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MISSION STATEMENT

To deliver professional police services in partnership with the people we serve, in order to provide a safe and secure environment for all.

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 62 devoted men and women who provide and/or assist in police services to the City of South Miami. The South Miami Police Department continues to work with all segments of our community to continue to provide a safe environment for our residents, visitors and those individuals that work or conduct business in our area.

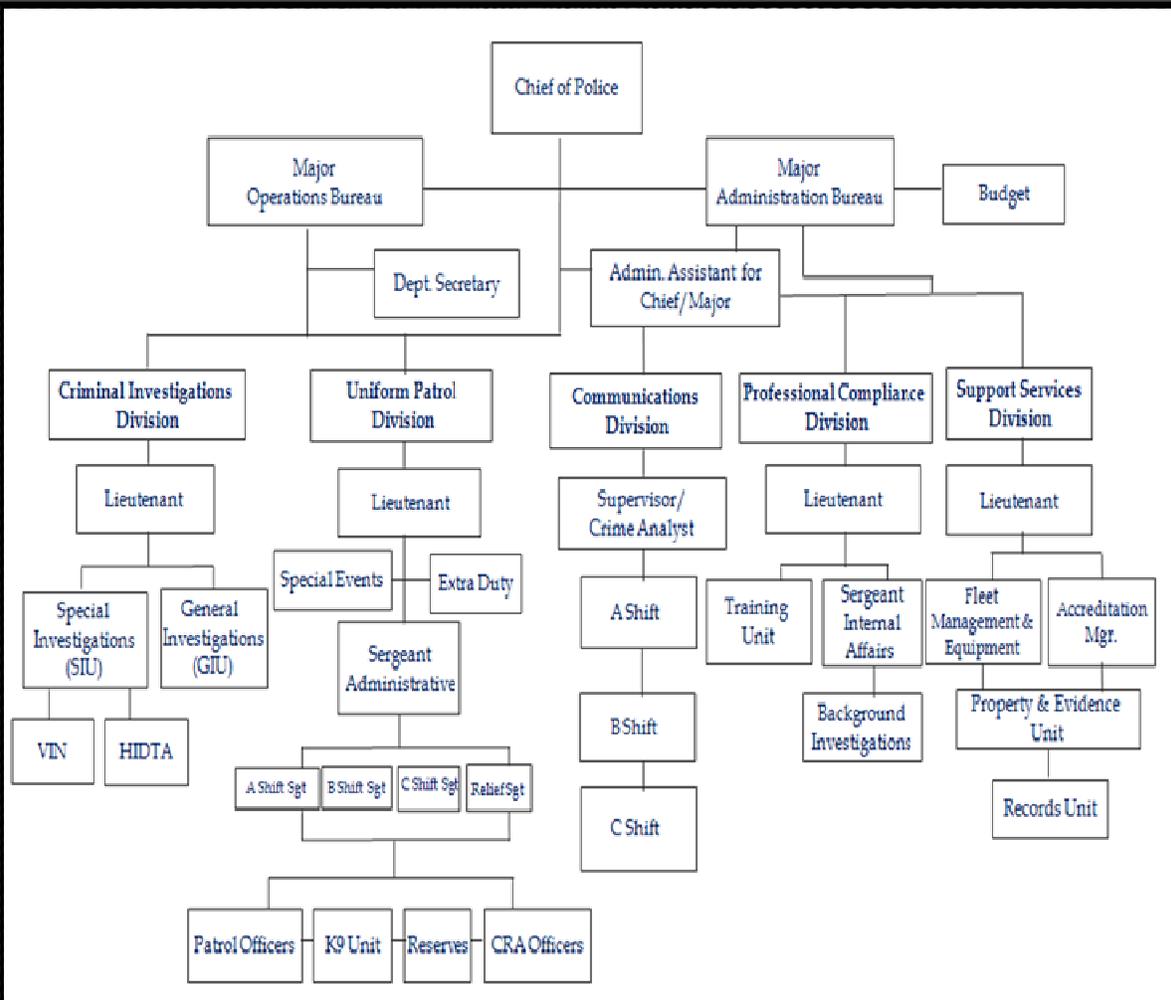
The South Miami Police Department is dedicated to making sure that all police related services are provided in an efficient, effective, and professional manner. One of our goals as a law enforcement agency is to lead rather than follow and to be proactive rather than reactive. This annual report is a testament of how our vision and efforts have been accomplished in 2012. Our values of dedication, respect, cooperation, professionalism and responsibility must be as visible as our uniforms and police insignias.

The following police department accomplishments occurred in 2012:

- ◆ Completion of the SunGard /OSSI project - full implementation of the Open Software Solutions, Inc (OSSI) project; this project required the installation of a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) application, Records Management System (RMS) software, Mobile Field Reporting (MFR) software and other smaller modules such as Asset Management, Internal Affairs and Quartermaster applications. The benefits of this project include the sharing of criminal information across jurisdictional boundaries (A-Forms interface, E-citations) and application integration that leads to greater accuracy and efficiency in data entry, searching, reporting and information retrieval.
- ◆ All technology equipment (desktops & laptops) have now been updated and assigned to sworn personnel for more efficient reporting and retrieval of information.
- ◆ On May 1st 2012, all Uniform Patrol marked police vehicles were equipped with GPS devices to enhance officer safety and improve computer aided dispatching with prompt response times.
- ◆ Bi-directional Amplifier (BDA) project was approved and installed by the Miami-Dade County IT Business Office and approved by the City Commission to be paid by Federal Forfeiture funds to enhance radio communication. The current system was outdated, received undue radio frequency interference and did not allow for clear communication between the police dispatchers and officers out in the field, using the SMPD car-to-car channel. This was a huge officer safety hazard and did not allow for effective policing.
- ◆ Met and coordinated with MDPD for the Radio Re-Banding project to exchange and receive new 800 MHz radios at no cost to the City. All handheld radios have been received and assigned to personnel.
- ◆ Established a Bicycle Patrol Unit and trained/certified five (5) officers for more effective Community Policing efforts.
- ◆ Purchased the T-3 Motion Stand-up Electric Vehicle to provide a cost-effective vehicle that can comingle with pedestrian traffic in the downtown area during the holidays and special events with approval from the Commission, using Federal Forfeiture funds.

I am proud to serve as Chief of Police with my dedicated and professional co-workers to fulfill our mission *"To deliver professional police services in partnership with the people we serve, in order to provide a safe and secure environment for all"* -Mission Statement

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



COMMAND STAFF



Major Ana Baixauli
Administration Bureau



Orlando Martinez de Castro
Chief of Police



Major Rene Landa
Operations Bureau



Lieutenant Lisa Morton
Professional Compliance



Lieutenant Ruben Rodriguez
Support Services



Lieutenant Larry Corbin
Criminal Investigations



Lieutenant John Barzola
Uniform Patrol



Sergeant Jeff Griffin
Internal Affairs



Sergeant Jesus Aguiar
Administrative



Officer Lou Fata
Accreditation Manager



Lisa Corbin
Communications Supervisor &
Crime Analyst

BUDGET

ACCOUNT	APPROVED 2012-2013	BUDGET 2011-2012
SALARIES - REGULAR	3,408,596	3,390,249
OVERTIME	150,000	150,000
SPECIAL PAY-ED.	28,248	26,260
HAZARD PAY	61,335	61,335
FICA	278,471	277,530
PENSION CITY CONTRIBUTION	560,893	622,292
ICMA CONTRIBUTION	0	32,754
DEFERRED COMP. CONTRIBUTION	33,367	0
GROUP HEALTH INS	354,262	323,057
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	131,099	118,087
TOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES	5,006,271	5,001,564
ANNUAL PHYSICALS	14,750	14,750
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	102,230	63,290
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES-PARKING	252,250	239,750
RED LIGHT CAMERA AGREEMENT	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SCHOOL CROSSING	70,000	70,000
CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS	4,000	4,000
TRAVEL & CONFERENCE	8,183	8,948
TRAINING/EDUCATION	8,500	7,425
POSTAGE	1,800	1,700
COMMUNICATION	149,560	16,240
LEASE PURCHASE PD 800 MHZ	0	45,000
LEASE PURCHASE - POLICE VEHICLES	11,400	11,400
LIABILITY INSURANCE - AUTO	26,000	26,000
POLICE ACC. DTH & DIS INSURANCE	2,000	2,000
MAINT/REPAIR - EQUIP	18,600	18,600
MAINT/REPAIR - COMM.	32,460	95,200
PRINTING - INFRASTRUCTURE	11,000	10,005
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS	8,000	5,000
EMPLOYEE TESTING	14,760	5,391
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	23,913	21,960
SUPPLIES	91,848	82,978
SUPPLIES - PARKING	49,100	49,100
UNIFORMS	74,500	74,200
FUEL	217,121	217,121
MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTIONS	8,470	6,730
PRISONER DETENTION	100	100
INTERNET SERVICE	3,200	0
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,103,745	1,096,888
EQUIP.UNDER \$500 IN VALUE	0	0
EQUIPMENT-OPERATING	0	0
VEHICLES	0	0
VEHICLES	0	0
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY- LEASE	0	0
DEBT SERVICE - PRINCIPAL	180,462	176,331
DEBT SERVICE - INTEREST	14,002	18,133
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	194,464	194,464
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	6,292,916	6,304,480

ANNUAL COMPARISON

VIOLENT CLASS I CRIMES	2012	2011	2010
Homicide	0	0	3
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape Committed	2	6	2
Rape Attempted	0	0	0
Sodomy	1	0	1
Fondling	1	0	1
Robbery	39	33	33
<i>Highway</i>	24	13	9
<i>Comm. Other</i>	2	8	6
<i>Gas/Svc. Station</i>	0	0	0
<i>Convenience</i>	2	0	0
<i>Residence</i>	8	3	1
<i>Bank</i>	0	1	4
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	3	8	13
Agg Assault	43	51	48
Agg Stalking	4	1	0
Simple Assault (not a class I crime)	106	95	95
TOTAL VIOLENT:	90	91	88
NON-VIOLENT CLASS I CRIMES			
Burglary Res	113	107	102
Burglary Non Res	23	18	24
Grand Theft Auto	25	23	26
Larceny	680	689	668
<i>Pick Pocket</i>	0	0	2
<i>Purse Snatch</i>	0	0	1
<i>Shoplifting</i>	75	87	111
<i>From Motor Veh</i>	195	267	236
<i>Motor Veh Parts</i>	54	76	78
<i>Bicycles</i>	38	56	32
<i>From Bldg</i>	8	26	27
<i>From Coin Opr.Dev.</i>	0	1	1
<i>All Other</i>	310	176	180
TOTAL NON-VIOLENT:	841	837	820
TOTAL OFFENSES:	931	928	908

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS

Our agency has a team of dedicated men and women focused on fighting crime and improving the quality of life for its citizens. By delivering timely and professional services to the public, we further solidify our allegiance to the public service promise we vowed to uphold.

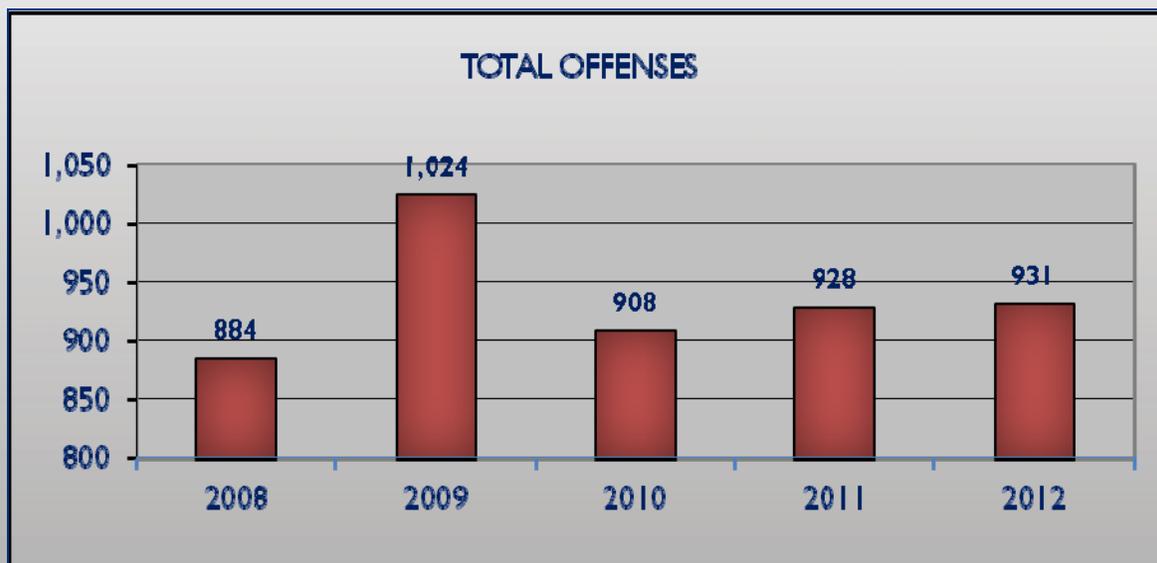


Major Baixauli, Chief Martinez de Castro & Major Landa review UCR stats

In 2012, our Total Violent Crimes **decreased by 1%** and our overall Total Offenses only increased by three (3) incidents, a percentage not calculable (0%). The non-violent crimes were also not calculable (0%) due to an increase of only four (4) incidents for the entire year, see below graphs.

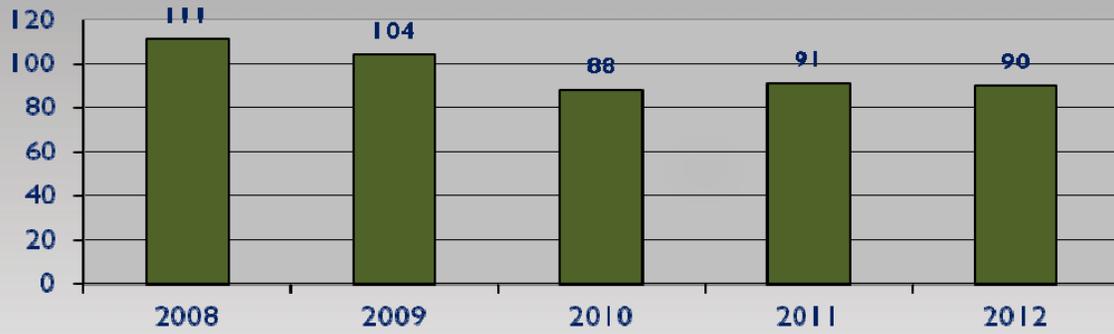
Our larceny category also shows an overall **decrease by 1%** (chart shown on page 12). It should be noted that several task forces were deployed to tackle this non-violent offense and we had success in arresting some of the perpetrators responsible for vehicle burglaries in 2012.

Our success is a credit to our employees' hard work and a tribute to the partnerships we have forged with citizens, merchants and organizations. These relationships are proof that community policing thrives in our "City of Pleasant Living".

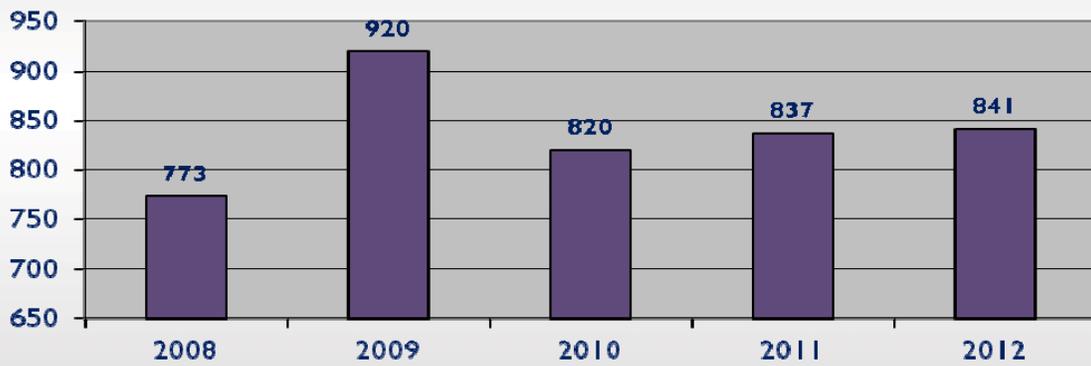


UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS

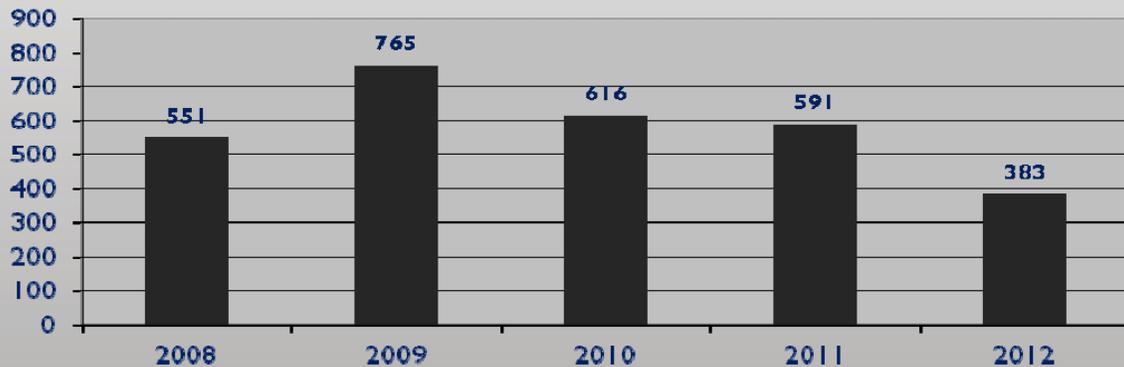
VIOLENT CRIMES



NON-VIOLENT CRIMES

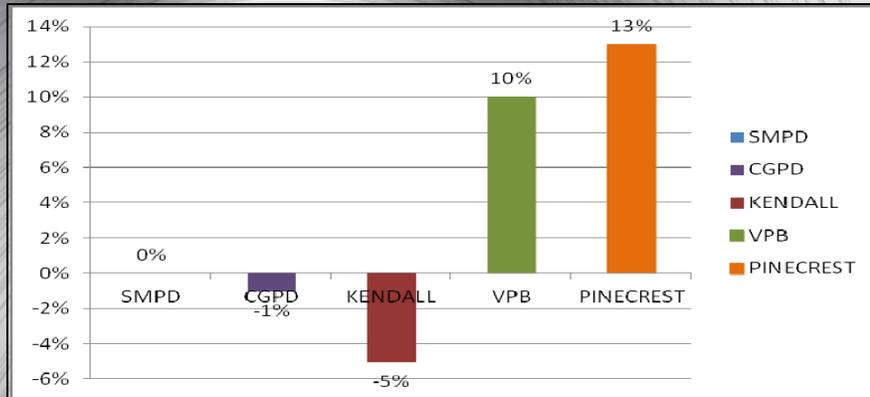


ARRESTS



NEIGHBORING AGENCY

Overall Part I
Crime
Comparisons
for neighboring
agencies



SMPD UCR Comparison Report 2011 - 2012

PART 1 CRIMES	2011	2012	Difference	%
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0%
SEX OFFENSES	6	4	-2	-33%
ROBBERY	33	39	6	18%
AGG ASSAULT	51	43	-8	-16%
BURGLARY	125	136	11	9%
LARCENY	689	680	-9	-1%
ARSON	1	0	-1	-100%
AUTO THEFT	23	25	2	9%
TOTAL PART I CRIMES	928	931	3	0%

CGPD UCR Comparison Report 2011 - 2012

PART 1 CRIMES	2011	2012	Difference	%
HOMICIDE	1	3	2	200%
SEX OFFENSES	11	7	-4	-36%
ROBBERY	30	22	-8	-27%
AGG ASSAULT	45	47	2	4%
BURGLARY	388	409	21	5%
LARCENY	1822	1757	-65	-4%
ARSON	NOT LISTED	NOT LISTED		
AUTO THEFT	87	111	24	28%
TOTAL PART I CRIMES	2384	2356	-28	-1%

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS

MDPD Kendall UCR Comparison Report 2011- 2012

PART 1 CRIMES	2011	2012	Difference	%
HOMICIDE	7	3	-4	-57%
SEX OFFENSES	28	46	18	64%
ROBBERY	98	104	6	6%
AGG ASSAULT	283	299	16	6%
BURGLARY	1342	1155	-187	-14%
LARCENY	5894	5736	-158	-3%
ARSON	NOT LISTED	NOT LISTED		
AUTO THEFT	519	415	-104	-20%
TOTAL PART I CRIMES	8171	7758	-413	-5%

VPB UCR Comparison Report 2011 - 2012

PART 1 CRIMES	2011	2012	Difference	%
HOMICIDE	0	2	2	0%
SEX OFFENSES	6	9	3	50%
ROBBERY	15	17	2	13%
AGG ASSAULT	28	25	-3	-11%
BURGLARY	203	213	10	5%
LARCENY	694	757	63	9%
ARSON	NOT LISTED	NOT LISTED		
AUTO THEFT	18	33	15	83%
TOTAL PART I CRIMES	964	1056	92	10%

PINECREST UCR Comparison Report 2011-2012

PART 1 CRIMES	2011	2012	Difference	%
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0%
SEX OFFENSES	0	4	4	400%
ROBBERY	7	11	4	57%
AGG ASSAULT	14	11	-3	-21%
BURGLARY	97	133	36	37%
LARCENY	542	585	43	8%
ARSON	1	2	1	100%
AUTO THEFT	18	21	3	17%
TOTAL PART I CRIMES	679	768	89	13%

UNIFORM PATROL



Fourth of July Detail

The Uniform Patrol Division is the most visible and largest division within the South Miami Police Department. They are the first responders and initial investigators to all calls for service which are solicited from the public. Their responsibilities and experiences are vast and range from simple traffic

enforcement, responding to in progress calls, and medical emergencies to name a few. They are known as the backbone of the Department and act as support personnel for other divisions within the Police Department. The commitment to the community is demonstrated with the use of Community Patrol Officers, Bike Patrol Officers, Community Outreach Programs, DUI Enforcement activities and participation in community events.

The Uniform Patrol Division trains for all facets of its responsibilities to serve its community with the most professional and attentive personnel found within the Law Enforcement community. Commonly referred to as the "thin blue line" the men and women of the Uniform Patrol Division work to protect the residents, visitors and business owners of this community with pride and honor.

The following were statistical performances during 2012:

- 113 Felony Arrests
- 212 Misdemeanor Arrests
- 70 Traffic Arrests
- 56 Warrants Served
- 10,581 Traffic Citations Issued
- 957 Traffic Citation PTA's
- 1,420 Parking Citations



A concerned citizen calls to advise ducklings fell through a drainage grate. Cpl. Hechavarria wastes no time with the rescue mission.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

The Uniform Patrol Division hosted 4 DUI checkpoints and 8 special traffic enforcement details during 2012. These operations are conducted to reduce traffic fatalities and crashes, educate the public in traffic safety and address traffic complaints from residents and business owners. The details are scheduled with officers by adjusting hours and requesting assistance from outside agencies. The special operations are conducted and scheduled with 12-30 officers providing a large police presence in targeted areas assisting in crime prevention and apprehension. During the described events a total of 28 arrests were made and 522 citations were issued. The Uniform Patrol Division also assisted the Criminal Investigations Division in numerous surveillance details and anti-narcotic investigations and operations.



K-9 Officer Gonzalez with Hero Jack



Major Landa completes media interviews



Honor Guard during a commemorative ceremony



Ofc. Baumer participates in the presidential motorcade as President Obama travels to the University of Miami

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Criminal Investigations Division within the South Miami Police Department is comprised of two different units, General Investigations Unit (GIU) and Special Investigations Unit (SIU). Each unit has an intricate role in order to make the Investigation Division as a whole function effectively.

The role of the General Investigations Unit is to conduct follow-up investigations which are not resolved by the Patrol Unit during their preliminary investigation. The unit is currently comprised of three detectives, who conduct follow-up investigations on crimes against persons or property. These detectives are also responsible for processing crime scenes and the collection of evidence. In addition to their normal duties, they also assist the Special Investigations Unit and Patrol Unit with details they perform.



Det. L. King & Lt. L. Corbin



Det. J. Lopez

Month	Total Assigned Cases	Total Cleared Cases	Arrests
January	42	13	6
February	29	8	2
March	33	6	1
April	41	20	4
May	41	10	0
June	38	14	5
July	67	10	1
August	78	21	3
September	75	16	5
October	42	15	1
November	48	11	6
December	33	15	3
Total :	567	159	37



Det. M. Vargas

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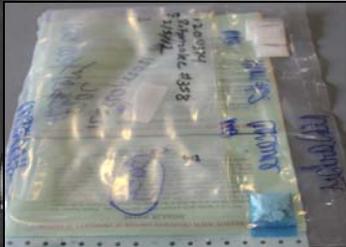
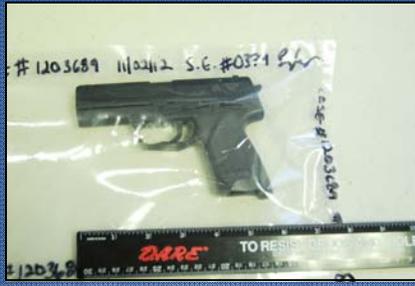
- 567 cases were assigned for follow-up investigation. Of those, 159 cases were closed either by arrest, unfounded or cleared by exceptional circumstances.
- Detectives were assigned 62 crime scenes to process. Some of the evidence collected is pending the results from the Miami Dade Police Department's crime lab.
- Through their investigations, detectives recovered a total of \$766,865.00 in property.
- 1,130 reports were written

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Special Investigations Unit is currently comprised of four detectives. There are two detectives who handle local narcotics, vice, intelligence and crime suppression details within the city. Two detectives are detached to a Federal task Force, handling narcotics, smuggling and gathering intelligence for Homeland Security.

During the year, SIU Detectives conducted several operations which resulted in numerous arrests and seizures. The following were the statistical performance for 2012:

- 97 subjects were arrested for illegal activities
- 441 surveillances were conducted
- 72 reports were written
- Property and money in the amount of \$5,838,996.00 was seized
- Narcotics with the value of \$6,355,240.00 was seized



The following are just a few accomplishments of the Special Investigations Detectives in 2012:

- Detectives conducted operation "Summer Clearance" which targeted narcotic sales within the city. This was a 3 month investigation which led to 13 arrest warrants being issued of which nine were served and five subjects remain on the run. Detectives also served two search warrants as a result of the investigation.
- Detectives served a search warrant at a residence in which the owners were selling narcotics from the home. Their investigation resulted in the arrest of four subjects, the seizure of 4lbs of marijuana and a BMW.
- Detectives conducted surveillance on two separate occasions which led to the arrest of two subjects who were committing vehicle burglaries. Each of the subjects is believed to be responsible for numerous burglaries throughout the city.

COMMUNICATIONS

Police Communications is the “central hub of activity” in any police agency and South Miami’s is staffed around the clock. Communications Officers are normally the first point of contact on calls for police service handling both priority and routine calls for assistance. They have a multitude of functions and perform most simultaneously. In addition to dispatching & call taking, they handle teletype operations, court liaison and maintain official police records. They also receive those visiting or working in the building and monitor all security cameras throughout the police & city hall compound.



C.O. C. Masse



C.O. B. Melograno



C.O. L. Redd



CC. D. Kinsey



Santa & C.O. K. Lopez



C.O. J. Barinas

During 2012 we received 11,744 calls for service . These calls are generated in four different ways; 911 calls via the Miami Dade Police Department, emergency and non-emergency telephone calls directly into the main police telephone line, inter-agency radio communications and officer self initiated or discovered activity.

They also process approximately 4,500 written police reports which include offense/incidents, arrest forms and accident reports.

PROFESSIONAL COMPLIANCE



Lt. L. Morton & Sgt. J. Griffin

The Professional Compliance Division is responsible for Internal Affairs, Training, Recruitment and Background Investigations.

During 2012, eight applicants were processed for various positions within the department. This lengthy background procedure consists of oral interviews, criminal history checks, fingerprints, psychological testing, a polygraph and a complete medical exam along with a thorough review of the applicants personal and professional past.

The Training Unit accomplished numerous in-house initiatives during 2012 and all officers completed the CFA requirements, which are mandatory to meet state accreditation. This includes all firearm qualifications and tactical training with on-duty and off-duty side arms. It also encompasses less-than-lethal weapons, use of force, weapons of mass destruction, detention and fire suppression. Specialized training hours totaled 3,723.5 for the year.

With all the violence towards innocent adults and children in malls, theaters and schools, we also felt the need to train for an Active Shooter scenario. The department developed a practical exercise at Sunset Place Mall, not only using our officers but the mall staff and security as well. To date, fifty civilians from the mall, both staff and security members, have been instructed.

We also reached out to area schools in order to help prepare them in a like situation. This training was geared for teachers and staff on various ways to defend and act during an active shooter incident. Ludlum Elementary, L'Atelier School and Somerset Academy all participated and approximately one hundred twenty teachers attended.

For further instruction, officers also participated in establishing perimeters during moving and stationary situations, how to search for armed subjects, contact cover tactical exercises and they conducted several traffic stop drills from low-risk to high-risk situations. In addition, our K-9 dog assisted in searches and obedience with the handler.



Firearms Instructors with officers at range



South Miami Officers attend Field Force Training

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION



Lt. Ruben Rodriguez

The Support Services Division is comprised of five Units; the Records Management Unit, the Property and Evidence Unit, the Quarter Master Unit, the Vehicle Fleet Management Unit and the Accreditation Unit.

The Records Management Unit maintains all police offense / incident and crash reports. This unit is responsible for the storage of all departmental documents and the disposal of departmental records in accordance with the State of Florida's retention laws.

The Property and Evidence Unit is responsible for the storage and safekeeping of all abandoned, lost and recovered property that are found by and or that are reported to the police department's personnel. Also impounded and stored are items such as weapons, narcotics and other evidentiary items such as latent finger prints, D.N.A. specimens, etc. All evidentiary items are properly handled and documented to assist in the successful prosecution of persons arrested for crimes committed by them. The following is the 2012 statistical performance of the Property and Evidence Unit;

- 527 items were impounded
- 2 items were destroyed
- 55 items were returned to their owners
- 14 items were turned over to the City



Ofc. Lou Fata

The Quarter Master Unit is responsible for assigning all police department personnel their duty equipment. Police necessities change and that change is sometimes dictated by trends (crimes/modern policing) and/or equipment improvements. This unit is also responsible for researching specific needs, changes, pricing, etc. and then making informed recommendations to the Chief of Police for his approval. All duty equipment is properly documented, accounted for and assigned as needed.

The Vehicle Fleet Management Unit is responsible for maintaining a capable and professional fleet of police vehicles. From police administrators, to uniformed police officers and from general investigators to under cover operatives, this unit keeps inventories of all of the officer-assigned vehicles as well as those vehicles assigned to all spare fleets. Both newly acquired and tenured vehicles are outfitted with state of the art emergency equipment and are maintained at a condition suitable for the rigors of modern police work. This year the police department replaced six vehicles to its fleet.

ACCREDITATION

The South Miami Police Department is currently seeking State of Florida Accreditation via the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (C.F.A.). This prestigious certification is only given to law enforcement agencies that run their organizations with the highest standards of professionalism.

The Accreditation Unit is responsible for the Police Department's passing its initial Accreditation Award as well as the Police Department's quest to be reaccredited every three (3) years from the date of its inception. The Accreditation Unit does this by attending continual training courses and meetings, gathering information of current and future standards and then ensuring that the Police Department is running its day to day operation and complying with its own policies and procedures, State of Florida Laws and act under set C.F.A. professional guidelines and standards.

The Accreditation Unit maintains all Accreditation files and presents them during C.F.A. inspections as proof of the Police Department's compliance with those guidelines and standards. Currently, the Accreditation Unit is vigorously working alongside the men and women of The South Miami Police Department toward its goal in receiving this very prestigious award, in order to better serve the citizens and visitors of the City of South Miami.

Mock Accreditation Assessment with Bike Patrol, Honor Guard, Patrol Unit, Motor Unit and K-9 Unit



OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Officer Agustin Rodriguez was the recipient of the South Miami Police Department's "Officer of the Year Award," for 2012. This award is given for outstanding achievement by a police officer who brings credit to the department and which involves performance well above and beyond what is required by an officers basic assignment.

Officer Rodriguez during this past year faced danger head on when he became involved in a case with a violent career criminal who had recently been released from prison. During the days in question, SMPD officers were informed of a subject by the name of Orestes Fernandez, who after being released from prison, located his wife in a halfway house for women who are victims of domestic violence located in South Miami. The subject then contacted his estranged wife via phone and advised her that he was in the area and that he wanted to pick her up and take her to Key West. The estranged wife contacted the police and advised the department that she feared for her life because of the subject's violent past. The subject was not located in the area during various searches. On the second day from the initial incident, the estranged wife contacted SMPD and advised she had just observed her husband and juvenile son on the news involved in a Rolex theft from a location located in unincorporated Miami Dade. This information was reported to MDPD who followed up on the case.

A short time later, the estranged wife again contacted SMPD advising that the subject was back in the area and that she feared for her life and believed the subject wanted to kill her and him. Upon checking the area the subject was observed in an office building parking lot. The subject fought with the officers as they attempted to pull him from the vehicle and was tased during the violent encounter. The taser did not have any effect on the subject and he was able to get back into his vehicle. Officer Cosio went to the passenger side of the vehicle as Officer Rodriguez was fighting with the subject to gain control of the vehicle. As Officer Cosio entered the vehicle, the subject placed the vehicle into drive and accelerated the vehicle in order to escape. Both officers were ejected from the vehicle and were struck by the subject's vehicle. The subject then struck both the police vehicles blocking his path which disabled Officer Cosio's vehicle. Officer Rodriguez, ignoring the minor injuries he received, immediately jumped into his police vehicle and began to pursue the subject at high speeds. The pursuit lasted for approximately 10 miles as the subject failed to comply with traffic control devices.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

(Continued-Rodriguez, A)

During this dangerous pursuit, Officer Rodriguez who was still in his probationary year, was able to calmly convey directions and maintain control of his senses and vehicle. Several MDPD units from Kendall and Midwest districts were able to respond to assist in the pursuit. The subject subsequently trapped himself in the area 6800 Block of SW 21 Street where he was confronted by Officer Rodriguez and several MDPD personnel. The subject was revving his engine attempting to find a way from being captured and placed his vehicle in reverse. The officers approached the vehicle in complete disregard for their safety and the subject came at them with his vehicle. Officer Rodriguez and the MDPD personnel, fearing for their safety, opened fire on the subject. The officers confronted the subject who had been struck multiple times and attempted to remove him from the vehicle while he was still resisting violently and the vehicle was still in gear. The subject was removed from the vehicle and subsequently expired from his injuries on scene.

Also, during the course of 2012, Officer Rodriguez made 169 Arrests and/or issued Promise to Appear, issued 565 Citations, conducted 978 Watch Orders, completed 28 Field Interviews and conducted 76 Park and Walks.

OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

February	Det. Lisa King
April	Ofc. Junior Vijil & Ofc. Chris Johnson
May	Det. Jose Lopez
June	Ofc. Paul Rodriguez & Ofc. Leo Hernandez
July	Ofc. Danny Ruiz
November	Det. Roger Hernandez & Det. Sujey Espinoza
December	Ofc. Glenn Hodges

COURTEOUS OFFICERS

February	Ofc. Ralph Baumer
April	Sgt. Jesus Aguiar
July	Cpl. Al Hechavarria
November	Ofc. Rafael Gonzalez

LEO AWARDS



The City presented Ms. Corbin with her LEO Award since she was unable to attend the Gala in person. Pictured here with her husband, Lt. Larry Corbin and their children.

Communications Supervisor Lisa Corbin was the recipient of the prestigious LEO Support Services Division Award, for 2012, at the Thirteenth Annual Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) Awards Banquet. These awards are given in recognition of Miami-Dade County's sworn law enforcement officers, correctional officers and civilian personnel working in the County's varying law enforcement agencies.

Supervisor Corbin was one (1) of three (3) finalists in her category, beating out a Lieutenant with UMPD and a Crime Scene Specialist from Aventura PD.

Ms. Corbin has proven her leadership abilities, along with her professionalism and maturity over and over again. This past year she was assigned to be the point of contact for the SunGard/OSSI project. The South Miami Police Department has successfully changed CAD/RMS/MFR vendors due mainly to her accurate logistics, scheduling and training of personnel. In other words, she took the bull by the horns. Most people do not like change but instead she embraced it and made sure that all others did too. She realized right away the superiority and user-friendliness of the new system and proceeded to make it all happen over several months without many setbacks.

Another project that Ms. Corbin spear-headed was the Radio Re-banding project with Miami-Dade County. This swapping out of all of the radio equipment involved many meetings with the county and SMPD personnel and coordination beyond imaginable. She orchestrated the migration from legacy Miami-Dade County 800 MHz EDACS Radio System to the new upcoming Digital P25 system. She also worked with the County IT engineers to have a bi-directional amplifier installed at the South Miami Police station in order to improve the Dispatch to SMPD cars communications. The transmissions on this channel had extreme interference and posed an officer safety hazard.

Other projects that she coordinated were the installation of the KeyTrak system, E-Citation Program, electronic crash reporting to the State and also Accreditation compliance documentation. All of these projects she handled on top of her regular duties of Communications Supervisor and Crime Analyst.

Ms. Corbin's ability to produce professional and appealing documents using computer graphics and certain computer programs has made her the logical choice for staff members to complete publications such as the department's annual report, manuals, brochures, research reports and crime statistics with graphs to name a few.

All of her evaluations have outstanding ratings and she was nominated in the Support Services Category for LEO in 2008 and again 2009, where she was a finalist and this year, 2012 she finally received it!

PBA AWARDS

Officer Agustin Rodriguez was the recipient of the prestigious Rookie of the Year Award, for 2012, at the 20th Annual Police Benevolent Association (PBA) Awards Banquet.

These awards are given in recognition of Miami-Dade County's sworn law enforcement officers & correctional officers working throughout the County's varying law enforcement agencies. The PBA Awards Banquet is a unique event, they always showcase a video dramatization of the incident for which the honorees are being recognized for.

Officer Rodriguez was one of 250 officers nominated for 'Officer of the Year' initially. The Awards Committee, upon reviewing his commendation and hire date, deemed it more appropriate to place him in the 'Rookie of the Year' category.

The PBA honored Officer Rodriguez for the heroism and tenacity he displayed while confronting violent felon Orestes Fernandez.

During the interview for his video reenactment, Officer Rodriguez stated "I was hurt, but I thought my injuries were minor and I felt I had a responsibility to find the subject". Unfortunately, in the end, the subject expired on scene and Rodriguez goes on to say "I know I did the right thing, he was going to kill me, his wife, himself or someone else. I have a duty to stop violent people from hurting innocent people".

The full story of the events is listed in greater detail on page 22 of this report.



Ofc. Agustin Rodriguez & wife Lisvett Rodriguez



PBA AWARDS

Chief Orlando Martinez de Castro was also honored at the 20th Annual PBA Gala. He received the “**Leadership Award**” for his outstanding leadership and dedication to law enforcement. This was the second award the Chief has received from the PBA of this nature. Last year, he received the “**Fred Mass Outstanding Law Enforcement Leadership Award**,” which is given to those who embody what it takes to be a true leader, thus serving as a model for others to follow.



GALA EVENTS



EXPLORER POST #256

The SM Explorer Post #256 participated in a variety of police & community events throughout the year. Some include DUI Checkpoints, security for the Special Olympics, Martin Luther King Parade, Walk Like MADD, The King Pin Challenge, Twilight Run, Fourth of July Parade, Outside the Huddle Event and Santa's Parade of the Elves. The Explorers also conducted an Appreciation Car Wash Day for the South Miami Police Officers. Collectively, the Explorers had close to 6000 hours of volunteer service in 2012.

Through the efforts of the Chief of Police, the Explorers were given a location at the Mobley Building to call their own, where they can attend their weekly meetings and hold training sessions.



TAKING THE OATH

This year two officers were sworn-in under a part-time status as Reserves. As the year progressed, Ofc. Rezaie was reclassified to a full time status. Here they are pictured with Major Baixauli as they Take the Oath.



Ofc. Aryo Rezaie pictured with his father, Reza Rezaie and his mother, Mandana Rezaie.



Taking in the audience prior to the ceremony



Reserve Ofc. Bissett pictured with her mother, Lynn Bissett, her father George Bissett and uncle Charlie Fancher on the right .

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



The King Pin Challenge IV hosted by Informed Families at Splitsville, Sunset Pl



Kids Print Day hosted by Informed Families at the SM Police substation



Police Officers Assistance Trust held their annual holiday collection for surviving children of Officers Killed in the Line of Duty at Sunset Pl and other area malls in Miami-Dade County

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 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.

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



FALLEN HEROES

In memory of Fallen Officer Joseph Kephart...

Sergeant Kephart died in the line of duty 42 years ago after being hit head-on in a vehicle collision while driving home from work after his tour of duty.

Sergeant Kephart succumbed to this injuries on January 18, 1970.



Sergeant Joseph O. Kephart in the 70's was the department's Supervisor of Identification, Shift Commander and the Firearms Training and Range Officer.



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

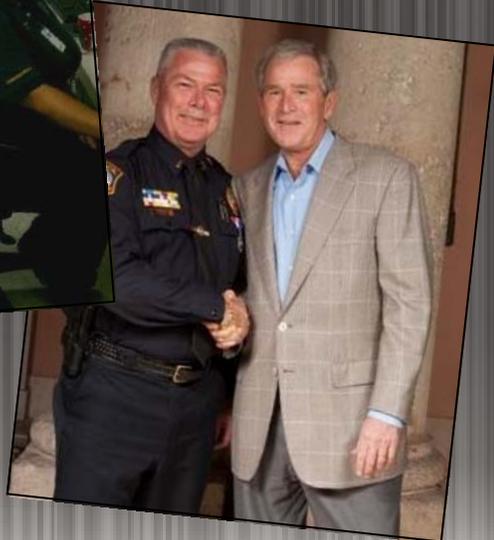
In memory of Fallen Officer L. Daniel Schulz...

Officer Schulz died in the line of duty 24 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.

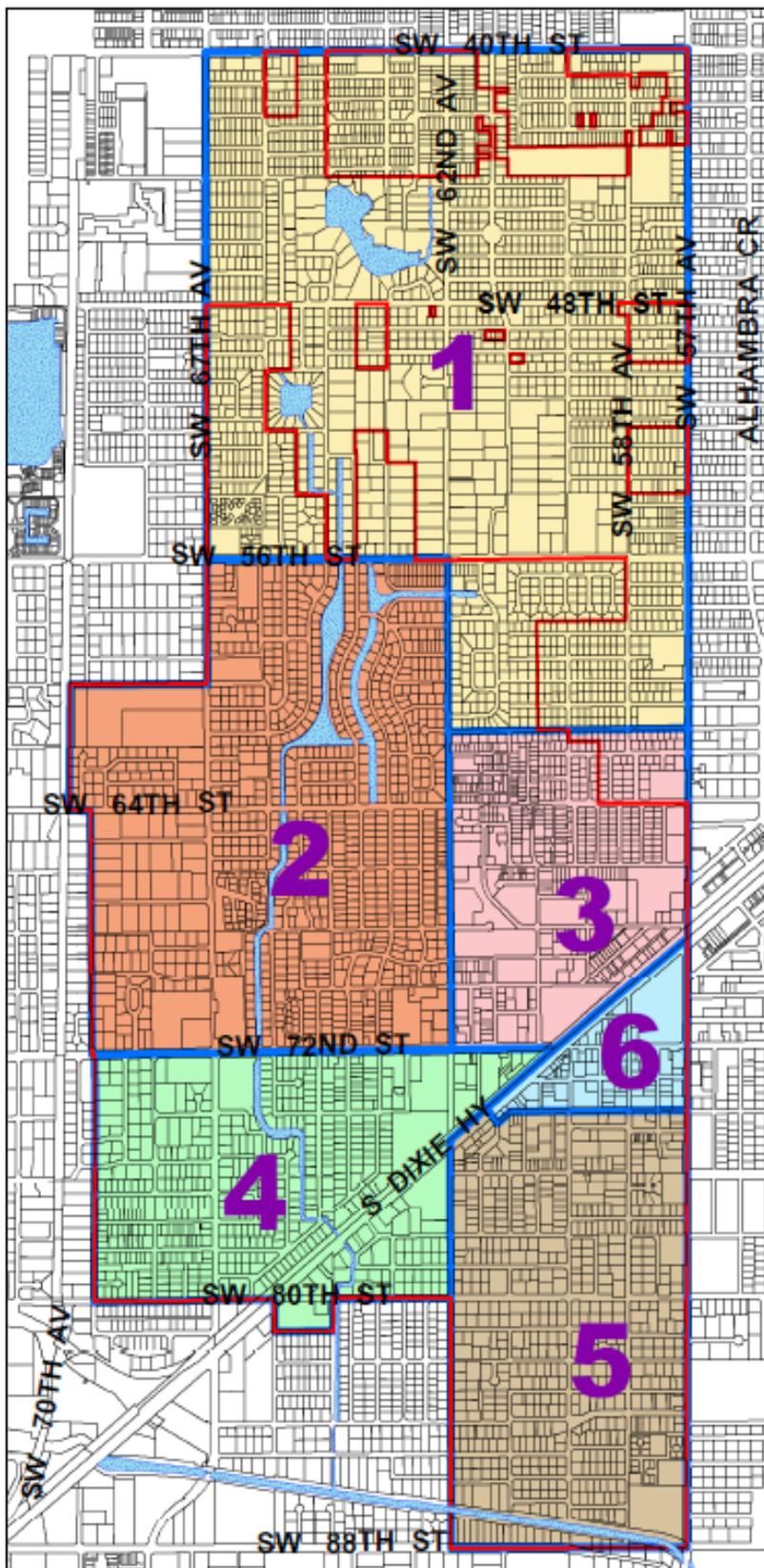
Officer Schulz succumbed to his injuries on November 27, 1987.

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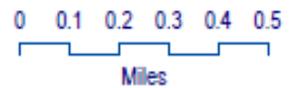


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