

# SOUTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



*Photo Courtesy of Photographer for Miami Heat*

*Front Row: Cpl. R. Torres Middle Row: L to R: Det. J. Lopez, Miami Heat Players Chris Bosh, Dwyane Wade, LeBron James and Det. M. Vargas Back Row: Sgt. M. Weissberg, Ofc. M. Taylor, Ofc. P. Rodriguez, Sgt. H. Guzman and Det. J. Mendez*

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

CHIEF ORLANDO MARTINEZ DE CASTRO

March 2011



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## GOVERNING BODY

MAYOR  
PHILIP K. STODDARD

VICE MAYOR  
VALERIE NEWMAN  
GROUP 1

COMMISSIONER  
BRIAN D. BEASLEY  
GROUP II

COMMISSIONER  
VELMA PALMER  
GROUP III

COMMISSIONER  
WALTER A. HARRIS  
GROUP IV

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## MANAGEMENT TEAM

CITY CLERK  
Maria M. Menendez  
(Appointed 2000)

CITY MANAGER  
Hector Mirabile, PhD  
(Appointed 2010)

CITY ATTORNEY  
Laurence Feingold  
(Appointed 2009)

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
Alfredo Riverol  
(Appointed 2010)

CHIEF OF POLICE  
Orlando Martinez De Castro  
(Appointed 2010)

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR  
Fritz Armand  
(Appointed 2010)

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR  
Maria Stout-Tate  
(Appointed 2010)

PLANNING AND ZONING  
Thomas Vageline  
(Appointed 2008)

DIRECTOR BUILDING DIRECTOR  
Victor Citarella  
(Appointed 2008)

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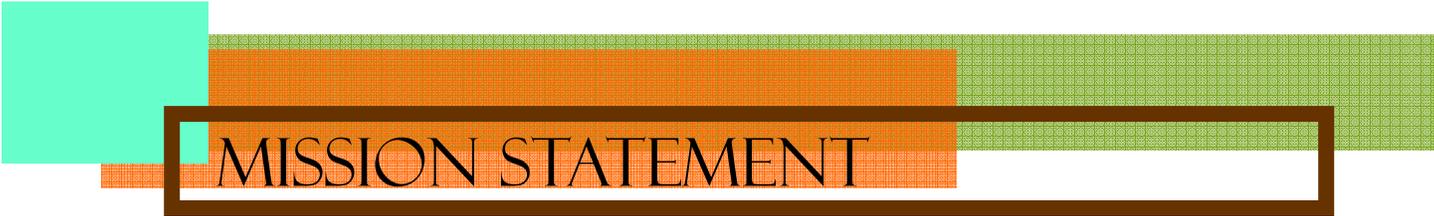
Lisa Corbin

Det. Joe Mendez

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Major Rene Landa,  
& Lisa Corbin

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## 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

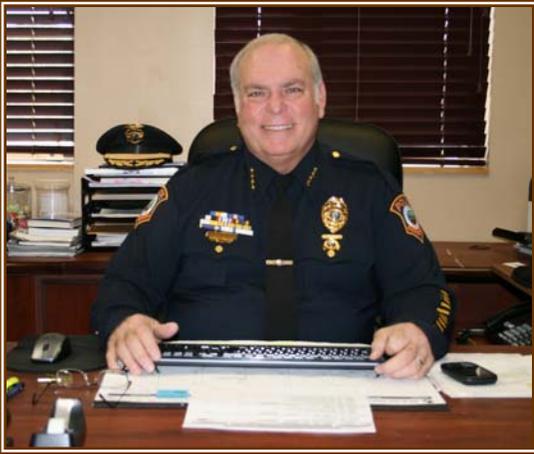
Create public confidence through education in crime prevention techniques



## 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 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



It gives me personal satisfaction to provide you with the South Miami Police Department's Annual Report for 2010. I just completed four months on my second tour as the Chief of Police for this agency. I would like to take this opportunity to share some perspectives on what the men and women of the South Miami Police Department have been able to accomplish during the year of 2010.

The South Miami Police Department is comprised of 50 full time sworn men and women, 3 Reserve officers and 9 civilians that provide a wide range of services to the community. We provide service for approximately 11,000 residents and over 4,200 registered businesses.

According to the police department's annual crime comparison report, the total offenses, which include total violent and non-violent crimes in South Miami, shows crime declined 15 % in year 2010 compared to year 2009. In addition to the overall decline in crime, the Criminal Investigations Division showed a total clearance rate of 69% in cases assigned to detectives in 2010 .

In late 2010, I restructured the police department's sworn officer assignments and brought in two senior staff members as Majors to oversee the Administrative Bureau and the Operations Bureau. The Administrative Bureau is comprised of two divisions: Professional Compliance and Communications. The Professional Compliance Division includes Training & Backgrounds, Internal Affairs and Accreditation. The Communications Division includes the Communications Officers and Crime Analysis Unit.

The Administrative Major is also responsible for the Police Budget and manages all fiscal accounts, including state and federal forfeiture. Through sound fiscal management, we have been able to begin updating the aging, deteriorated patrol fleet and upgrade technology, without a budget increase.

The Operations Bureau is comprised of three divisions: Uniform Patrol, Criminal Investigations (CID) and Support Services. The Uniform Patrol Division handles Special Events, Extra Duty and Road Patrol. The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for General Investigations, Strategic Investigations and Special Investigations. The Support Services division oversees Fleet Management & Equipment, Property & Evidence and Records Bureau.

The CID's Special Investigations Unit continues to excel in the war on street-level drug dealing. Their perseverance and professionalism are having a noticeable impact on the quality of life in our community. I think it is notable that in the apprehension of over 20 street-level drug dealers just in the month of December (Operation Early Bird Special), there has not been a single personnel complaint nor was there injury to officers or civilians.

In a nutshell, the positive factors keep increasing while the negatives continue to decrease. The activities of the members of the department have resulted in the accomplishments illustrated in this report.

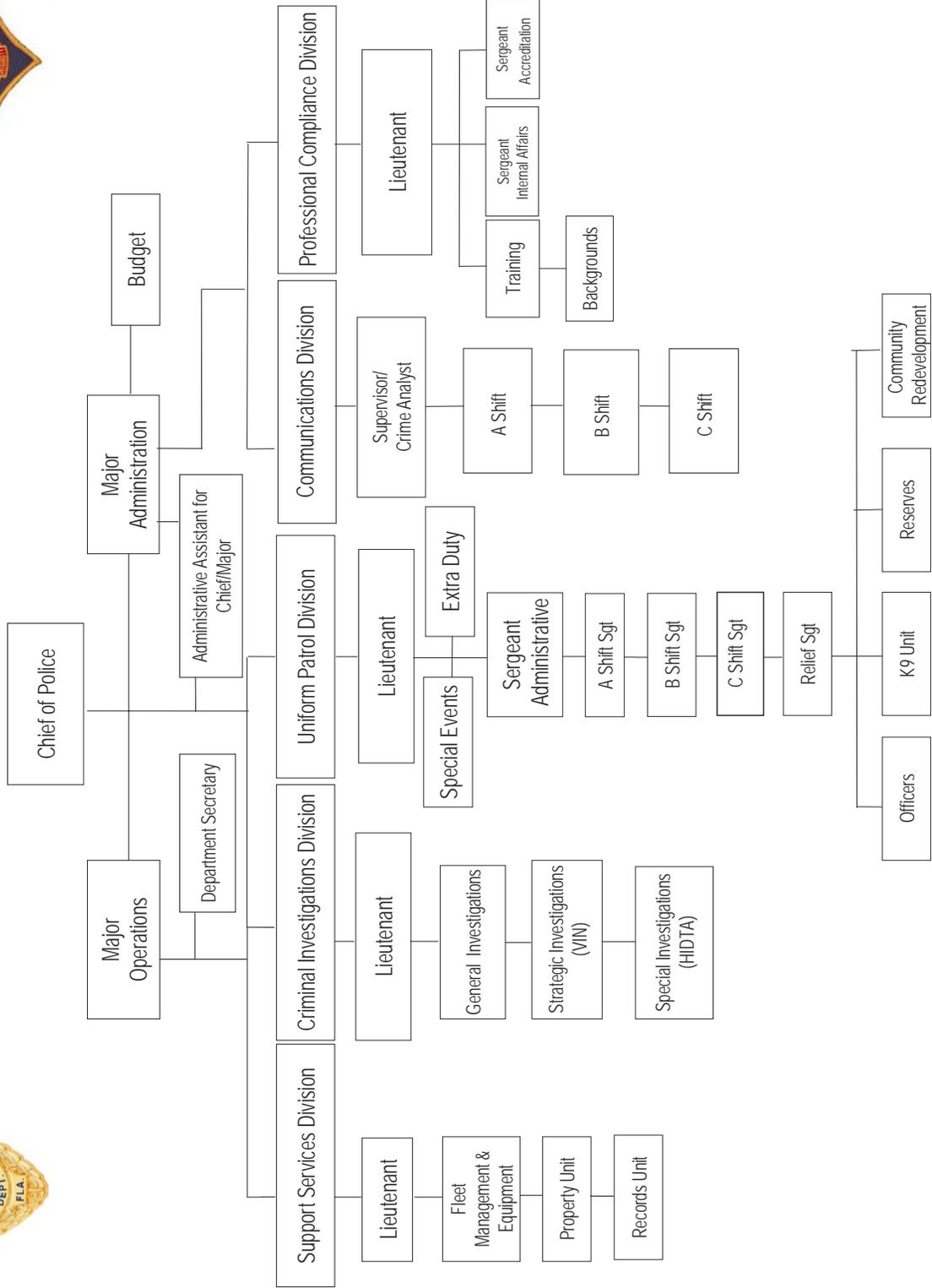
This is a credit to all the men and women of the South Miami Police Department who dedicate their lives to serving and protecting. I am proud and honored to serve as their Chief of Police.



L to R: (back row) UMPD Chief David Rivero, CGPD Major Mark Ginn, SMPD Chief Orlando Martinez de Castro, CGPD Chief Joe McNichol, CGPD Major Ed Hudak  
L to R: (front row) SMPD Major Ana Baixauli and SMPD Major Rene Landa

*Photo taken during Operation Early Bird Special*

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Revised 11/03/10

# COMMAND STAFF



MAJOR ANA BAIXAULI  
ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU



CHIEF  
ORLANDO MARTINEZ de CASTRO



MAJOR RENE LANDA  
OPERATIONS BUREAU



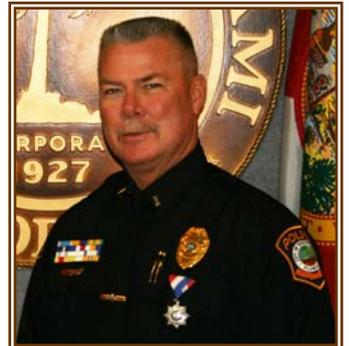
LIEUTENANT L. MORTON  
PROFESSIONAL COMPLIANCE



LIEUTENANT D. SALERNO  
SUPPORT SERVICES



LIEUTENANT R. RODRIGUEZ  
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS



LIEUTENANT L. CORBIN  
UNIFORM PATROL



SERGEANT J. GRIFFIN  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS



SERGEANT J. BARZOLA  
ADMINISTRATIVE



SERGEANT M. WEISSBERG  
ACCREDITATION



LISA CORBIN  
COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR  
& CRIME ANALYST

# BUDGET

ACCOUNT	BUDGET 2009-2010	ADOPTED 2010-2011
SALARIES - REGULAR	3,389,023	3,467,154
SALARIES - PART TIME	0	18,453
OVERTIME	160,000	150,000
SPECIAL PAY-ED.	22,044	23,670
HAZARD PAY	50,112	52,200
FICA	277,020	283,928
PENSION CITY CONTRIBUTION	0	612,394
GROUP HEALTH INS	262,360	314,846
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	0	126,182
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES</b>	<b>4,160,559</b>	<b>5,048,827</b>
ANNUAL PHYSICALS	11,800	14,750
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	19,000	15,270
RED LIGHT CAMERA AGREEMENT	0	570,000
CONTRACTUAL SCHOOL CROSSING	0	70,000
CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS	6,237	5,000
TRAVEL & CONFERENCE	1,500	0
TRAINING/EDUCATION	4,000	0
POSTAGE	0	1,357
TELEPHONE- CELL PHONES		10,800
LEASE PURCHASE PD 800 MHZ	0	40,000
LEASE PURCHASE - POLICE VEHICLES	141,270	10,200
LIABILITY INSURANCE - AUTO	0	26,000
POLICE ACC. DTH& DIS INSURANCE	0	2,000
MAINT/REPAIR - EQUIP	22,500	10,800
MAINT/REPAIR - COMM.	38,100	74,769
PRINTING - INFRASTRUCTURE	0	10,005
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS	4,000	2,500
EMPLOYEE TESTING	11,750	7,755
SUPPLIES	25,666	17,655
UNIFORMS	62,500	52,200
FUEL	0	117,393
MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTIONS	6,500	1,853
PRISONER DETENTION	100	100
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>354,923</b>	<b>1,060,407</b>
EQUIP. UNDER \$500 IN VALUE	500	0
EQUIPMENT-OFFICE	240	0
EQUIPMENT - OPERATING	28,153	0
VEHICLES	0	193,668
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>28,893</b>	<b>193,668</b>
DEBT SERVICE - PRINCIPAL	0	124,306
DEBT SERVICE - INTEREST	0	14,855
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>139,162</b>
<b>TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>4,544,375</b>	<b>6,442,063</b>

# ANNUAL COMPARISON

<b>VIOLENT CLASS I CRIMES</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
HOMICIDE	1	4	3
MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0
RAPE COMMITTED	3	2	2
RAPE ATTEMPTED	0	0	0
SODOMY	1	1	1
FONDLING	0	1	1
ROBBERY	46	42	33
<i>Highway</i>	11	16	9
<i>Comm. Other</i>	10	11	6
<i>Gas/Svc. Station</i>	2	0	0
<i>Convenience</i>	0	2	0
<i>Residence</i>	2	7	1
<i>Bank</i>	0	0	4
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	21	6	13
AGG. ASSAULT	60	54	48
AGG. STALKING	0	0	0
SIMPLE ASSAULT (not a class I crime)	115	114	95
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT :</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>NON- VIOLENT CLASS I CRIMES</b>			
BURGLARY RES	102	88	102
BURGLARY NON RES	35	52	24
GRAND THEFT AUTO	39	43	26
LARCENCY	597	737	668
<i>Pick Pocket</i>	2	3	2
<i>Purse Snatch (reported under robberies)</i>	0	0	1
<i>Shoplifting</i>	105	143	111
<i>From Motor Veh</i>	173	256	236
<i>Motor Veh Parts</i>	90	79	78
<i>Bicycles</i>	15	35	32
<i>From Bldg</i>	10	32	27
<i>From Coin Opr.Device</i>	2	0	1
<i>All Other</i>	200	189	180
<b>TOTAL NON-VIOLENT:</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>820</b>
<b>TOTAL OFFENSES:</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>908</b>

# UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS

In spite of an economic downturn that many experts believe will push crime rates higher, the overall crime in South Miami declined in 2010.

According to the police department's annual crime comparison report, the total offenses, which include total violent and non-violent crimes in South Miami, declined 15% in calendar year 2010 compared to calendar year 2009. The only category that increased in 2010 was the non-violent residential burglaries which increased by 16%. Coincidentally, it is the same as in 2008.

The additional data demonstrates that in 2010, compared to 2009, other crimes declined as follows:

21% fewer Robberies

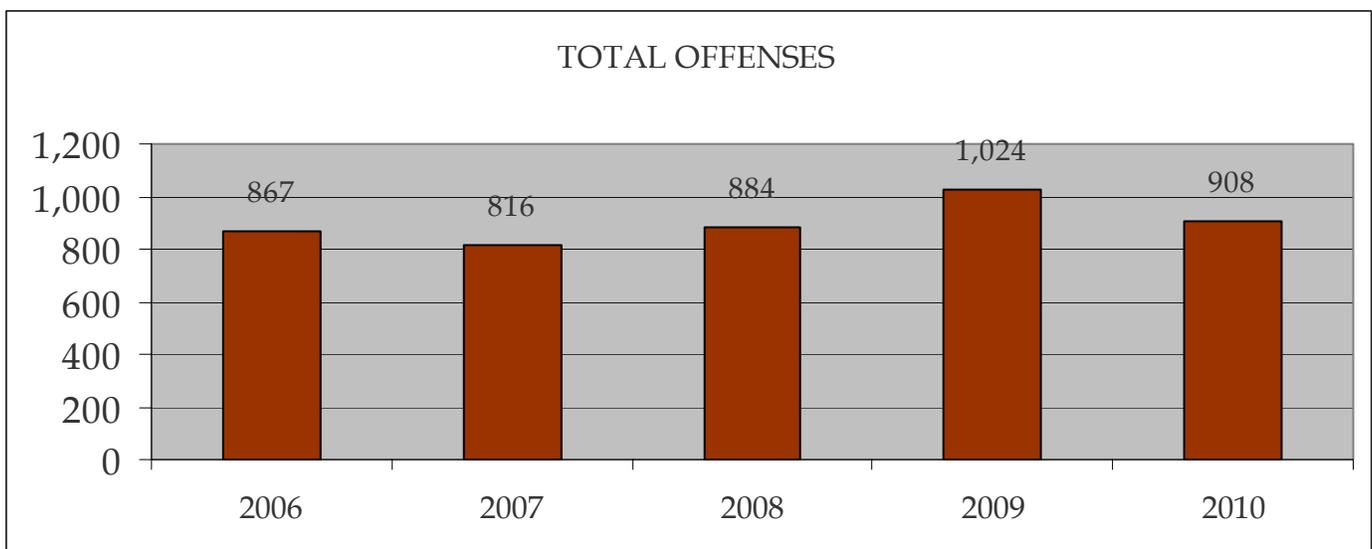
11% fewer Aggravated Assaults

54% fewer Commercial Burglaries

40% fewer Auto Thefts

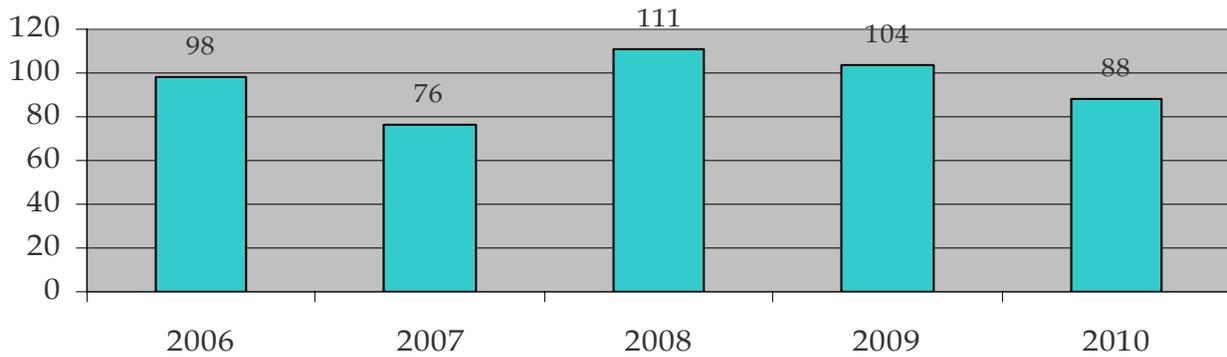
9% fewer Larcenies

The City and its residents, its police department and the City Commission should be very proud that together we've been able to demonstrate a substantial crime reduction in the City of South Miami. In partnership with the community, the police department will strive to maintain the downward spiral in crime.

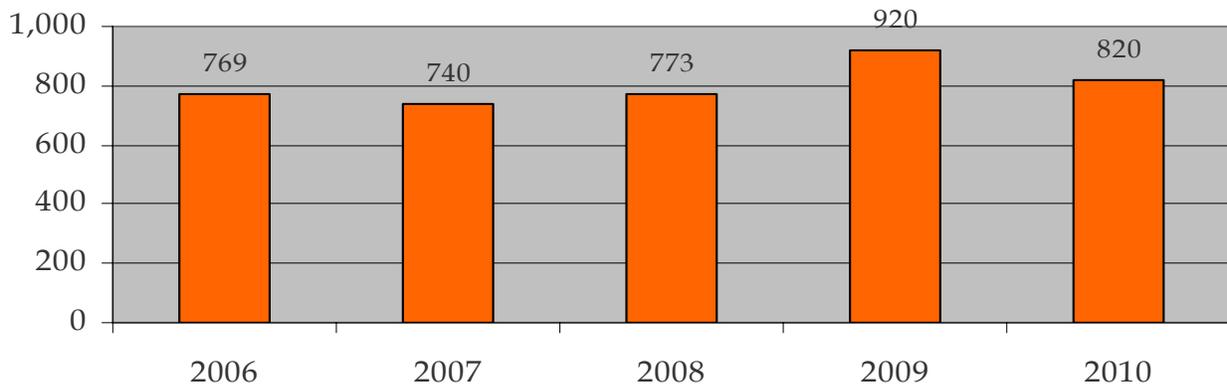


# UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS

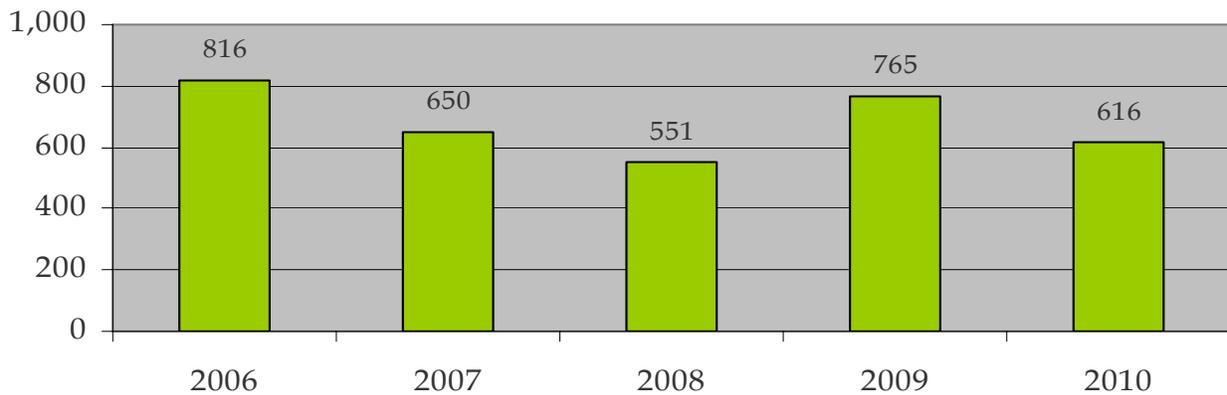
## VIOLENT CRIMES



## NON-VIOLENT CRIMES



## ARRESTS



# UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION



*Sgt. Barzola & Lt. Corbin discuss operational plans*



*Cpl. Hechavarria assists a citizen*



*Sgt. Wagner addresses roll call with the afternoon shift squad  
L to R: Ofc. Cosio, Ofc. Jackson, Ofc. Morejon, Ofc. Castro,  
Ofc. A. Perez, Ofc. Taylor & Sgt. Wagner*

The Uniform Patrol Division is responsible for all police service calls; emergency and non-emergency. They take proactive measures in preventing crimes and apprehending criminals.

This division is comprised of various units; Patrol, K-9, Traffic/Motorcycle, Community Patrol, Crisis Intervention, Field Training, Enhanced DUI Enforcement and the Honor Guard.

Their statistical performance during 2010:

- 144 Felony Arrests
- 292 Misdemeanor Arrests
- 124 Traffic Arrests
- 84 Warrants Served
- 10,309 Traffic Citations
- 1,115 Traffic Promise to Appear (PTA) Citations
- 827 Parking Violations



# SPECIAL DETAILS & OPERATIONS



*Major Landa addresses officers during a briefing for Operation Early Bird Special*

During the month of December, SMPD joined forces with other local law enforcement agencies in a major operation called **Operation Early Bird Special**. The two month operation spear headed by The Special Investigations Unit, resulted in the identification of twenty drug dealers and twenty-one other individuals with open warrants, the majority being felonies.

Other agencies that helped conduct the saturation to the affected area included: Coral Gables Police, Hialeah Police, Miami Dade County State Attorney's Office, State of Florida, Department of Corrections, Sweetwater Police, University of Miami Police, West Miami Police and M.A.G.T.F.



*Ofc. Hernandez takes a subject into custody*

The police department also hosted a multi-agency DUI saturation patrol as well as a DUI checkpoint dubbed **Operation Christmas Clearance**. The goal of these operations was to ensure public safety and provide a continuous effort to reduce and protect our citizens from the hazards of impaired drivers on our roadways. The operation resulted in the following:

- \*28 Total Arrests
  - 16 NVDL/DWLS related
  - 7 DUI related
  - 5 Narcotics related
- \* 113 Traffic Citations Issues
- \* 9 Vehicle Impounds



*Miami Police Department DUI Enforcement BAT Mobile*



*Checkpoint location 6200 block of S Dixie Hwy*

# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The General Investigations Unit (G.I.U.) conducts preliminary, follow-up & special investigations. Their objective is to establish an informative base of criminal activity which includes the identification and apprehension of offenders. They investigate crimes against persons or property and are responsible for processing crime scenes for evidence. Below is a breakdown of performance for 2010;

- Assigned 325 cases
- Closed, resolved or cleared by arrest 223 cases
- Achieved a 69% clearance rate
- Processed 54 crime scene requests
- Wrote 1,453 reports
- Recovered \$263,884 in stolen property



*Lt. Rodriguez holds a meeting to discuss upcoming surveillance details.  
L to R: Lt. Rodriguez, Det. King, Det. Vargas & Det. Lopez*



*Det. Vargas reviews the BOLO board for new information*



*Lt. Rodriguez reviews paperwork with Det. Vargas*



*Det. Lopez & Det. King review a case prior to tracking down a subject*

## SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Special Investigations Unit (S.I.U.) handles local narcotics, vice, intelligence and crime suppression activities. Currently, two are detached to a Federal Task Force and handle narcotics, smuggling and gathering of intelligence for homeland security. These operations at times take them well beyond our American borders. Below represents their statistical performance for 2010:

- Arrested 121 subjects for illegal narcotics violations
- Completed 370 investigatory surveillances
- Wrote 85 reports
- Assisted other police agencies 21 times
- Seized and or recovered \$5,261,867 worth of illegal narcotics
- Worked with DEA & seized a total of \$55,449,430 in US currency; under our agreement with US Dept. of Justice, SMPD will be awarded \$2,826,773



*Det. Munoz seizes 301 kilos of cocaine from Panama, street value \$6,622,000*



*Det. Bartra & Det. Vijil attend briefing*



*Det. Munoz reviews impounded evidence*



*Det. Mendez -Growhouse- Hialeah, FL*

# COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION



*C.O. Kinsey looks on as Trainee P.C.O. Melograno completes a background check*

Communications is the “center of operations” in any police agency and South Miami’s is staffed around the clock. Communications Officers are normally the first responders on calls for police service. They have a multitude of functions and perform most simultaneously. These include; dispatching, call taking, teletype operations, court liaison and maintaining official police records. They also receive those visiting or working in the building.

Calls for service are primarily dispatched through the Miami-Dade Police Department’s Computer Aided Terminal (CAD). We also use a secondary CAD terminal that allows us to dispatch directly to our units via the officers’ Mobile Data Terminal (MDTs). This “in-house” CAD enables us to dispatch calls to our officers more rapidly. This is greatly advantageous during periods when air traffic is heavy on the police radio frequency.



*C.O. Lopez dispatches a call for service via the MDPD CAD*



*C.O. Skalski verifies a location by checking the address on the map*

# COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

During 2010 we received 10,893 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.

Communications answers roughly 80,300 telephone calls on a yearly basis and assists approximately 5,040 people that walk into the building annually.

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



*Posing for a picture during a warrant sweep operation  
L to R: (back row) C.O. Lopez, C.O. Supvr. Lisa Corbin,  
C.O. Balas, (front ) Ofc. Tefel*



*C.O. Redd takes a call for police service*



*Sgt. Barzola and C.O. Balas review an arrest form  
for record processing*

# SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION



*Lt. Salerno & Sgt. Wagner during Operation Christmas Clearance*



*Lt. Salerno retrieves evidence for court*



*Lt. Salerno uses his bar code scanner to enter drugs into the system*

Support Services is comprised of four components: Records Unit, Property & Evidence Unit, Fleet Management and Crime Prevention.

The Records Unit maintains police offense/incident and crash reports, storage of department documents and the disposal of departmental records in accordance with the State of Florida's Record Retentions Laws.

The Property & Evidence Unit oversees hundreds of personal property items. Everything from abandoned or lost objects to money, drugs and weapons are carefully handled and properly recorded for safe record keeping and evidentiary purposes. The following shows how the property was distributed in 2010:

- 436 items inventoried
- 183 items destroyed
- 36 items returned to owner
- 18 items turned over to the City

Maintaining a ready and capable fleet of police vehicles takes year round work and attention. Both current and newly acquired police vehicles are outfitted with state of the art emergency equipment and are maintained at a condition suitable for the rigors of police work. This year ten new vehicles were added to the fleet.

The Crime Prevention Unit handles Crime Awareness and Crime Prevention Presentations, Citizens Crime Watch, and Drug Awareness Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) programs for our area schools. This year 230 students graduated from the D.A.R.E program: 152 from South Miami's K-8 Center and 78 from Ludlam Elementary.



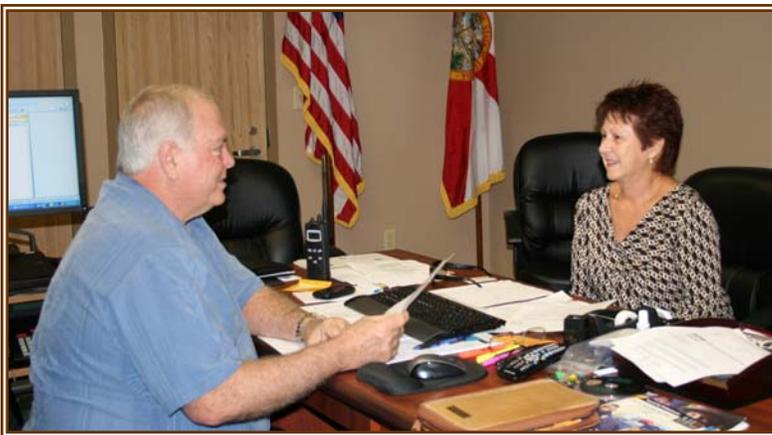
*2010 Police Vehicle #1008 issued to Ofc. A. Perez*

# SUPPORT PERSONNEL

The Administrative Assistant & Department Secretary are an integral part of our Support Personnel. They perform varied secretarial and administrative duties relative to the particular needs of the Administrative Staff.

They are responsible for executing and maintaining statistical and technical reports such as; payroll, time & attendance records, invoices for payment, purchasing and requisitions, extra duty processing, personnel files, confidential memorandums and department budget records.

During the holidays, they represent the department by becoming involved with the various city sponsored holiday food & toy drives.



*Chief Martinez de Castro reviews payroll with Administrative Assistant Catherine Motta*



*Catherine Motta processes Extra Duty Vouchers for payment*



*Department Secretary Celia Vicente reviews accident report requests*



*Celia Vicente discusses memorandums with Major Landa*

## PROFESSIONAL COMPLIANCE DIVISION



*Lt. Morton poses for a picture in her office*

The Professional Compliance Division is responsible for internal affairs, training, recruitment, hiring, background investigations and accreditation.

This division ensures that departmental personnel receive state mandated training as well as advanced training opportunities that are appropriate for their position. Officers also participate in annual countywide "Mobile Field Force Training" that prepares them for real life disturbances or acts of civil unrest.

During the course of 2010, officers attended 3,673 hours of training, in house

and at specialized training facilities.

During 2010, fourteen applicants were processed for various positions within the police department. The in-depth background process consists of interviews, criminal history, fingerprints, psychological testing, polygraphs and a complete medical exam. In addition, there is a thorough review of the applicants personal and professional past.

The Reserve Officer program has been reinstated and we continue to process applicants for this position.



*Lt. Morton reviews an employee applications with Sgt. Griffin*



*Sgt. Weissberg works on policy revisions for accreditation*

Under the direction of Chief Martinez de Castro, SMPD applied to the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation to participate in the accreditation process. Proof of compliance is determined by an assessment team sent by the Commission, conducting an on-site review of the agency's own policies, procedures and practices.

Sgt. Weissberg took the first action by applying for a grant that would incur the cost for all of the fees associated with becoming accredited. This grant was awarded in December of 2010. We look forward to creating a policy manual that will be CFA compliant and legally defensible. In the coming year, our officers can expect a better equipped and more efficient police department.

## TAKING THE OATH



*Chief Martinez de Castro pins the badge on Major Baixauli*

Major Ana Baixauli is a dedicated, proactive law enforcement professional with thirty-three years experience. She began her law enforcement career at the Coral Gables Police Department with twenty-three of those years in supervision, including sixteen years in Senior Management. Major Baixauli worked in all divisions where her continued promotions gained her respect amongst her peers and subordinates.

While employed with Coral Gables she oversaw various divisions including Communications, Research & Development, Uniform Patrol, Hostage Negotiation Commander, Field Training Commander and Senior Firearms Instructor. Her Senior Staff duties included assignments as Assistant Chief responsible for the Field Operations and Support Services Bureaus over a twelve year period.

As a Major with South Miami she is once again part of the Senior Staff now overseeing the Administrative Bureau.

Major Baixauli graduated from Florida International University and holds a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice.



Major Rene Landa is veteran law enforcement professional, with over twenty-eight year's experience. He began his law enforcement career at the City of Miami Police Department and continued on as a Senior Staff member with the Key Biscayne Police Department.

During his tenure at the City of Miami he oversaw varied divisions with each promotional rank he earned. Through the years he worked in Sexual Battery/Child Abuse, Special Investigations, Special Events, Street Crimes, Narcotics, Critical Incident Management, Organized Crime & Terrorism and Communications, to name a few. He was a member of the SWAT team and acted as a lead instructor for their SWAT School.



*Chief Martinez de Castro pins the badge on Major Landa*

During his tenure at Key Biscayne he oversaw the Administrative Division and worked on the accreditation process for the department.

As a Major with South Miami he is again part of the Senior Staff where he oversees the Operations Bureau.

Major Landa is also a graduate of the Florida International University where he holds a Masters Degree in Science. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, 206<sup>th</sup> Session.

# AWARD RECIPIENTS

OFFICE  
OF  
THE  
SHERIFF

FEBRUARY- Det. Michael Vargas,  
Ofc. Junior Vijil & Ofc. Armando Perez

MARCH- Det. Lisa King

MAY - Det. Michael Vargas &  
Det. Lisa King

JUNE - Det. Michael Vargas &  
Det. Joe Mendez

JULY- Det. Henry Guzman

SEPTEMBER- Det. Lisa King

OCTOBER- Det. Joe Mendez

NOVEMBER- Det. Michael Vargas

DECEMBER- Sgt. Michael Weissberg

# AWARD RECIPIENTS



Det. Lisa King was selected as the department's "Outstanding Officer of the Year" for 2010. She was chosen for the exemplary work she demonstrates in the Criminal Investigations Division.

The cases which led to her receiving this coveted title include; carjacking, child abuse, narcotics and residential burglary.

Through her hard work and diligence, facts were established, offenders apprehended, narcotics impounded and property recovered.

King joined the South Miami Police Department in 2008 and was immediately recognized as being a very professional and effective officer. Within a year she was assigned as an investigator and continues to excel in the Criminal Investigations Division.



*Officer of the Month March*



*Officer of the Month May*



*Officer of the Month September*

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

# LEO ANNUAL AWARDS GALA

The Law Enforcement Officers Charitable Foundation, Inc. was established in 1998 as a non-profit organization. Its mission is to honor the dedicated and courageous men and women of the law enforcement community of Miami-Dade County, as well as, to provide funding for the Police Officers Assistance Trust (P.O.A.T.) and other charitable organizations. The LEO Foundation works in conjunction with the Miami Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police whose members include federal, state and local law enforcement and prosecuting officials.

This organization was founded by Donald Carlin, who believed that members both sworn and civilian, serving in law enforcement, deserve to be recognized in the most prestigious way possible. Mr. Carlin's dream was to host a yearly gala in which the entire community, as well as, various police agencies would participate in honoring the best of the best. As a result, the annual LEO Gala was born.

This year our agency was represented at the gala with three finalists in the following categories;

Ofc. Kevin Lantigua- Crime Prevention/Community Policing Division I **WINNER**

Det. Joseph Mendez – Investigative Services **FINALIST**

Communications Supervisor/ Crime Analyst Lisa Corbin – Support Services **FINALIST**



*Ofc. Kevin Lantigua - Award Recipient*



*Finalist Supvr. Lisa Corbin & Husband Lt. Larry Corbin*



*Finalist Det. Joe Mendez & Wife Lisa Mendez*



*L to R: Capt. D'Angelo, Samantha D'Angelo, Karen Guzman, Det. Henry Guzman, Supvr. Lisa Corbin, Lt. Larry Corbin, Patricia Sechi & Sgt. Jeff Griffin*



*L to R: Ofc. Rob Buken, Lara Bukens, Det. Mike Weissberg, Erica Weissberg, Lisa Mendez, Det. Joe Mendez*

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

On Sunday, March 21, 2010, Informed Families held “The King Pins Challenge”, an Inaugural Benefit Event for the South Miami Drug-Free Coalition. The event took place at Splitsville Luxury Lanes located at The Shops at Sunset Place. This event was co-chaired by State Representative & former South Miami Mayor Julio Robaina, former South Miami Mayor Horace Feliu and Mary Scott Russell who is also a former South Miami Mayor and current President of Chamber South. The South Miami Police team was sponsored by the Police Benevolent Association. The team consisted of Lt. John Barzola, Det. Henry Guzman, Det. Joe Mendez, Ofc. Paul Rodriguez, Ofc. Marcus Kinlaw and Communications Officer Dawnn Kinsey. The officers were cheered on by fellow co-workers and family members.



*Lt. John Barzola*



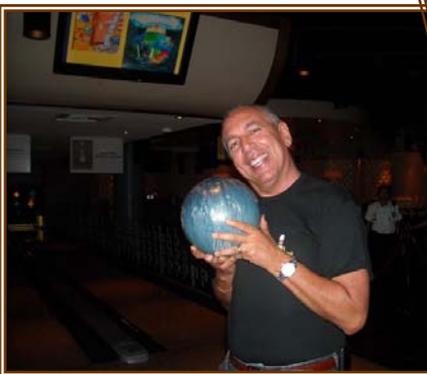
*Ofc. Marcus Kinlaw*



*C.O. Dawnn Kinsey*



*Det. Joe Mendez*



*Ofc. Paul Rodriguez*



*Det. Henry Guzman*

# EXPLORER POST #256

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. Explorer Advisors are Det. Joe Mendez, Det. Lisa King and Ofc. Christopher Johnson.

The South Miami Police Explorers regularly assist sworn police officers at DUI Checkpoints in South Miami, Sweetwater, and North Miami. This year they were called upon to provide security for the Special Olympics at the Miami Dade college Kendall Campus. They did a wonderful job ensuring the safety of the special needs children so they could compete in various track and field events.

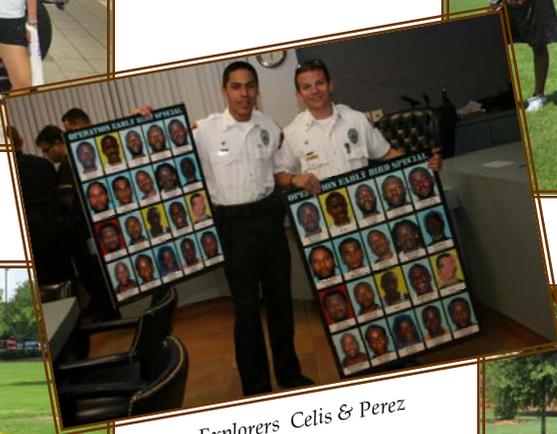
On March 31, 2010 the Explorers participated in a local competition in Hialeah, FL where they competed against 16 other posts from Miami Dade & Broward counties. The post won First Place in Crime Scene and Second Place in both Domestic Violence Investigation and Drill Team. The post also competed in search and arrest, burglary in progress, traffic stop and traffic crash events. Overall, they scored high enough in all events that their total points won averaged higher than the other 16 in attendance.



L to R: Expl. Perez, Expl. Celis, Expl. Dailin, Expl. Zambrana, Expl. Blain & Expl. Rubido



L to R: Expl. Celis, Expl. Perez, Expl. Dailin, Expl. Blain, Expl. Rubido & Expl. Zambrana



Explorers Celis & Perez



Explorer Blain



Explorer Zambrana

# 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 **D**rug **A**buse **R**esistance **E**ducation program. Since the early 1980's, the department continues the commitment to keep our children healthy and drug free. In 2009, approximately 400 middle school students completed this program.

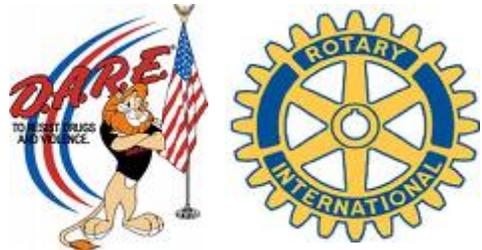
## S.A.F.E. AND R.A.D. PROGRAMS:

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 HERO



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

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

Officer Schulz died in the line of duty 23 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.

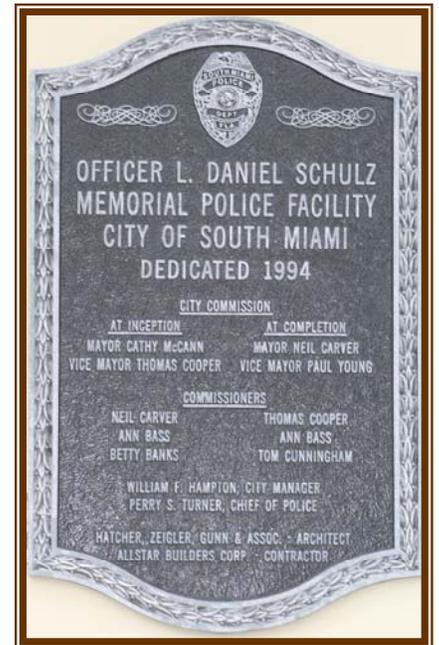
Officer Schulz succumbed to his injuries on November 27, 1987.

A granite memorial stone now sits in front of the police station and serves as a constant reminder of the hero who gave his life protecting our community.

In 1994, the South Miami Police Department dedicated the police station in Schulz' honor and through the PBA's street dedication program a portion of SW 57 Ave was also dedicated in Officer Schulz' memory. South Miami Mayor Horace Feliu presented The Schulz Family with a proclamation designating November 5, 2007 as Officer L. Daniel Schulz Day.



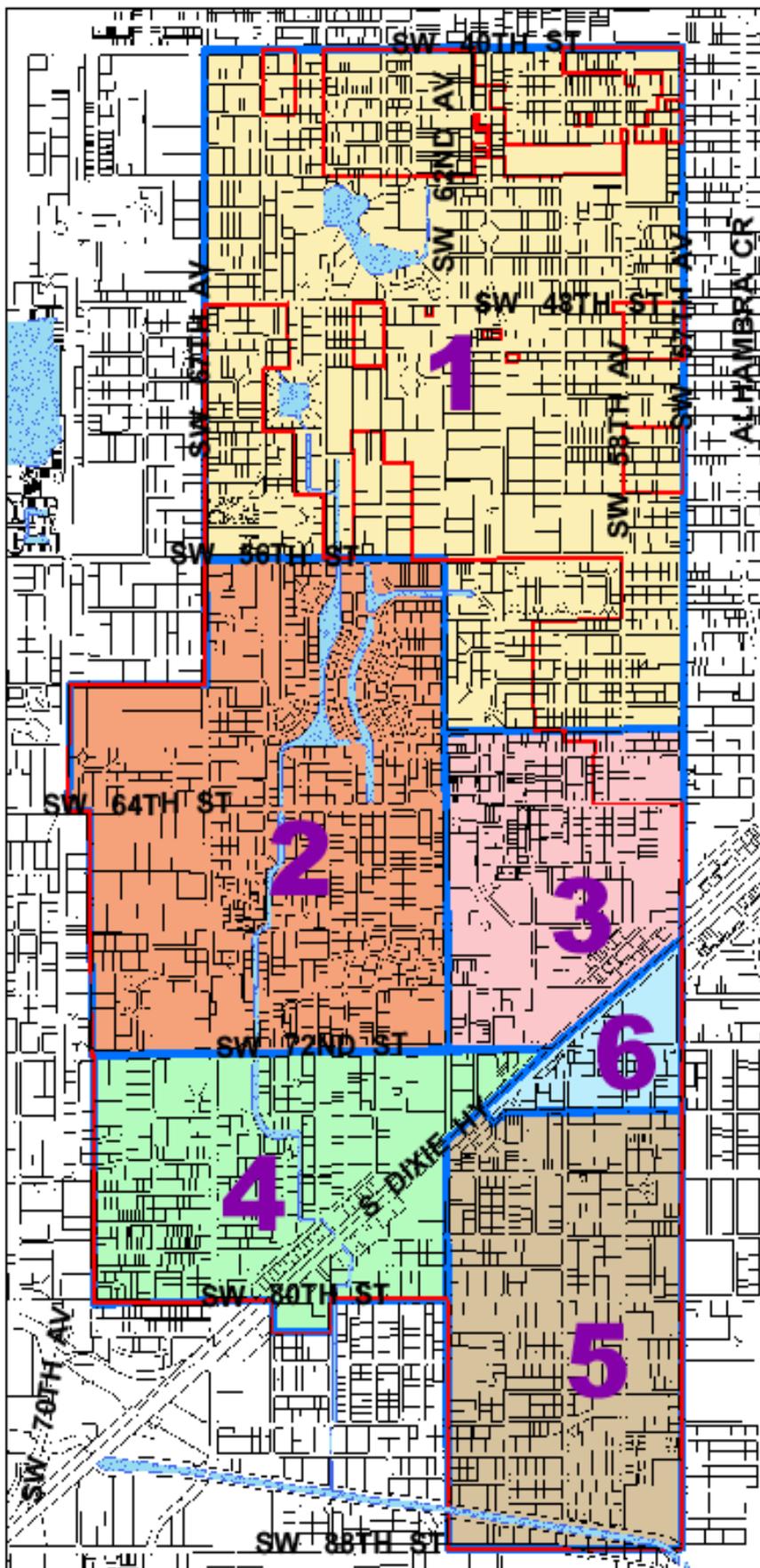
Memorial Stone in front of the police station



Dedication plaque on the front of the police building



Dedicated street sign on SW 57 Ave



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Telephone Number  
911

South Miami Police  
Telephone Number  
(305) 663-6301

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

Drug Tip Line  
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*citizens having information  
concerning narcotics  
possession and/or sales.*