

Annual Report 2023

South Miami Police Department



Reo B. Hatfield III
Chief of Police

Genaro "Chip" Iglesias
City Manager

Javier E. Fernández
Mayor





2023 ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR Javier E. Fernández, Esq.

VICE MAYOR Lisa Bonich

COMMISSIONER Steve Calle

COMMISSIONER Brian Corey

COMMISSIONER Josh Liebman

2023 CHARTERED OFFICIALS

CITY CLERK Nkenga Payne

CITY MANAGER Genaro "Chip" Iglesias

CITY ATTORNEYS Anthony Recio &
Lillian Arango



SOUTH MIAMI POLICE

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PEOPLE WE SERVE, IN ORDER TO
PROVIDE A SAFE AND SECURE
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TO BE A WORLD CLASS LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, ONE
THAT EXHIBITS TRAITS FOR
OTHER AGENCIES TO EUMULATE,
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
SERVICE THE PUBLIC AND
PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY
WITH DIGNITY, HONOR AND
PRIDE.

CORE VALUES

EXCELLENCE
INTEGRITY
INCLUSION

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Chief's Message

Dear Members of the South Miami Police Department and our Community,

In 2023, we bid farewell to a stalwart leader, Chief René Landa, who has dedicated four decades of his life to the service of our Miami-Dade community. Chief Landa's retirement marks the end of an era, and we owe him a debt of gratitude for his unwavering commitment, integrity, and exceptional leadership.

Throughout his tenure, Chief Landa has been instrumental in shaping the South Miami Police Department into a beacon of safety, trust, and community engagement. His tireless efforts have left an indelible mark on our department, and we extend our deepest appreciation for his selfless service. We wish Chief Landa a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement, confident that his legacy will continue to inspire us in the years to come.

As we bid farewell to one chapter, we eagerly anticipate the beginning of another. The South Miami Police Department is poised for a bright future, and I am honored to assume the role of Chief of Police. My commitment to building upon Chief Landa's legacy is unwavering, and I am dedicated to advancing our shared goals of community policing and officer wellness.

Community policing is at the heart of our mission. We recognize that a strong partnership between law enforcement and the community is essential for creating a safe and thriving environment. We will continue to foster open communication, build trust, and actively engage with residents to address their concerns and priorities. Together, we will work towards a South Miami where every individual feels secure and supported.

Recruitment and retention are vital components of a successful police force. We will invest in comprehensive recruitment strategies to attract the best and brightest individuals who embody the values of inclusion, integrity, and excellence in community service. Equally important is our commitment to the ongoing development and well-being of our existing officers. By providing a supportive and inclusive work environment, we aim to retain talented officers who are dedicated to serving our community for years to come.

Looking ahead, the South Miami Police Department is poised for innovation and growth. We will leverage technology, collaborate with community partners, and implement best practices to enhance the effectiveness of our operations. Through proactive community engagement, transparent communication, and a commitment to excellence, we will continue to evolve and adapt to the changing needs of our community.

In closing, I am excited about the journey that lies ahead and honored to lead the South Miami Police Department into a new era. Together, with the support of our dedicated officers and the trust of our community, we will create a safer, stronger, and more resilient South Miami.

Thank you for your continued dedication and partnership.

Respectfully,



Chief Reo B. Hatfield III



CHIEF REO B. HATFIELD, III

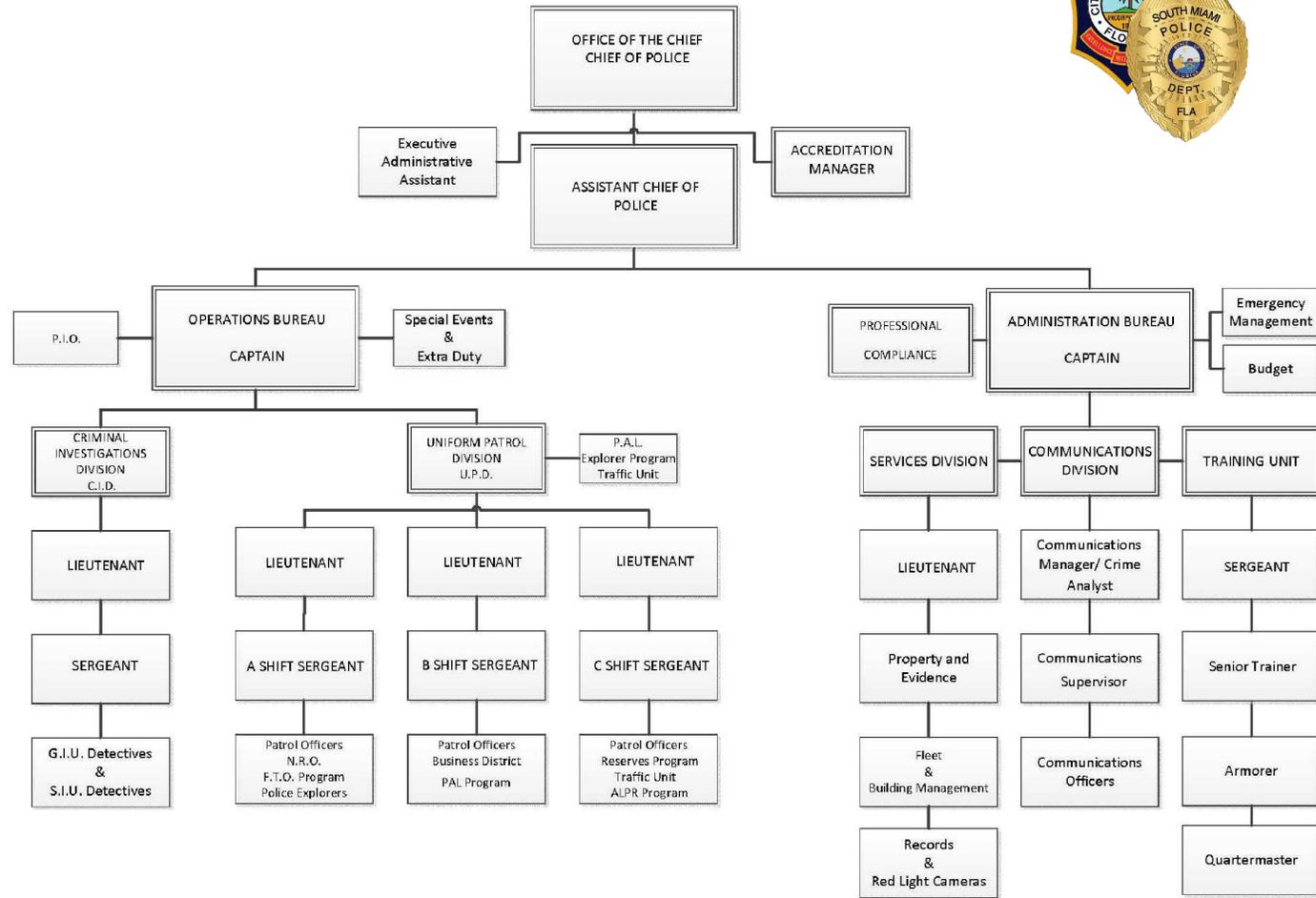


Organizational Chart



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 2013-2023
- Chief Reo B. Hatfield, III- Present



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Chief Reo Hatfield, III
Sworn In November 2023



Chief René Landa
Retired September 2023



Asst. Chief Charles Nanney
Retired October 2023



Captain Larry Corbin
Operations Bureau Commander



Captain John Barzola
Administrative Bureau Commander



Lt. Jesus Aguiar
Criminal Investigations Division



Lt. Junior Vijil
Patrol Division



Lt. Robert Bukens
Patrol Division



Lt. Kile Nave
Patrol Division



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City Boundaries

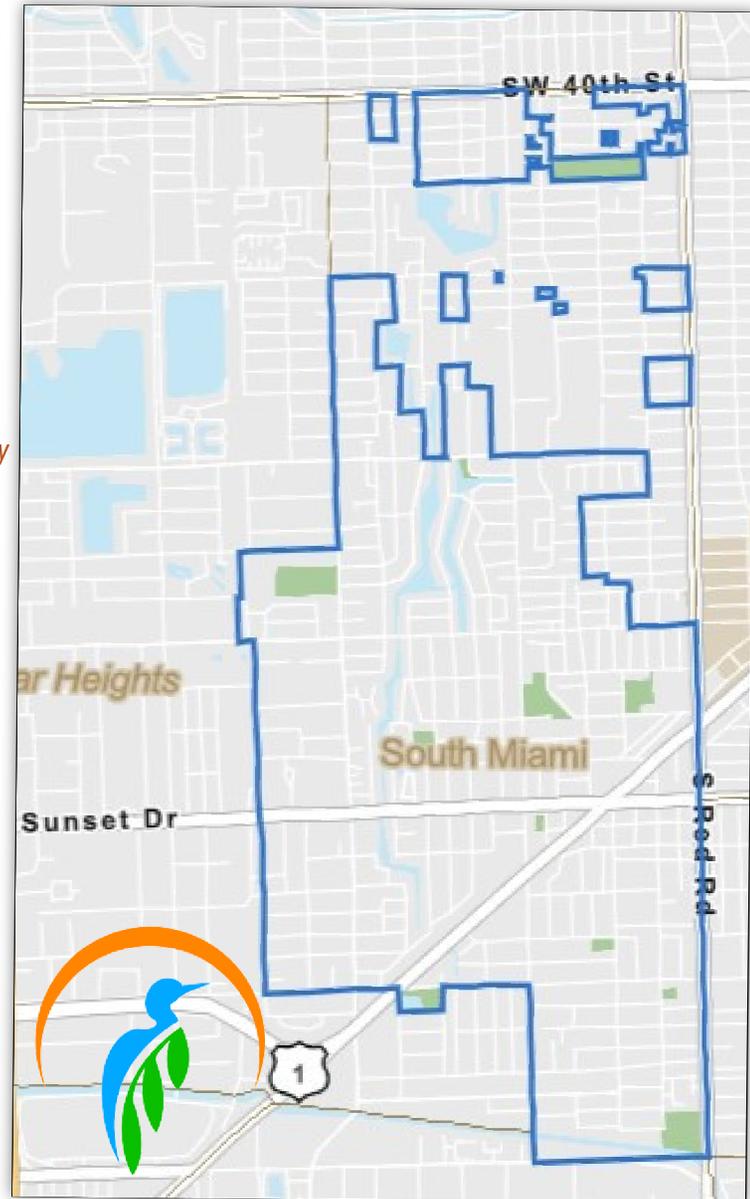
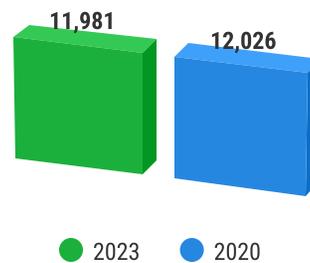
The City of South Miami encompasses about 2.3 square miles. It borders unincorporated Miami Dade County, Coral Gables, the University of Miami and Pinecrest. South Miami's population is just under 12,000 residents. We are a full service law enforcement agency with 51 sworn budgeted positions and 8 civilian staff.

[Source: Florida Estimates of Population, 2023, University of FL,

https://www.bebr.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/estimates_2023]



South Miami's Population



National Incident Based Reporting

NIBRS breaks down offenses into one of three categories:



Crimes Against Persons

assaults, homicides, human trafficking, kidnapping/abduction, sex offenses (consenting), sex offenses (non-consenting)

*one offense counted for each victim



Crimes Against Property

arson, bribery, burglary/breaking & entering, counterfeiting/forgery, destruction/damage/vandalism, embezzlement, extortion/blackmail, fraud, identity theft, larceny/theft, motor vehicle theft, robbery

*one offense counted for each distinct operation



Crimes against Society

animal cruelty, drug/narcotic offenses (except DUI), gambling offenses, pornography/obscene material, prostitution, weapon law violations

*one offense is counted for each crime

"Though some state and local Record Management Systems require the same level of reporting for all offenses, NIBRS requires differing levels of detail in reporting Group A (most serious crimes) and Group B (minor offenses) offenses. Law Enforcement must report both incidents and arrests for Group A offenses, and they must report only arrests for Group B offenses" (NIBRS Manual, 2019).

Florida Incident Based Reporting FIBRS Total Comparison

2022		2023		Percent Change
Offenses		Offenses		
Crimes Against Person Total	179	Crimes Against Person Total	229	28%
Crimes Against Property Total	525	Crimes Against Property Total	520	-1%
Crimes Against Society Total	71	Crimes Against Society Total	50	-30%
Total	775	Total	799	3%
Arrests		Arrests		
Crimes Against Person Total	61	Crimes Against Person Total	40	-34%
Crimes Against Property Total	52	Crimes Against Property Total	57	10%
Crimes Against Society Total	39	Crimes Against Society Total	35	-10%
Group B Total	147	Group B Total	103	-30%
Total	299	Total	235	-21%



FIBRS



CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Offense Type	Total Offenses	Crime Rate per 100,000 Persons	Clearances by Arrest	Clearances by Exception	Clearance Rate
All Crimes Against Persons	229	1,911.4	83	47	56.8
Assault Offenses	221	1,844.6	81	46	57.5
Aggravated Assault	66	550.9	43	2	68.2
Simple Assault	118	984.9	34	32	55.9
Intimidation	37	308.8	4	12	43.2
Stalking	0	0.0	0	0	--
Homicide Offenses	0	0.0	0	0	--
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0.0	0	0	--
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0.0	0	0	--
Human Trafficking Offenses	1	8.3	1	0	100.0
Commercial Sex Acts	1	8.3	1	0	100.0
Involuntary Servitude	0	0.0	0	0	--
Kidnapping/Abduction	4	33.4	1	0	25.0
Sex Offenses	3	25.0	0	1	33.3
Rape	3	25.0	0	1	33.3
Sodomy	0	0.0	0	0	--
Sexual Assault With An Object	0	0.0	0	0	--
Fondling	0	0.0	0	0	--
Incest	0	0.0	0	0	--
Statutory Rape	0	0.0	0	0	--



FIBRS



CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY					
Offense Type	Total Offenses	Crime Rate per 100,000 Persons	Clearances by Arrest	Clearances by Exception	Clearance Rate
All Crimes Against Property	520	4,340.2	61	31	17.7
Arson	3	25.0	1	0	33.3
Bribery	0	0.0	0	0	--
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	55	459.1	15	5	36.4
Counterfeiting/Forgery	9	75.1	0	0	0.0
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	90	751.2	10	6	17.8
Embezzlement	0	0.0	0	0	--
Extortion/Blackmail	3	25.0	0	0	0.0
Fraud Offenses	48	400.6	2	1	6.3
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	12	100.2	1	0	8.3
Credit Card/Automated Teller Machine Fraud	8	66.8	1	1	25.0
Impersonation	26	217.0	0	0	0.0
Welfare Fraud	0	0.0	0	0	--
Wire Fraud	2	16.7	0	0	0.0
Identity Theft	0	0.0	0	0	--
Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0.0	0	0	--
Larceny/Theft Offenses	263	2,195.1	21	14	13.3
Pocket-picking	2	16.7	0	0	0.0
Purse-snatching	5	41.7	2	1	60.0
Shoplifting	56	467.4	10	5	26.8
Theft From Building	0	0.0	0	0	--
Theft From Coin-Operated Machine or Device	0	0.0	0	0	--
Theft From Motor Vehicle	75	626.0	3	1	5.3
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	22	183.6	1	0	4.5
All Other Larceny	103	859.7	5	7	11.7
Motor Vehicle Theft	29	242.0	1	4	17.2
Robbery	18	150.2	9	1	55.6
Stolen Property Offenses	2	16.7	2	0	100.0

FIBRS



CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY					
Offense Type	Total Offenses	Crime Rate per 100,000 Persons	Clearances by Arrest	Clearances by Exception	Clearance Rate
All Crimes Against Society	50	417.3	42	0	84.0
Animal Cruelty	0	0.0	0	0	--
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	37	308.8	34	0	91.9
Drug/Narcotic Violations	23	192.0	21	0	91.3
Drug Equipment Violations	14	116.9	13	0	92.9
Gambling Offenses	0	0.0	0	0	--
Betting/Wagering	0	0.0	0	0	--
Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	0	0.0	0	0	--
Gambling Equipment Violations	0	0.0	0	0	--
Sports Tampering	0	0.0	0	0	--
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0.0	0	0	--
Prostitution Offenses	4	33.4	4	0	100.0
Prostitution	3	25.0	3	0	100.0
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	1	8.3	1	0	100.0
Purchasing Prostitution	0	0.0	0	0	--
Weapon Law Violations	9	75.1	4	0	44.4

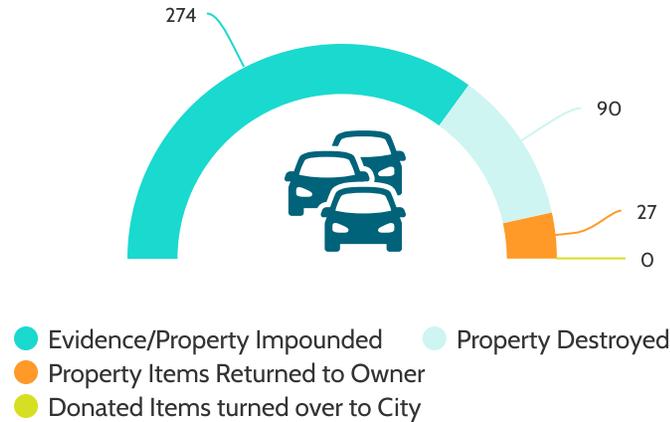
Administration Bureau

The Administration Bureau oversees communications, recruitment, training, professional compliance and support services for the department. This bureau is responsible for vehicle procurement, special initiatives, budget, records management, product research, and other ancillary services as assigned by the Chief of Police.

During this year, we hired seven new officers and four dispatchers alleviating the huge expenditure of overtime utilized to cover the vacancies to maintain public and officer safety.

-Captain John Barzola

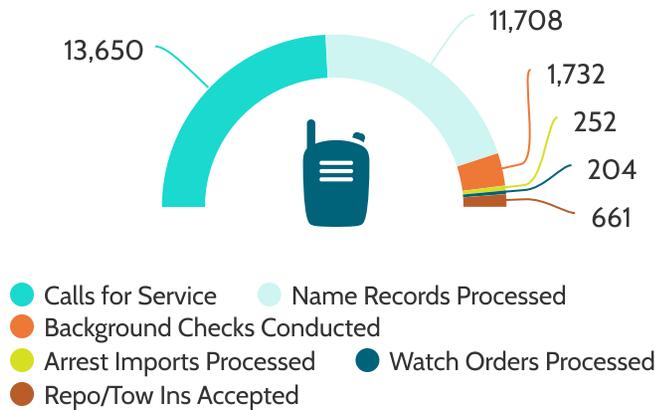
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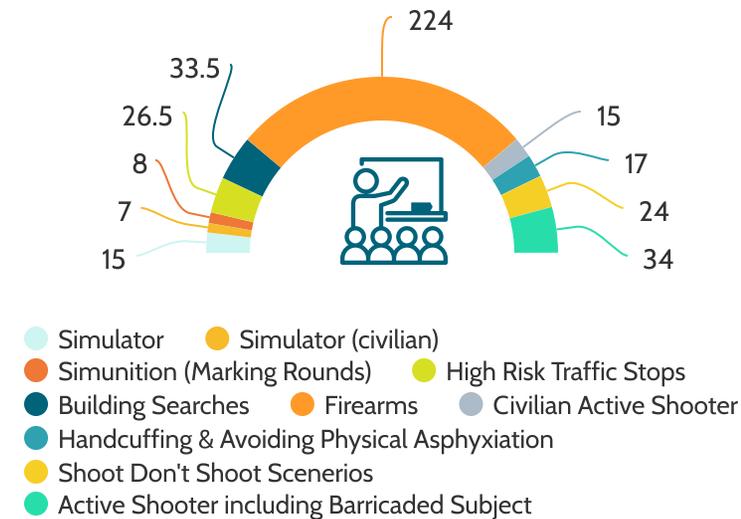
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Communications



Training



Operations Bureau

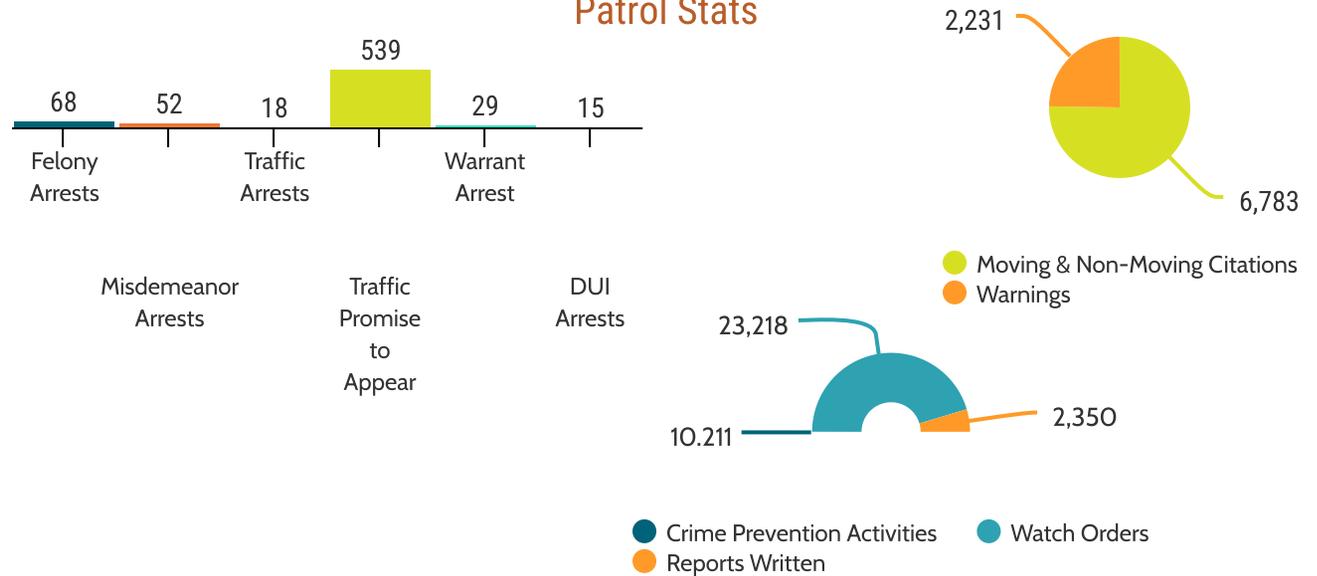
The Operations Bureau is the largest within the agency overseeing both the Uniform Patrol & Criminal Investigations Divisions. Patrol is responsible for handling calls for service; crimes, crashes, medical emergencies and various citizen complaints.

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, human trafficking, crimes against children and vice related crimes.

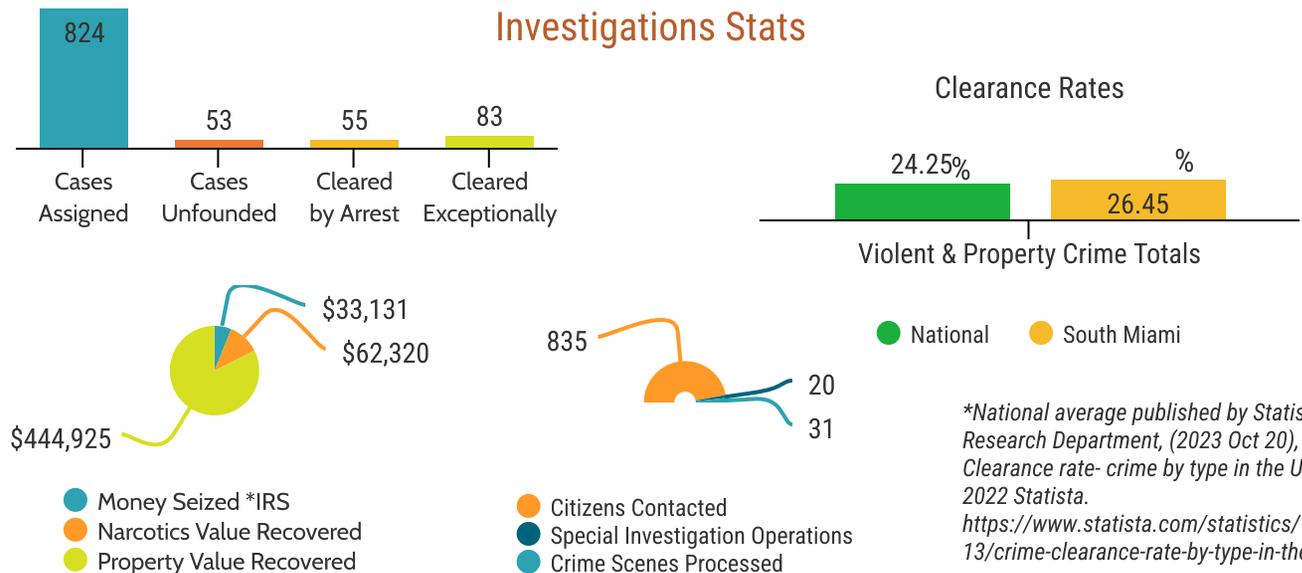
This year crimes had an overall clearance rate of 33% and Criminal Investigations had a clearance rate of 26.45%.

-Captain Larry Corbin

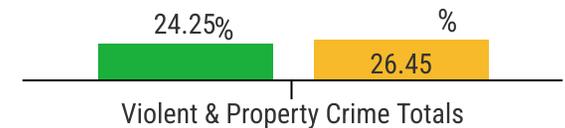
Patrol Stats



Investigations Stats



Clearance Rates



*National average published by Statista Research Department, (2023 Oct 20), Clearance rate- crime by type in the US 2022 Statista. <https://www.statista.com/statistics/194213/crime-clearance-rate-by-type-in-the-us/>

Community Affair

The South Miami Community Affairs Unit has initiated regularly scheduled Homeless Solution Outreach meetings at the South Miami Library. A partnership has been cultivated and established between Coral Gables PD and Pinecrest PD. Often being a hub to homeless population, South Miami Library staff are also in attendance. These meetings have grown to include outreach programs and will expand to additional departments with similar units and challenges.



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Total relocations out of state/county



38

Total local placements



35

Total Outreach



5

Chronically homeless service resistant



Police Athletic League

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 six assistant coaches and volunteers. This year 35 kids, ages twelve and under, participated in 13 track meets. They competed in the Atlantic Coast Youth Track & Field Championship and took 7th place out of 30 teams. Two of the teams exceptional athletes traveled to Tampa, FL for the USATF Junior Olympic Regionals where one of the kids qualified for nationals by placing first in two events and placing second in a third. They also traveled to Eugene, Oregon to compete in the Junior Olympic Nationals where one of the athletes took 1st place in the long jump, 6th place in the 100 meter run and 7th place in the 200 meter run. That athlete received medals in all competitions.

-Officer Marcus Kinlaw



Chief René G. Landa, along with Mayor Javier Fernández, City Manager Chip Iglesias and members of the police command staff, traveled to St. Augustine, FL in February. There they accepted the Certificate of Reaccreditation by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation for the third time. This was awarded for voluntarily complying with required professional police standards. Out of 455 police agencies in the state, only 168 have earned this prestigious award. This process involves state assessors coming into our facility over several days in order to review our polices, interview of our employees and make sure that we are in compliance with standards the commission has set.

Our agency complied with 206 standards, 29 were not applicable and 4 were elected exempt.
-Lieutenant Jesus Aguiar

CFA

Commission for Law Enforcement Accreditation



Awards



Lieutenant Robert Bukens & Lieutenant Jesus Aguiar both received the "Chief's Award for Administrative Excellence" Presented March 2023



CID received a Unit Citation award for their investigative team work collectively during the first quarter of the year April 2023



Captain Larry Corbin "Officer of the Month" April 2023



Detective Jose Alvarez "Officer of the Year 2022" Presented April 2023



Communications Coordinator Dawn Kinsey was recognized as the "Employee of the Second Quarter" by the City Presented July 2023



Communications Manager Lisa Corbin received the "Dispatcher/Communications Center Employee of the Year" award by the Florida Police Chiefs Association Presented August 2023



Officers received commendations for their efforts in assisting MDPD with a person attempting to jump from a parking garage. L to R front row; City Manager Iglesias, Ofc. A. Alvarez, Ofc. Pierre, Ofc. Rodriguez, Ofc. Lilavois, Ofc. D. Gonzalez. L to R back row: Chief Hatfield, Commissioner Corey, Mayor Fernandez, Vice Mayor Bonich. December 2023

Welcoming a new Police Chief Chief Reo B. Hatfield III

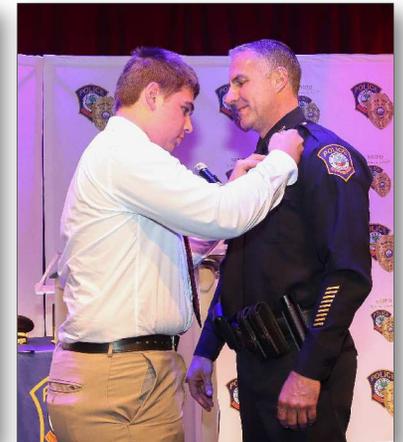
Deputy Chief Hatfield brings a strong record of military and law enforcement background. He has worked in a diverse set of strong roles, such as operational and tactical, administrative and executive management, and community policing.

He is well-rounded educationally pursuing the highest levels of law enforcement training opportunities.

He has military service and commanding officer experience with multiple deployments overseas and still serves in a military commanding officer role.

I feel strongly that Deputy Chief Hatfield possesses the right skills, educational background, experiences, and leadership qualities to represent our city and department well.

-Genaro "Chip" Iglesias
City Manager



New Hires



Camilla Torres
Communications Officer



Kesnel Arbizu
Communications Officer



Melanie Cruz
Communications Officer



Barbara Lorenzo
Communications Officer



Ruben Burgos
Police Officer



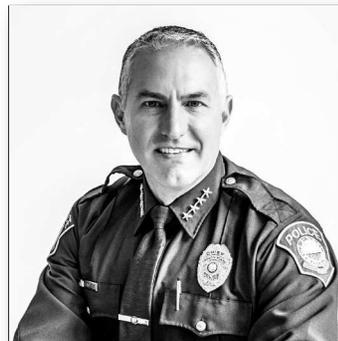
Maday Castellano
Police Officer



Joel Reyes
Patrol Officer



Michael Pelaez
Police Officer



Reo Hatfield III
Chief of Police



Marcus Prather
Police Officer



Jose C. Lopez
Reserve Officer



Community Involvement



Fallen Heroes

In memory of Fallen Officer Joseph Kephart..

Sergeant Kephart died in the line of duty 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.

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

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.



Sgt. Joseph O. Kephart
EOW: January 18, 1970

Ofc. L. Daniel Schulz
EOW: November 27, 1987

GONE BUT NOT
forgotten

