



# SOUTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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<b>CFA STANDARD:</b> NONE <b>SUBJECT:</b> <i>Crime Prevention and Community Involvement – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</i>	<b>NEW (X) RESCINDS ( )</b> <b>AMENDS ( ) OTHER ( )</b>	<b>By Order Of:</b>   <b>Rene Landa,</b> <b>CHIEF OF POLICE</b>	

**CFA STANDARD:** NONE

**SECTIONS:**

**22.2.1 Community Involvement Activities**

**RESCINDS:** All existing orders in conflict.

**PURPOSE:** To establish departmental policy and provide guidelines for the community involvement function.

**SCOPE:** All departmental personnel.

**POLICY:** It is the policy of the South Miami Police Department to maintain an ongoing awareness of community needs. This department is committed to establishing and maintaining close ties within the community. The department will remain sensitive and responsive to the needs of the community. The responsibility for achieving the department's community involvement and relations objectives shall be shared by all personnel. Because the conduct of each employee reflects on the South Miami Police Department as a whole, the burden of achieving community involvement objectives will rest with every employee.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Crime Prevention Officer:** A police officer, community patrol officer, or detective who may be certified by the Office of the Attorney General. GIU detectives will normally handle crime prevention duties.

**PROCEDURE:**

**22.2.1 Community Involvement Activities**

While it is recognized that each agency member has the responsibility for promoting community relations, the Crime Prevention Officer, in conjunction with the Chief of Police, is responsible for developing and coordinating community involvement activities. All efforts will be coordinated through the chain of command to the Chief of Police.

Successful enforcement of many laws would be difficult, if not impossible, without community support; therefore, direct contact with the community served is essential. The community involvement function provides the following:

- A. Establishing liaison with community organizations and other community groups;
- B. Ensuring that all personnel are aware that they are responsible for achieving the agency's community involvement objectives.
- C. Developing community involvement policies for the agency;
- D. Publicizing agency objectives, problems and successes;
- E. Conveying input from citizens' organizations to the agency;
- F. Improving on community-police interaction;
- G. Identifying training needs:
  - 1. Through interviews with representatives of citizens' groups;
  - 2. Through consultations with those involved in internal investigations;
  - 3. Through conferences with supervisors.
- H. Establishing community groups where needed and wanted.