the respect of the citizens and business community of the City with whom he shared a unique mutual admiration and rapport.

On October 16, 1987, Officer Schulz, while attempting to break up a fight among several juveniles at a shopping center in South Miami, was savagely attacked and stabbed 5 times. Officer Schulz spent numerous days in surgical intensive care and was continuing his convalescence at home at the time of his death. Officer Schulz, 41, died Friday, November 27, 1987. Officer Schulz, a revered member of the South Miami Police Department, will not be forgotten. The City of South Miami posthumously awarded Officer Schulz the Gold Medal of Valor, which now bears his name. In his memory, *The Officer L. Daniel Schulz Memorial Police Facility* was dedicated Friday, July 8, 1994.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Detective Richard Munoz was selected as Officer of the Year for the third year in a row for his tireless effort in the war on drugs.

In the first quarter of 2006, he continued his investigations of street narcotics sales within our City culminating in January's "Operation Lucky 13". After being assigned in March to a federal task force of the South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), he still participated in local initiatives such as "Operation May Day" and "Operation Meltdown" and he initiated and led an investigation of a prostitution operation in a local massage parlor.

While assigned to the HIDTA Immigration & Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.) task force, intelligence information led to his investigation of a check cashing company that was illegally laundering large sums of money. The result, a seizure of over \$4 million in assets in Miami, Tampa, Orlando and Jacksonville. Our department is anticipating its share of approximately \$700,000 from this case.

Later, in December, Detective Munoz changed HIDTA assignments to a group investigating bulk currency smuggling. That resulted in the seizure of almost \$850,000 with \$127,000 expected to be awarded to our agency.

He also assisted the Miami Dade Police Dept. with "Operation Weed Killer" where 22 marijuana hydroponics labs were dismantled throughout the county. In another cooperative effort between the HIDTA group, MDPD and the FBI, he worked on "Operation Double Bag" resulting in the arrest of a local drug trafficker who was importing 100 kilos per week through DHL.

OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

JANUARY	Ofc. J. Aguiar
FEBRUARY	Sgt. J. Barzola
MARCH	Ofc. P. Rodriguez
APRIL	Ofc. J. Mendez
AUGUST	Det. M. Vargas
NOVEMBER	Ofc. J. Mendez
DECEMBER	Ofc. H. Guzman

CHIEF'S AWARD

During 2006, Officer Weissberg coordinated 68 DUI enforcement events to include full-blown DUI checkpoints and less formal saturation patrols. He also facilitated participation in 4 initiatives hosted by other agency partners. These efforts have caused our agency to be recognized as one of the most active agencies in South Florida for effective DUI enforcement.

In 2006, Officer Weissberg was officially recognized with an award from MADD for his efforts and outstanding number of DUI arrests.

Since becoming the DUI coordinator, South Miami's DUI arrests have increased by 118%. With more than double the number of arrests, one can only imagine the reduced number of crashes, injuries or deaths.

Officer Weissberg was appointed to MADD's Law Enforcement Committee and the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office DUI Advisory Committee.



pictured left to right

Officer J. Mendez – Officer of the Month Recipient for November 2006, Officer Henry Guzman – Officer of the Month Recipient for December 2006, Chief Vincent A. Landis, Officer M. Weissberg – Chief's Award Recipient for 2006.

TRAINING

This year, the South Miami Police Department received Commission support to become compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

NIMS is the first-ever standardized approach to incident management and response. Developed by the Department of Homeland Security and released in March 2004, it establishes a uniform set of processes and procedures that emergency responders at all levels of government will use to conduct response operations.

Developed by the Secretary of Homeland Security at the request of the President, the National Incident Management System (NIMS) integrates effective practices in emergency response into a comprehensive national framework for incident management.

The NIMS will enable responders at all levels to work together more effectively and efficiently to manage domestic incidents no matter what the cause, size or complexity, including catastrophic acts of terrorism and disasters.

Federal agencies also are required to use the NIMS framework in domestic incident management and in support of state and local incident response and recovery activities.

The benefits of the NIMS system will be significant:

- o Standards for planning, training and exercising;
- o Personnel qualification standards;
- o Equipment acquisition and certification standards;
- o Interoperable communications processes, procedures and systems;
- o Information management systems with a commonly accepted architecture;
- o Supporting technologies - voice and data communications systems, information systems, data display systems, specialized technologies; and
- o Publication management processes and activities.

Police employees are among the most highly trained and this year resulted in 1,661 hours, ensuring a continued commitment.

Our agency also received a Segway from County Commissioner Gimenez's office. Once training was conducted on this unit we implemented patrol at Sunset Place and other downtown areas.



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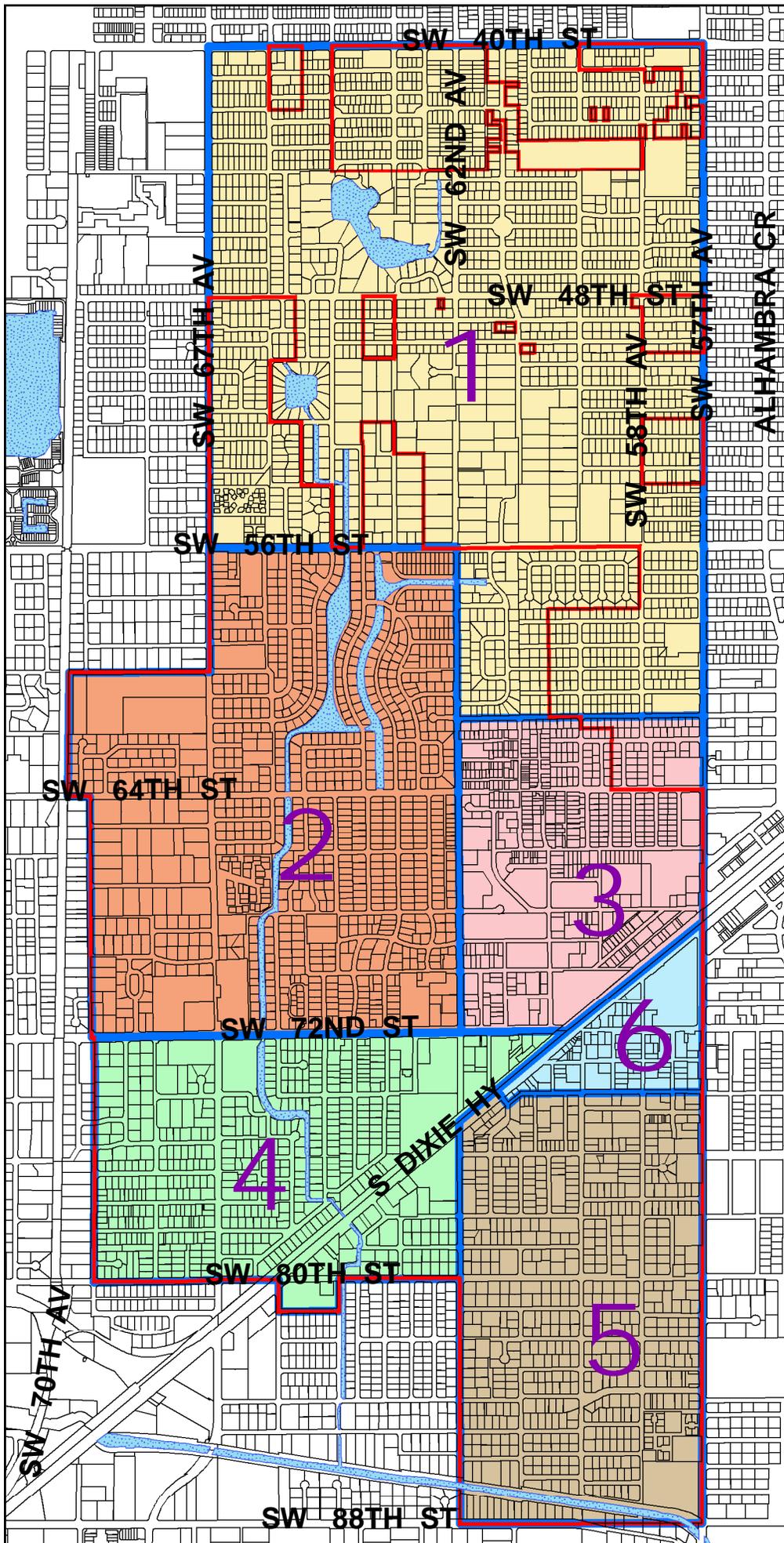
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911

South Miami Police
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(305) 663-6301

Criminal Investigations
(305) 663-6322
*to contact a detective
once a police report
has already been filed.*

Drug Tip Line
(305) 663-6303
*citizens having information
concerning narcotics
possession and/or sales.*





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