



SOUTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CFA STANDARD: NONE

SECTIONS:

21.1.1 Juvenile Operations Policy

RESCINDS: All existing orders in conflict.

PURPOSE: To establish a policy for the organization of the department's juvenile operations which are designed to prevent and control juvenile delinquency.

SCOPE: All departmental personnel.

POLICY: Recognizing that the police role regarding juveniles in the criminal justice system is a major objective, it is the policy of the South Miami Police Department to establish uniform methods of handling incidents involving juveniles and to the development and continuation of programs designed to prevent and control juvenile delinquency. Members of the South Miami Police Department will follow the provisions of Chapter 39 of the Florida State Statutes.

PROCEDURE:

21.1.1 Juvenile Operations Policy

- A. While all sworn personnel will be knowledgeable in juvenile procedures and department policies involving juvenile matters, both criminal and noncriminal, the juvenile operations function has been created to aid in the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency.

To complete this mission, the South Miami Police Department will develop, implement, and perpetuate problem solving strategies and positive programs that deal with delinquency, youth crime, and crimes committed against juveniles.

- B. The responsibility for participating in or supporting the department's juvenile operations function is shared by all agency components and personnel.
- C. The juvenile operations function is a function within the Uniform Patrol Division whose members are under the direct supervision of a patrol sergeant.
- D. The role of the juvenile operations function includes all normal police responsibilities, as well as the following:
 - 1. Prevent and control delinquent and criminal behavior of youths by creating and maintaining programs for primary intervention (broad-based education programs such as D.A.R.E.) and secondary interventions (focused interventions aimed toward targeted populations, such as South Miami Police Explorers).
 - 2. Follow-up processing of youth/student arrests.