

SOUTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



Annual Report 2022

**RENÉ G. LANDA,
CHIEF OF POLICE**



2022 ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR Sally B Philips

COMMISSIONER Luis Gil, Group I

COMMISSIONER Josh Liebman, Group II

COMMISSIONER Brian Corey, Group III

COMMISSIONER Walter Harris, Group IV

2022 CHARTERED OFFICIALS

CITY CLERK Nkenga Payne

CITY MANAGER Shari Kamali

CITY ATTORNEY Thomas Pepe, ESQ.

South Miami utilizes a City Manager form of government. The Commission sets the policies and the City Manager acts as the Chief Executive. Commissioners are elected to four-year terms and the Mayor is elected to a two-year term. The Commissioner receiving the most votes is also given the title of Vice Mayor for the first two years of the term.



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CORE VALUES

EXCELLENCE
INTEGRITY
INCLUSION



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Chief's Message



CHIEF RENÉ G. LANDA



On behalf of all of the members of the South Miami Police Department, I am proud to present you with our 2022 Annual Report. Our officers are proud to be a part of our community and are dedicated to protecting and serving you. As you read this report, please keep in mind that it represents the dedication and service of the men and women who improve the quality of life for our community by providing professional public safety services with professionalism, integrity, commitment and respect. We are here to protect and serve through our Core Values of Excellence, Integrity and Inclusion.

Despite the many challenges placed on the department by the pandemic, and multiple vacancies for police officers and dispatchers the members of the department were able to achieve success, by implementing ways to use our resources more efficiently and maximize the number of officers that we had on the street.

Due to the massive loss of police and dispatcher applicants leaving the profession nationwide, we faced severe staffing shortages as we struggled to recruit and retain qualified officers and civilian personnel. This led to us establishing a new recruitment plan by proactively reaching out to the community, both locally and throughout the State of Florida and tweaking some prior requirements. These changes helped us in recruiting four police officers in 2022 and by February this year, we had successfully filled all five vacant dispatcher spots.

We have continued our philosophy to ensure officer wellness and last year created a peer support program to enhance this worthy endeavor. Our continued collaboration with the Boulder Crest Foundation focuses on two strategic areas; Struggle Well Mental Health Training and Regional Peer Support. The emphasis of these programs is to minimize the adverse impact of stress and trauma that this career can have on an officer's professional and personal life.

As we start the new year I am proud to say we lived up to our Mission Statement in 2022 which states, "To deliver professional police service in partnership with the people we serve, in order to provide a safe and secure environment for all." The South Miami Police Department was there, and will always be here on the frontline protecting the safety of our residents, officers and visitors, whether we face a pandemic, a hurricane or anything else affecting our great city. We are dedicated to continue the trend and make South Miami an ever-safer place to live, work and visit.

As we enter into 2023, the safety of our citizens, business owners and those who commute through our city is of the utmost importance to our department. That is why we will continue to build on our accomplishments and remain proactive and innovative in our efforts to enhance the quality of life in our, "City of Pleasant Living."

I welcome you to visit our website at <https://www.southmiamifl.gov/166/Public-Safety> to learn more about our department, our programs and policies. I also urge you to follow us on our social media accounts.

Organizational Chart



South Miami Police Department was established February 15, 1927 under the guidance of the following;

- Chief William J. Weaver 1927-1929
- Chief Poe 1929-1937
- Chief George Weigand 1937-1944
- Chief Chuck McKinney 1944-1951
- Chief Earnest Tatum 1951-1967
- Chief Sal Vizinni 1967-1980
- Chief Hank Selsky 1980-1986
- Chief Perry S. Turner 1986-1994
- Chief Rafael Hernandez 1995-1997
- Chief Cokes Watson 1997 - 2003
- Chief Orlando Martinez 2004-2006
- Chief Vincent Landis 2006-2008
- Chief Robert Richardson 2008-2009
- Chief Orlando Martinez 2010-2012
- Chief René G. Landa 2013-Present





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Chief René Landa



Captain Larry Corbin



Asst. Chief Charles Nanney



Captain John Barzola



Lt. Jesus Aguiar



Lt. Junior Vijil



Lt. Robert Bukens



Lt. Kile Nave

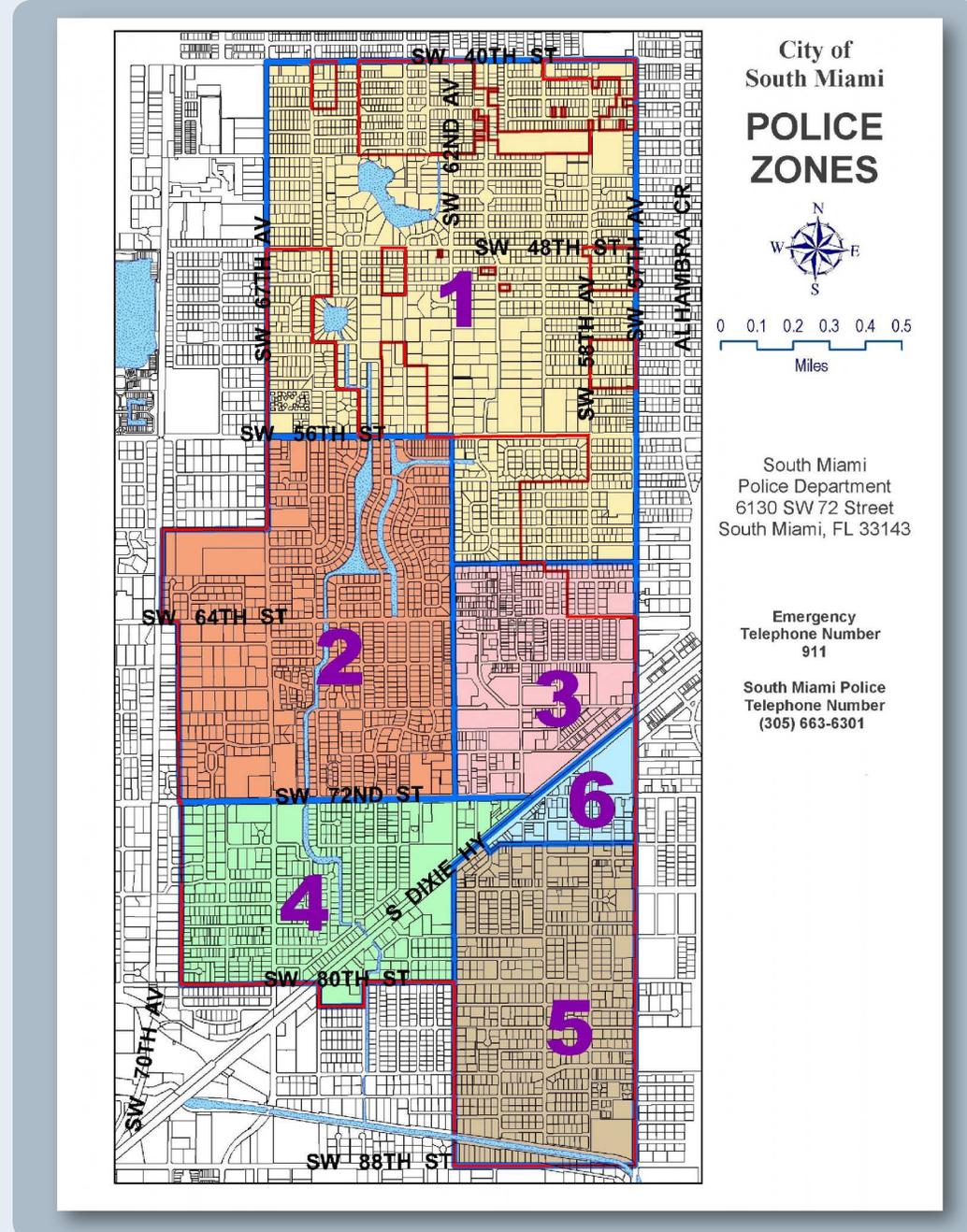


City Boundaries & Zones

The City of South Miami encompasses about 3 square miles.

It borders unincorporated Miami Dade County, Coral Gables, the University of Miami and Pinecrest.

According to the 2023 US Census, South Miami's population is just over 12,000 residents.





FIBRS/NIBRS vs UCR

Nationally, as of January 1, 2021, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) began only accepting Incident Based Uniform Crime Reports from law enforcement agencies. This was done in an effort to gather more detailed information and get a clearer understanding of crime in an area. This reporting looks at all offenses within an incident which allows for improved analysis.

As a result, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), who is Florida's Central Criminal Records Repository, recommended all Florida agencies switch to Florida's Incident Based Reporting System (FIBRS) by the same timeframe in order to be FBI compliant for their National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Towards the middle of 2020, the South Miami Police Department began preparing for this switch over. Our officers, detectives, dispatchers and staff were trained in FIBRS/NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting System) and our Records Management System (RMS) was upgraded and pushed out to the field.

South Miami Police met the required deadline and switched our crime reporting submissions from Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) to FIBRS. Once collected, that information is then sent to FDLE for review and once verified, FDLE sends the collected data to the FBI to be included in their nationwide statistics under NIBRS. The FBI then uses this data to describe an aggregate representation of crime in the United States. The FBI also separately captures data for other collections such as Law Enforcement Officers Killed/Assault (LEOKA) and employee counts.

You might be wondering what impact the UCR transition from Summary reporting to Incident-Based Reporting will have on an agencies UCR Statistics. Unfortunately, the true effects will not be known until after the switch has been made by all Florida agencies including FDLE. Since there is no Florida specific data available as of yet, the FBI did a study based on observed trends from other states in 2014. That study can be found on the FBI website at ; https://ucr.fbi.gov/nibrs/2014/resource-pages/effects_of_nibrs_on_crime_statistics_final.pdf

Many law enforcement agencies have been reluctant to move to incident based reporting from summary based, largely impart because it will appear as a greater increase in crime. This perception is based on the following reporting differences;

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FIBRS/ NIBRS vs UCR

- The SRS (Summary Reporting System) collects aggregated monthly crime in ten offense categories.
- NIBRS collects disaggregated offense, victim, offender, property and arrestee information for 49 offenses.
- The SRS employs a hierarchy rule, which NIBRS does not
- NIBRS counts up to 10 offense per incident

An example showing these differences was provided in the study by using an incident involving a murder, robbery and motor vehicle theft (carjacking). For summary reporting only the homicide, which is the higher level of crime, would be reported to UCR for this incident. This same incident under NIBRS would count a homicide, a robbery and a motor vehicle theft.

These differences in reporting can make an agency appear as though there has been a significant increase in crimes. This in turn leads to the public perception of a failed administration or leadership, when in fact, this is just not the case.

Analysis of the NIBRS data and the data that were converted to SRS data sets showed the following effects on reported crime due to the removal of the Hierarchy Rule and to an allowance for reporting multiple offenses:

- Rape: No effect
- Robbery: Increased 0.6%
- Aggravated Assault: Increased 0.6%
- Burglary: Increased 1%
- Larceny: Increased 2.6%
- Motor Vehicle Theft: Increased 2.7%
- Total SRS Offenses: Increased 2.1%
- Incidents that involved multiple offenses: 10.6% of all reported incidents.



21' vs 22' Total Comparison



2021		2022		Percent Change
Offenses		Offenses		
Crimes Against Person Total	167	Crimes Against Person Total	181	8%
Crimes Against Property Total	513	Crimes Against Property Total	522	2%
Crimes Against Society Total	57	Crimes Against Society Total	81	42%
Total	737	Total	784	6%
Arrests		Arrests		
Crimes Against Person Total	58	Crimes Against Person Total	61	5%
Crimes Against Property Total	34	Crimes Against Property Total	52	53%
Crimes Against Society Total	34	Crimes Against Society Total	39	15%
Group B Total	74	Group B Total	144	95%
Total	200	Total	296	48%



Offense Categories

Each NIBRS offense belongs to one of three categories:

- Crimes against Persons
- Crimes against Property
- Crimes against Society

Group A (most serious crimes)
Group B (minor offenses)

“Though some state and local RMSs require the same level of reporting for all offenses, NIBRS requires differing levels of detail in reporting Group A and Group B offenses. LE must report both incidents and arrests for Group A offenses, and they must report only arrests for Group B offenses” (NIBRS Manual, 2019).



21' vs 22' FIBRS Comparison

2021			2022			Percent Change
Offenses			Offenses			
Offense Code	FIBRS Offense Description	Total	Offense Code	FIBRS Offense Description	Total	
720	Animal Cruelty	0	720	Animal Cruelty	0	
200	Arson	0	200	Arson	0	
13A	Aggravated Assault	52	13A	Aggravated Assault	43	-17%
13B	Simple Assault	80	13B	Simple Assault	106	33%
Intimidation	Intimidation	23	Intimidation	Intimidation	24	4%
Stalking	Stalking	0	Stalking	Stalking	0	
510	Bribery	0	510	Bribery	0	
220	Burglary	66	220	Burglary	45	-32%
250	Counterfeiting/Forgery	13	250	Counterfeiting/Forgery	19	46%
290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	90	290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	93	3%
35A	Drug/Narcotic Violations	37	35A	Drug/Narcotic Violations	53	43%
35B	Drug Equipment Violations	10	35B	Drug Equipment Violations	17	70%
270	Embezzlement	0	270	Embezzlement	0	
210	Extortion/Blackmail	0	210	Extortion/Blackmail	3	--
26A	False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	13	26A	False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	19	46%
26B	Credit Card/Automated Teller Machine Fraud	12	26B	Credit Card/Automated Teller Machine Fraud	3	-75%
26C	Impersonation	23	26C	Impersonation	20	-13%
26D	Welfare Fraud	0	26D	Welfare Fraud	0	
26E	Wire Fraud	5	26E	Wire Fraud	5	0%
26F	Identity Theft	0	26F	Identity Theft	0	
26G	Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	26G	Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	
39A	Betting/Wagering	0	39A	Betting/Wagering	0	
39B	Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	0	39B	Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	0	
39C	Gambling Equipment Violations	0	39C	Gambling Equipment Violations	0	
39D	Sports Tampering	0	39D	Sports Tampering	0	
09A	Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	09A	Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	
09B	Negligent Manslaughter	0	09B	Negligent Manslaughter	0	
64A	Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	64A	Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	
64B	Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	64B	Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	
100	Kidnapping/Abduction	4	100	Kidnapping/Abduction	1	-75%
23A	Pocket-Picking	4	23A	Pocket-Picking	2	-50%
23B	Purse-Snatching	6	23B	Purse-Snatching	1	-83%

21' vs 22' FIBRS Comparison



2021			2022			Percent Change
Offenses			Offenses			
Offense Code	FIBRS Offense Description	Total	Offense Code	FIBRS Offense Description	Total	
23C	Shoplifting	35	23C	Shoplifting	48	37%
23D	Theft From Building	5	23D	Theft From Building	1	-80%
23E	Theft from Coin-Operated Machine or Device	0	23E	Theft from Coin-Operated Machine or Device	0	
23F	Theft From Motor Vehicle	79	23F	Theft From Motor Vehicle	81	3%
23G	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	16	23G	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	23	44%
23H	All Other Larceny	102	23H	All Other Larceny	111	9%
240	Motor Vehicle Theft	28	240	Motor Vehicle Theft	30	7%
370	Pornography/Obscene Material	0	370	Pornography/Obscene Material	0	
40A	Prostitution	3	40A	Prostitution	4	33%
40B	Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0	40B	Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0	
40C	Purchasing Prostitution	0	40C	Purchasing Prostitution	0	
120	Robbery	16	120	Robbery	17	6%
11A	Rape	5	11A	Rape	7	40%
11B	Sodomy	0	11B	Sodomy	0	
11C	Sexual Assault with an Object	0	11C	Sexual Assault with an Object	0	
11D	Fondling	3	11D	Fondling	0	
36A	Incest	0	36A	Incest	0	
36B	Statutory Rape	0	36B	Statutory Rape	0	
280	Stolen Property Offenses	0	280	Stolen Property Offenses	1	--
520	Weapon Law Violations	7	520	Weapon Law Violations	7	0%
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Stalking	Stalking	0	Stalking	Stalking	0	
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220	Burglary	12	220	Burglary	13	8%
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290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	2	290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	5	150%
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35B	Drug Equipment Violations	3	35B	Drug Equipment Violations	2	-33%
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26C	Impersonation	1	26C	Impersonation	1	0%
26D	Welfare Fraud	0	26D	Welfare Fraud	0	
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100	Kidnapping/Abduction	3	100	Kidnapping/Abduction	1	-67%
23A	Pocket-Picking	0	23A	Pocket-Picking	0	
23B	Purse-Snatching	0	23B	Purse-Snatching	0	
23C	Shoplifting	1	23C	Shoplifting	2	100%
23D	Theft From Building	0	23D	Theft From Building	0	
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520	Weapon Law Violations	1	520	Weapon Law Violations	0	
90A	Bad Checks	0	90A	Bad Checks	0	
90B	Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	0	90B	Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	0	
90C	Disorderly Conduct	5	90C	Disorderly Conduct	3	-40%
DUI-Alcohol	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol	0	DUI-Alcohol	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol	0	
DUI-Drugs	Driving Under the Influence of Drugs	0	DUI-Drugs	Driving Under the Influence of Drugs	0	
DUI-Alcohol and Drugs	Driving Under the Influence of Both Alcohol and Drugs	0	DUI-Alcohol and Drugs	Driving Under Influence of Both Alcohol and Drugs	0	
DUI-Unspecified	Driving Under Influence Where Unk if Alcohol or Drugs	28	DUI-Unspecified	Driving Under the Influence Where Unk if Alcohol or Drugs	64	129%
90E	Drunkenness	2	90E	Drunkenness	4	100%
90F	Family Offenses, Nonviolent	1	90F	Family Offenses, Nonviolent	0	
90G	Liquor Law Violations	0	90G	Liquor Law Violations	0	
90H	Peeping Tom	0	90H	Peeping Tom	0	
90J	Trespass of Real Property	4	90J	Trespass of Real Property	11	175%
90Z	All Other Offenses	34	90Z	All Other Offenses	62	82%



Administration Bureau

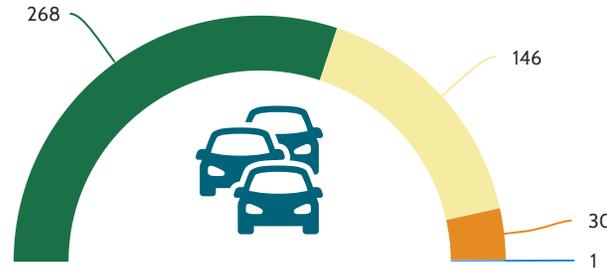
The Administration Bureau oversees Communications, Training, Professional Compliance and Support Services for the Police Department. The Administration Bureau is responsible for Vehicle Procurement, Special Initiatives, Budget, Records Management, Product Research, Training and other ancillary services as assigned by the Chief of Police. This division oversees the Body Worn Cameras, Red Light Cameras and GPS programs. .

During 2022, the training unit has been involved with not only departmental employees but the community as well. Throughout the year the city of South Miami training unit has reached out to several schools in the city and citizens.

We have conducted active shooter training for area schools, and the South Miami Surgical Center. They experienced real world training and split second decision event scenarios. This has been a more challenging year due to a shortage of officers and dispatchers. In response to the officer shortages, Senior Training Officer A. Alvarez was placed on the road to assist and handle calls, working patrol duties totaling approximately 40 days or 320 hours.

-Captain John Barzola

Support Services



- Evidence/Property Impounded
- Property Destroyed
- Property Items Returned to Owner
- Donated Items turned over to City

Professional Compliance



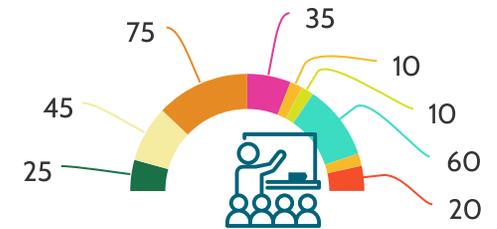
- Employment Backgrounds Conducted
- Use of Force Reports
- Personnel Complaints
- Contact Reports
- Internal Affairs Complaints

Communications



- Calls for Service
- Name Records Processed
- Background Checks Conducted
- Arrest Imports Processed
- Repo & Private Tow Ins
- Watch Orders Processed

Training



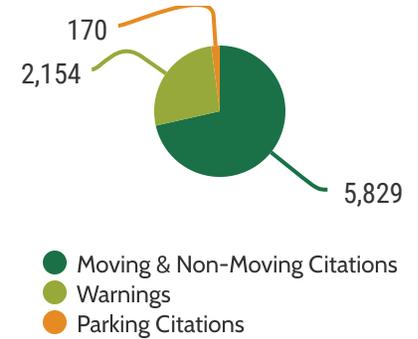
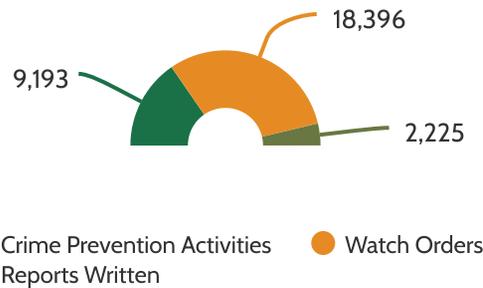
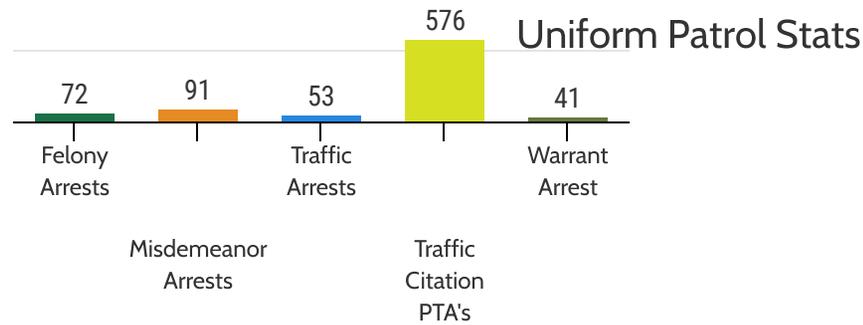
- Firearms Training
- Building Searches SWAT & Patrol
- Active Shooter/ Barricaded Subj/Close Quarter Combat
- Simulator Training Sworn & Civilian
- Handcuffing & Avoiding Positional Asphyxiation
- Vehicle Pursuit
- PTSD & Autism, De-escalation & Duty to Act or Intervene
- Roll Call Training on Current Events
- Situational Awareness



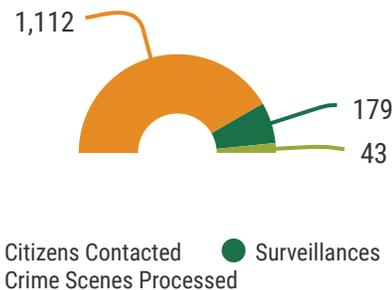
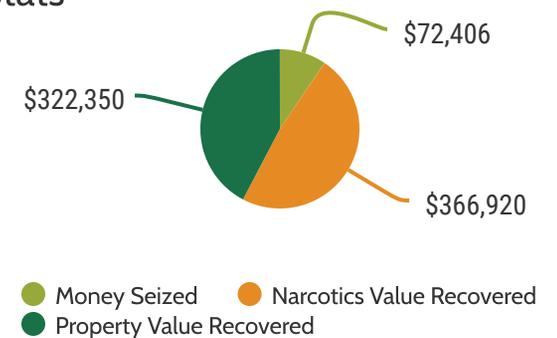
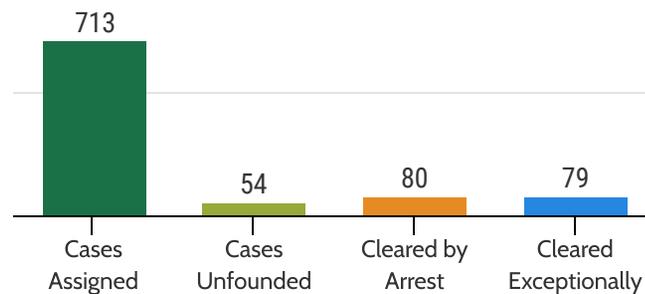
Operations Bureau

The Operations Bureau is the largest within the agency overseeing both the Uniform Patrol & Criminal Investigations Divisions. Patrol is responsible for handling calls for service; crimes, crashes, medical emergencies and various citizen complaints. Criminal Investigations is divided into two units; General & Special. General (GIU) focuses on follow-up investigations to criminal reports against persons and property. Special (SIU), focuses on narcotics and vice crimes. This year Criminal Investigations had a clearance rate of 29.87% which includes cases not meeting NIBRS requirements.

-Capt. Larry Corbin



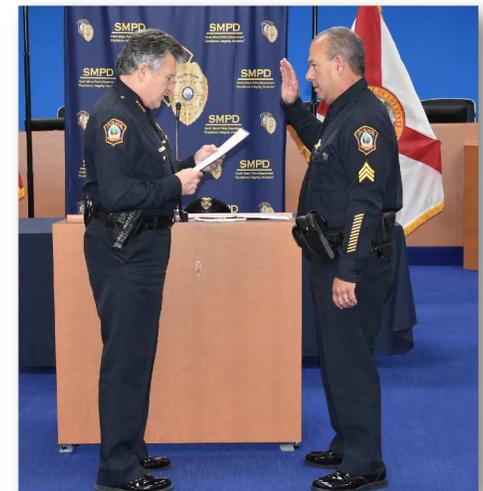
Criminal Investigations Stats





Promotion Ceremony

Chief Landa announced the promotion of Detective Fernando Bosch to rank of Sergeant in December. Sgt. Bosch has served the South Miami Police Department for the last five years after a thirty year career with the City of Miami Police Department. He served 10 years in the Uniform Division, 6 years in the Sexual Battery Unit and 15 years in the Homicide Unit where he established himself as an elite detective earning the Miami Dade County Detective of the Year Award (LEO Award) on three separate occasions. You might recognize him as a regular from his longtime stint on the popular cable tv series "First 48" where he appeared from 2003-2014.





New Hires

The South Miami Police Department is an equal-opportunity employer committed to recruiting and employing the best-qualified and professional law enforcement personnel possible to serve the needs of our community, residents, business owners and visitors. The department recognizes the importance of its employees reflecting our community's core values and demographic consistency. The South Miami Police Department will diligently work to attract, recruit, hire, retain and promote qualified members with appropriate representation of protected class members. The Department will work to maintain a diverse workforce that effectively mirrors the community in which we serve.



Ofc. Cassandra Lilavois



Ofc. George Bravo



Comm. Ofc. Chanel Collins



Comm. Ofc. Gaby Gonzalez



Ofc. Duvaimi Gonzalez



Ofc. Armando Posse



Awards



This year, the Parents of Murdered Children Organization - Florida Chapter, honored Assistant Chief Charles Nanney with the Community/ Law Enforcement Award for his service to Miami-Dade County by assisting families affected by gun violence. He was instrumental in creating the Gun Detection Firearms and Gun Bounty Programs while working at the Miami Dade Police Department. Assistant Chief Nanney has thirty four years of responsible and decorated experience in patrol, community policing and criminal investigations. Also honored this year was Captain Larry P. Corbin. The Florida Police Chief's Association held it's 70th Annual Summer Training Conference & Exposition in Palm Beach Gardens where they presented Captain Larry P. Corbin with their prestigious Outstanding Command Officer of the Year Award for his outstanding law enforcement efforts, field leadership and dedication to the law enforcement profession. Captain Larry P. Corbin has a thirty six years of responsible and decorated experience in patrol and special investigations.



Assistant Chief Charles Nanney



L to R: Lt. J. Aguiar, A/Chief C. Nanney, Chief R. Landa, Logan Corbin, Capt. Larry Corbin, Comm. Mgr Lisa Corbin, Lexi Corbin, Larissa Corbin, Lt. J. Vijil



Awards



During 2022 the following personnel were highlighted for outstanding job performance in the following categories;



Det. Jose Alvarez Officer of the Year Award 2022

(not pictured due to undercover)

Det. Jose Alvarez was named Officer of the Year for his case accomplishments while working as a Task Force Officer (detached part-time) with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), The State Attorney's Office Human Trafficking Task Force, and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC). Additionally, he is a special agent with the United States Coast Guard Investigate Services (CGIS). His case accomplishments have blended together between all these tasks forces; bringing extremely dangerous criminals to justice, forfeiture of funds, and assets to the police department.

- During the year he aided in investigating an organized crime trucking company that was trafficking numerous kilos of cocaine from Mexico to Miami via semi-cargo trucks for a Mexican Drug Cartel. The proceeds from the narcotics were tracked down to fund other illegal activities and a lavish lifestyle (approximately 1.5 million dollars per trip). Det. Alvarez and his team spent hundreds of man-hours surveilling these criminals on the highways and from the air. Financial documents were followed, and sufficient evidence was obtained to secure US government warrants. Det. Alvarez coordinated with out-of-state task forces to simultaneously execute multi-state search and arrest warrants. Det. Alvarez and his HSI group seized, homes, boats, vehicles, approximately 40 kilos of cocaine, and applied to forfeit 2 million dollars in total assets and funds
- This detective investigated a narcotics crime tip about a methamphetamine dealer in South Miami. Working with the Miami-Dade Police Department Narcotics Unit he establish a multi-agency investigation which resulted in the undercover purchase of meth in large quantities and incarcerated a violent career criminal.
- While operating with a confidential informant (CI) he launched an investigation against an arms dealer operating in and around South Miami. This led to an arrest which yielded large quantities of firearms including assault rifles, Fentanyl, Cocaine, Xanax pills, \$10,000 in cash, human traffickers and child pornography.

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Awards



Det. Jose Alvarez
Officer of the Year Award
2022
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- During the weeks preceding the Formula One weekend, investigators assigned to the Miami Dade State Attorney's Office Human Trafficking Taskforce and local law enforcement agencies conducted an undercover multi-week operation ("Outside-Track") throughout Miami Dade County. The operation focused primarily on the escort and prostitution industry which is a prime target of human traffickers. The campaign consisted of several components: enforcement, education, and human services. Det. Alvarez along with his task force colleagues organized undercover operations in numerous hotels throughout the county. Investigators used online classified platforms to advertise sexual services. Investigators also conducted reverse operations soliciting sex workers. The campaign yielded over 41 sex worker cases processed, 20 arrests, 17 human trafficking victims referred to counseling and services, 7 firearms and numerous dangerous narcotics seized.

Det. Alvarez was assigned to investigate a child pornography case as part of his assignment with the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC). The material was uploaded using the Snapchat social media platform. A knock and talk was conducted at the alleged offender's residence to establish identification and further information. Det. Alvarez was able to create a strong rapport quickly and effectively with the subject. Det. Alvarez befriended the subject and swiftly received verbal and written consent to search the offender's residence. The offender further consented to a search and preview of his computers and mobile electronic devices. An on-scene review of the defendant's computer and mobile electronic devices revealed numerous images and videos depicting child sexual abuse material. At this point, Det. Alvarez conferred with his ICAC partner and decided to make an arrest based on probable cause. Post Miranda, the offender admitted to downloading and uploading child sexual abuse material on his desktop computer and mobile electronic devices across several online platforms. The offender confessed to possessing over one thousand (1000) images and videos of child sexual abuse material on all of his electronic devices.

His ability to work on a variety of different types of cases gives him great value as an investigator. He masters the ability to work undercover assignments, lead campaigns and investigate sensitive and tolling cases like child pornography and sexual abuse. He is a great team player with a positive and helpful attitude.



Awards



Lt. Jesus Aguiar & Lt. Rob Bukens
Chief's Excellence Award
December 2022

Lt. Jesus Aguiar and Lt. Robert Bukens were each honored with the Chief's Award for Administrative Excellence;

In December, the South Miami Police Department began the inspection process by the accreditation assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA), for our third re-accreditation. Both lieutenants worked diligently for three years making sure all of our standards were in compliance, documents showing proficiency were in place and department inspections were completed in a timely manner. Upon the completion of our inspection the assessors informed us that we had achieved 100% compliance with all 260 standards. They concluded that our department would be recommended for full accreditation in February 2023 with the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.

Criminal Investigations Division Unit Citation Award ;



Criminal Investigations Division
Unit Citation Award
September 2022- January 2023

During the months of September through January 2023, CID was awarded a Department Unit Citation for their hard work and for doing more with less for during these months. These public servants both individually and collectively made significant contributions in the furtherance of law enforcement for the safety and security of our community.

The function of the CID is to provide administrative and operational programs that result in efficient and effective criminal investigations. The role and responsibility of the CID is to conduct preliminary, follow-up, and special investigations. Included within this process is the objective of establishing an information base of criminal activity encompassing the identification and apprehension of offenders. They have carried out their mission despite shortages in staffing in an outstanding manner beyond that which is normally expected reflecting both their hard work and the leadership of the CID.

Currently, there is one lieutenant, one sergeant and three detectives, down from five when fully staffed. The CID has upheld and maintained a professional outlook, rarely receiving personnel complaints, despite the hundreds of citizen contacts and dozens of arrests that are made each year.

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Awards



Lt. Jesus Aguiar & Lt. Rob Bukens
Chief's Excellence Award
December 2022

Criminal Investigations Division Unit Citation Award (con't) ;

The following statistical achievements are the result of the CID's hard work, and teamwork during the aforementioned period:

- 27 felony arrests
- 4 misdemeanor arrests
- 7 traffic arrests
- 36 exceptionally cleared cases
- 19 unfounded cases

In addition to the outstanding arrest record, they also handle a variety of important cases. For example, they investigated and located several missing persons, obtained several arrest warrants after investigating burglary cases and the recovery of more than \$280,000 worth of stolen vehicles just during January of this year.

The CID excels in performance beyond that required by departmental policy, rules, and procedures; and is the direct result of a coordinated and cumulative effort of all assigned members performing as a team.

The teamwork, crime fighting skills and professionalism shown by all is a credit to their dedication to duty. I request that a copy of this commendation be placed into the employees personnel file and that the entire Unit be awarded the Departmental Unit Citation.



Criminal Investigations Division
Unit Citation Award
September 2022- January 2023



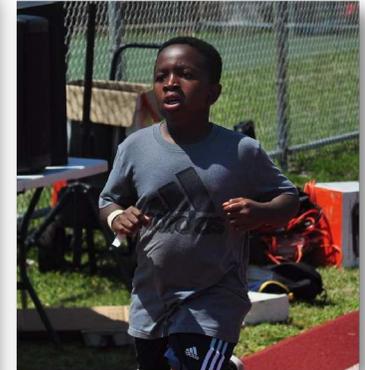


Police Athletic League



Ofc. Marcus Kinlaw

The South Miami Police Department's PAL program is run by Executive Director, Ofc. Marcus Kinlaw. Ofc. Kinlaw oversees all aspects of the program with the help of five assistant coaches and volunteers. 38 children participated in eleven track meets and they placed 5th in the Atlantic Coast Youth Track & Field Championships with 22 kids competing. The program began in late October and 40 kids joined with fitness and nutrition being the focus. By late November the team was able to begin pre-season conditioning with 50 kids and they had the pleasure of guest speaker Kayla White, a professional Track & Field athlete, speak and encourage the kids.





Community Affairs



Throughout 2022, Chief René Landa continued to expand the responsibilities of the department's Community Affairs. Officer Rodney Napier is the first to serve in this capacity under the direction of Captain Corbin and Lieutenant Vijil.

This unit established the City's first Homeless Outreach Program, providing homeless shelter beds and services exclusive to the South Miami Police Department. We continue to offer these services by securing outside funding without any expense to the City. Our Community Affairs officers, Corporal Melvris Lopez-Lee and Officer Napier are actively involved with Florida's Crisis Intervention System of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Crisis Intervention Team.

In addition, our Community Affairs unit develops and cements relationships with the business community and engages business owners with the Department and the City. The dedication to that effort persists today.

This unit also provides the visibility of our Bike Patrol encouraging casual and friendly encounters. This also led to a greater focus on identifying and rectifying over 100 Quality of Life issues throughout the city.

Modern Community Policing

The Police Department tapped into the resources of The South Miami Library, allowing us to host a small group of people who are changing lives. Led by the South Miami Police Community Affairs Officer, Rodney Napier, they are helping those among our communities most vulnerable. With this program, Officer Napier, together with specialized Case Workers meet with members of South Miami's homeless population. The program aims to give homeless people a path to recovery and productivity.

Over a time frame of approximately six months, the team guides attendees through the challenges of getting back on their feet. From helping get basic documents like social security cards and birth certificates, to finding employment and the ultimate prize, permanent housing.





Community Affairs



Homeless Outreach

The South Miami Police Department, through its Community Affairs Officer continues to advocate for the need of emergency shelter for our area homeless population. The Project funded by South Miami Hospital has been a smashing success. The 100% utilization rate demonstrates the ongoing need for dedicated emergency shelter beds.



As our philanthropic partner, South Miami Hospital, guided by William Duquette and Jeanette Stone, took a major community stance by helping our department fill the critical void for providing the path from transitional to permanent housing for our homeless population.

The South Miami Police Department currently has two dedicated emergency shelter beds at Camillus House where persons without permanent housing can have refuge from the elements and be assisted in ending their homeless situation.

Persons participating in the South Miami Hospital sponsored Police Department/Camillus House Emergency Shelter Partnership have access to a full range of services specifically designed for persons who are homeless. "Our goal is not to simply move the homeless across some city line to make them someone else's issue; it is to provide them with the helping hand needed to overcome tremendous obstacles", Chief René Landa said.





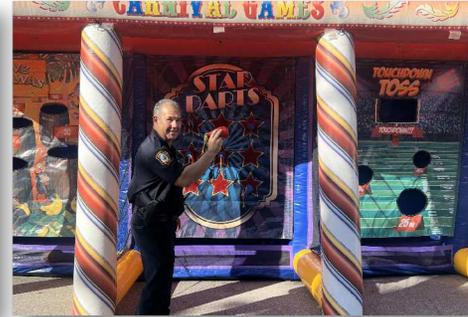
Community Involvement

Chief Landa and the South Miami Police Department truly enjoy supporting our community and continue to co-host/attend many events throughout the year. We continued to honor those brave heroes, both big and small, fighting cancer by participating in the Annual Mystic Force Foundation Event for children and the Miami Dade Breast Cancer Car Display Event. We hosted our Annual Safe Streets Halloween and the Annual Santa's Parade of the Elves Events alongside the Miami Kids Magazine. We continued working with South Miami Middle School and their Power of One program in order to help and distribute blankets to the homeless, the American Legion South Miami Post 31 for the annual toy drive and participate in many career day school events.





Community Involvement





Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

The Police Memorial, which is located at Tropical Park, was established in 1980 to honor fallen officers from every police department and law enforcement agencies in Miami- Dade County. The original triple granite structure was unveiled in May 1981 and remains an integral part of the site.

In 2001, four black granite walls were erected; etched with the names of the gallant men and women who died serving the citizens of their community. Today, 143 names grace those hallowed walls.

Two five-foot high towers were added to the site in 2002 to commemorate the law enforcement officers who were killed at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11th, 2001.

The Miami-Dade K-9 Memorial was dedicated on August 14, 2009 at Tropical Park to memorialize and honor all of the police canines including the eight that died serving the citizens of Miami-Dade County.

The Police Memorial stands in South Florida as a tribute to heroism and sacrifice.

[Courtesy of the POAT website @ poat.org]

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week of each year during which May 15th occurs is Police Week. The proclamation stated, in part, that the purpose of this holiday and corresponding week was to "pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to voice our appreciation for all those who currently serve on the front lines of the battle against crime".

[Articles, Uniformed Services News -May 2019]



LEO MEMORIAL



911 TRIBUTE



K9 MEMORIAL





Fallen Heroes

A Police Officer's Prayer

O, gentle Lord! Keep the day watch with me.
 As I begin my tour of duty,
 I ask your protection from all mental,
 physical and spiritual harm.
 Sustain me with the knowledge
 that I am doing your work,
 endeavoring to keep the peace among Your
 people.
 Help me to be just as I enforce the law
 without prejudice or favor to anyone.
 May I be courageous but not reckless
 in carrying out my duties.
 Let me respond to all calls with haste
 realizing that so many are dependent on me
 for life and safety.
 Support me with Your consoling power
 when I am tempted to think no one really
 cares
 and that I am taken for granted.
 Sustain in me the conviction
 that so many thousands do care
 and are grateful for my presence.
 Grant that I may be loyal to my partner
 and my fellow officers
 and that I may back them up effectively
 when called upon for assistance.
 Lord, I ask that I may return safely,
 after my tour of duty,
 to my loved ones and those who love me.
 I pray that I may be a good and honorable
 police officer;
 and after my tour of duty is over here on
 earth,
 may I enjoy the peace and happiness of
 heaven
 that You have promised to those who serve
 you well.



Sgt. Joseph O. Kephart



Ofc. L. Daniel Schulz

Sergeant Kephart died in the line of duty 52 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 his injuries on January 18, 1970.



Officer Schulz died in the line of duty after being stabbed while working an off duty job. On October 15, 1987 Officer Schulz attempted to arrest a juvenile gang member who had been causing problems at the Bakery Centre (now known as AMC Theaters/Sunset Pl) movie theater. As he was taking the subject into custody, he was stabbed four times by the subjects fellow gang members.

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