



South Miami Police Department 2025 Annual Report

Chief Reo B. Hatfield III



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Mission Statement:

To deliver professional police services in partnership with the people we serve, in order to provide a safe and secure environment for all.

Vision Statement:

To be a trusted, innovative, and community-focused police department dedicated to ensuring safety, upholding justice, and building lasting partnerships that enhance the quality of life for all.

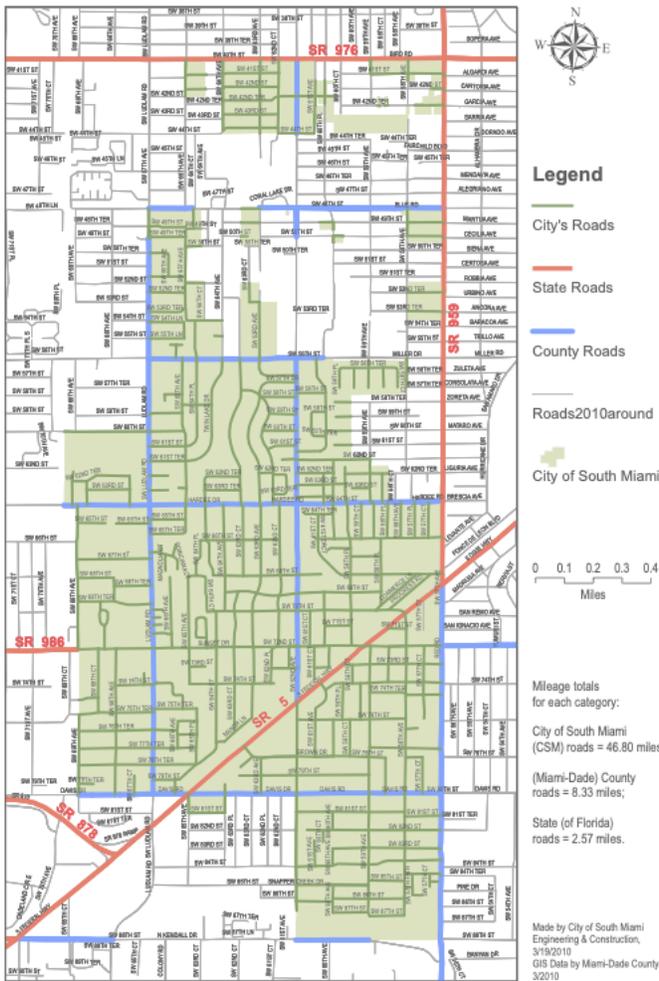
Core Values:

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Inclusion

City Overview

The City of South Miami encompasses about 2.3 square miles. We border unincorporated Miami Dade County, Coral Gables, the University of Miami and Pinecrest. South Miami's population is 12,386 residents. We are a full service law enforcement agency with 51 sworn positions and 8 professional staff. [Source of population figure is Florida Estimates of Population, 2025, University of Florida, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Bureau of Business and Economic Research.]

City of South Miami - R O A D S



Elected Officials



Javier E. Fernandez, Esq.
Mayor



Brian Corey
Vice Mayor



Steve Calle
Commissioner



Danny Rodriguez
Commissioner



Lisa Bonich
Commissioner

Chartered Officials



Nkenga Payne
City Clerk



Genaro "Chip" Iglesias
City Manager

Lillian Arango, Esq.
City Attorney



Anthony Recio, Esq.
City Attorney



Chief's Message

Chief William J. Weaver
1927-1929

Dear South Miami Residents and Members of the South Miami Police Department,

Chief Poe
1929-1937

This past year has been one of purpose, progress, and continued partnership. As Police Chief, I am proud to share this annual report as both a reflection of what we have accomplished together and a clear statement of where we are headed.

Chief George Weigand
1937-1944

Public safety is built on trust, and trust is earned through consistency, professionalism, and accountability. Thanks to the dedication of our officers and professional staff—and the cooperation and engagement of our residents—South Miami remains a community where safety and quality of life are shared priorities. Our work over the past year focused not only on reducing crime, but on strengthening relationships, improving service delivery, and responding to the evolving needs of our growing city.

Chief Chuck McKinney
1944-1951

Chief Earnest Tatum
1951-1967

Chief Sal Vizinni
1967-1980

Internally, we continued to invest in our people. Training, leadership development, and officer wellness remained central to our mission. We strengthened our recruitment efforts, welcomed new members into our ranks, and emphasized standards that reflect the values of integrity, fairness, and respect. The men and women of this department serve with professionalism and compassion, and I am grateful for their commitment to one another and to the community they protect.

Chief Hank Selsky
1980-1986

Chief Perry S. Turner
1986-1994

Externally, we expanded our efforts to connect with residents in meaningful ways. Through community-oriented policing initiatives, technology enhancements, and transparent communication, we worked to ensure that our department remains accessible, responsive, and accountable. Programs designed to support vulnerable populations, improve emergency response, and encourage two-way communication continue to shape how we serve South Miami.

Chief Rafael Hernandez
1995-1997

Chief Cokes Watson
1997 - 2003

At the heart of everything we do is a simple principle: policing is a partnership. We do not succeed in isolation. Our progress is the result of collaboration between officers, city leadership, residents, businesses, and community organizations who care deeply about this city. When we listen to one another and work together, South Miami is stronger and safer.

Chief Orlando Martinez
2004-2006

Chief Vincent Landis
2006-2008

This annual report represents more than statistics or summaries—it reflects the dedication, professionalism, and shared responsibility that define our department and our community. While we are proud of the progress made, we remain focused on continuous improvement and the responsibility entrusted to us.

Chief Robert Richardson
2008-2009

Chief Orlando Martinez
2010-2012

To the members of the South Miami Police Department: thank you for your service, resilience, and unwavering commitment to excellence. To our residents: thank you for your trust, engagement, and partnership. Together, we will continue to move South Miami forward.

Chief René G. Landa
2013-2023

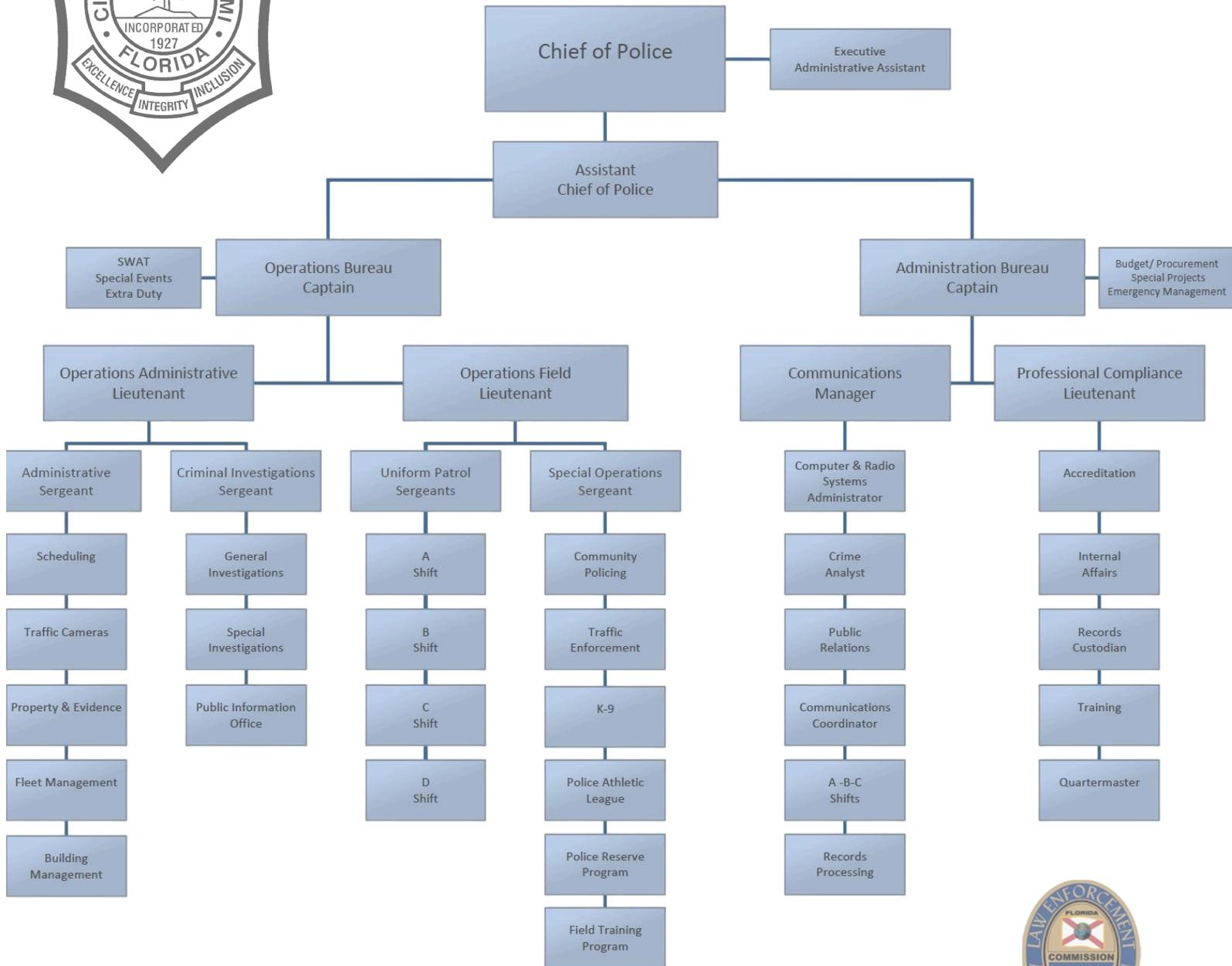
Chief Reo B. Hatfield, III
2023-Present

With respect and commitment,



Reo B. Hatfield III

Organizational Chart



Command Staff



Reo B. Hatfield III
Chief



Larry P. Corbin
Assistant Chief



John F. Barzola
Captain



Junior S. Vijil
Captain



Jesus R. Aguiar
Lieutenant



Robert C. Bukens
Lieutenant



Kyle L. Nave
Lieutenant



Lisa L. Corbin
Communications Manager



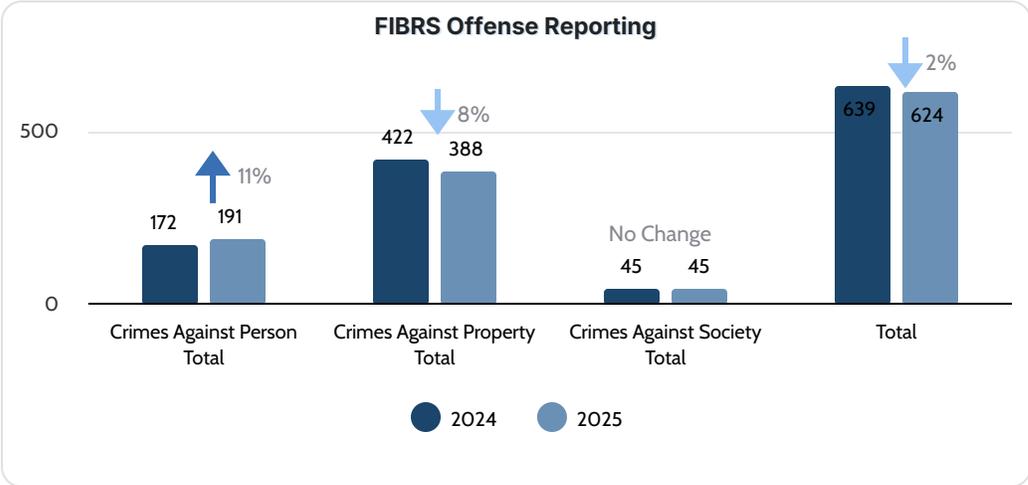
FIBRS Crime Report

Total Population
12,386*

Jurisdiction
2.3 sq miles

Overall Clearance Rate
44.6%

Employees
59



Clearance Rate - All Crimes Against Persons

66.5%

National Violent Clearance Rate 2024

43.8%

Clearance Rate - All Crimes Against Property

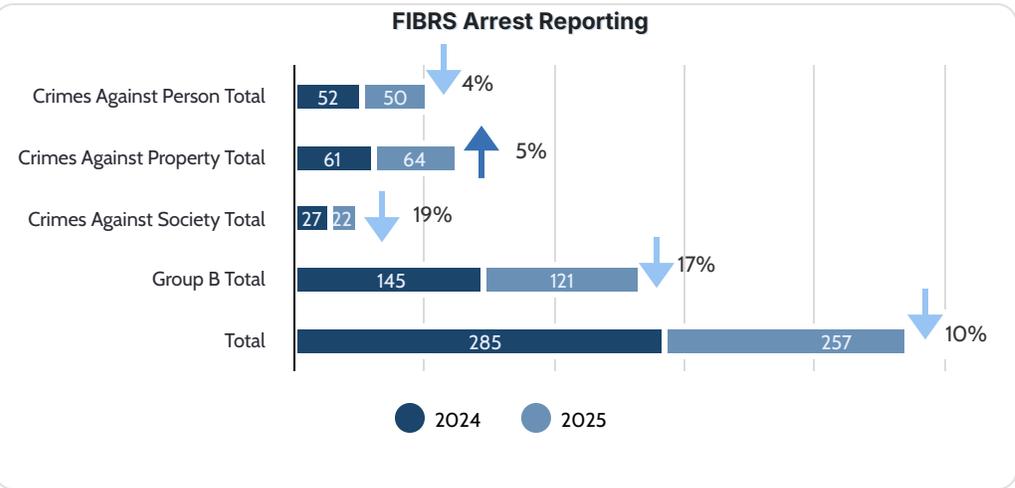
28.6%

National Property Clearance Rate 2024

15.9%

Clearance Rate - All Crimes Against Society

88.9%



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*

**Note: Source of population figure is Florida Estimates of Population, 2024, University of Florida, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Bureau of Business and Economic Research.*

"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).

Administration Bureau

GRANTS APPLIED FOR	AMOUNT	AWARDED
IPTM PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE SAFETY GRANT	\$5,000	Y
FDOT SPEEDING/AGGRESSIVE DRIVING	\$30,000	Y
DOJ COPS GRANT	\$375,000	Y
SIMULATED TRAINING AMMUNITION	\$1,933	Y
JAG D TRAINING PISTOLS	\$4,923	Y
FDOT WORK ZONE	\$48,000	N
FDOT MOTORCYCLE SAFETY	\$36,300	N

PURCHASES
UTILITY TRAILER
SURVEILLANCE TRAILER
METAL BARRICADES
UPDATED DYNAMIC ENTRY TOOLS
CANINE TRAINING EQUIPMENT
TWO PATROL PICK UP TRUCKS
GRAPPLER PURSUIT TERMINATING DEVICE
PATROL AND TACTICAL RIFLES
REAR BUILDING SIGN REPLACEMENT

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
RENEWED STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT
RENEWED LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGIES AGREEMENT

IMPROVED TECHNOLOGY
SMART COP CAD/RMS/MCT SOFTWARE
BENCHMARK ANALYTICS SOFTWARE
GETAC COMPUTERS

NEW INITIATIVES
AXON REALTIME SUPPORT WITH SUPERVISORS
AXON SIGNAL SIDEARM

Administration Bureau

Support Services



Evidence/Property Impounded	371
Property Destroyed	71
Property Items Returned to Owner	31
Donated Items turned over to the City	18

Professional Compliance



Employment Background Investigations	27
Use of Force Reviews	6
Contact Reports	5
Personnel Complaints	4
Internal Affairs Complaints	2

Training Hours



Firearms/Firearms Safety Courses	1,052
Bicycle Courses	144
Investigative Courses	508
Speed Enforcement Courses	520
Supervision Courses	408
Instructor Courses	434

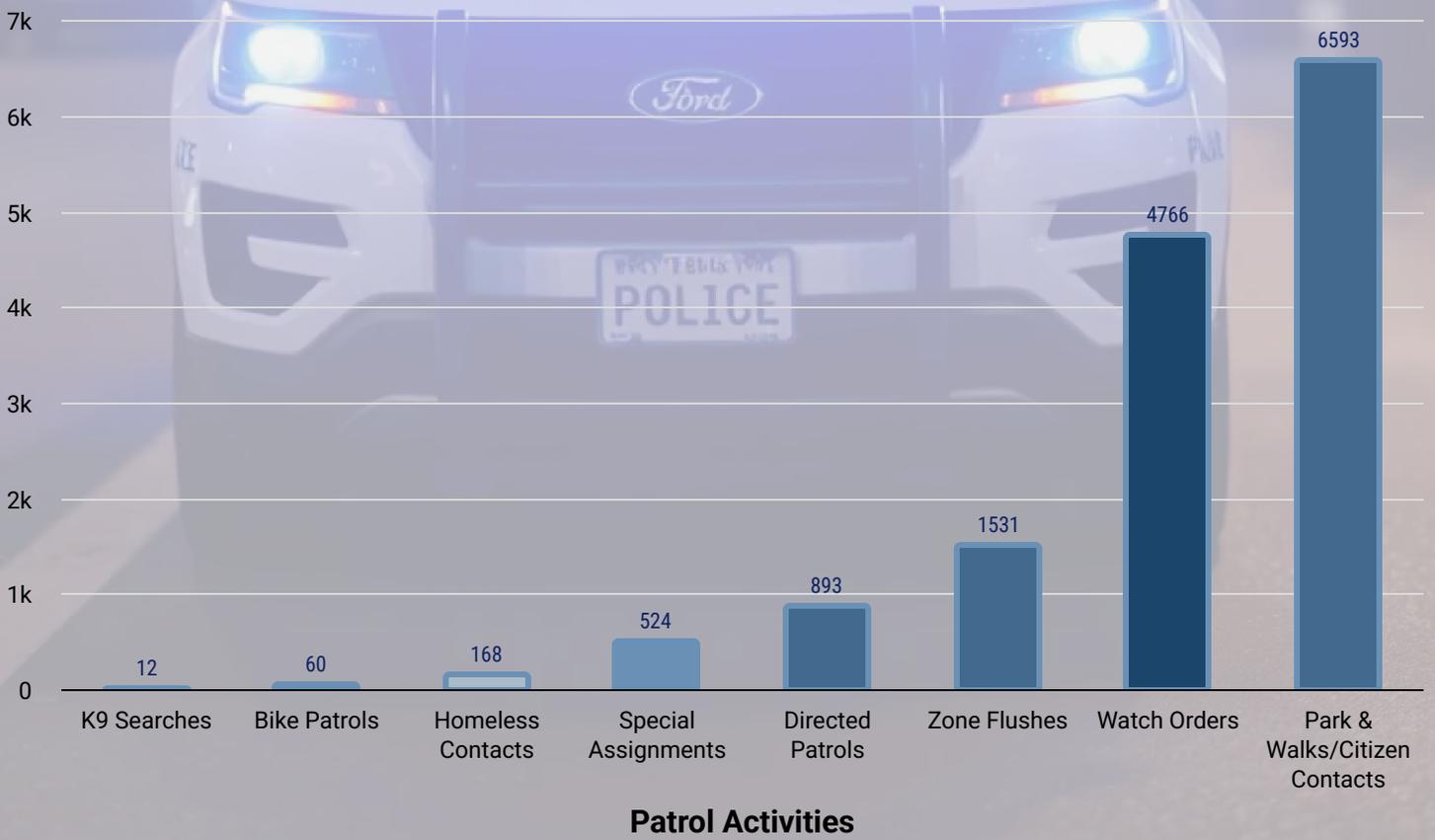
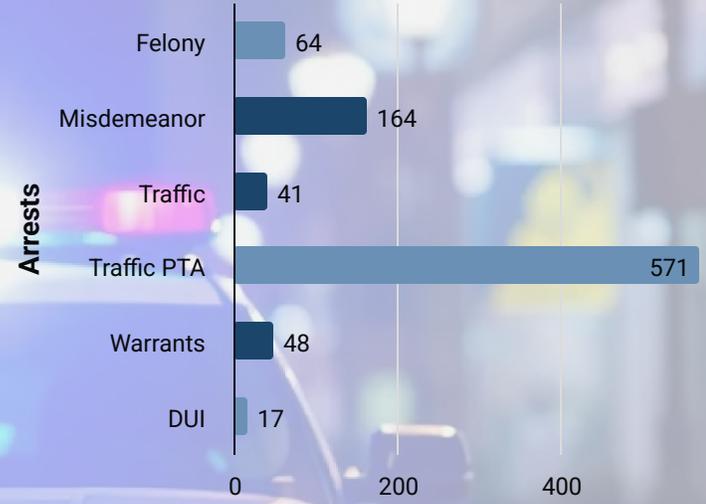
Communications



Calls for Service	12,380
Background Checks Conducted	9,342
Name Records Processed	9,619
Arrest Reports Imported	278
Watch Orders Entered	163
Telephone Calls Answered	28,787
Dispatch CAD Entries	7,927

Operations Bureau

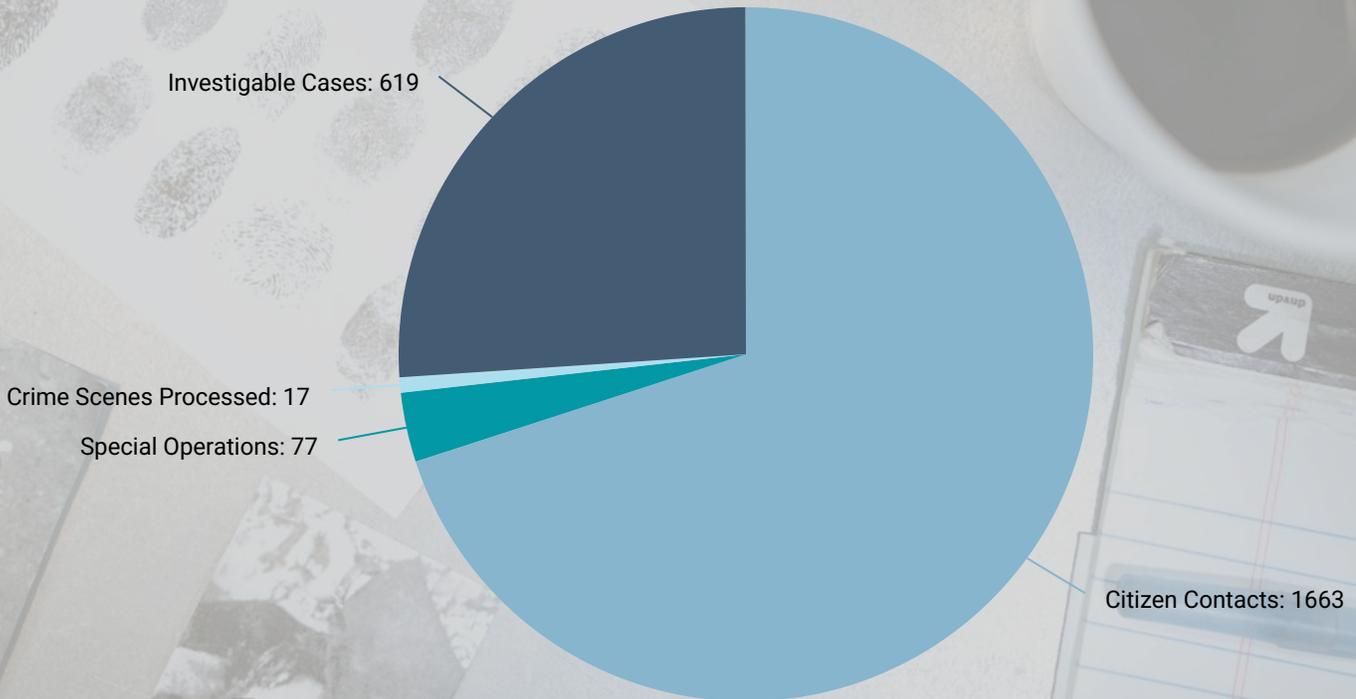
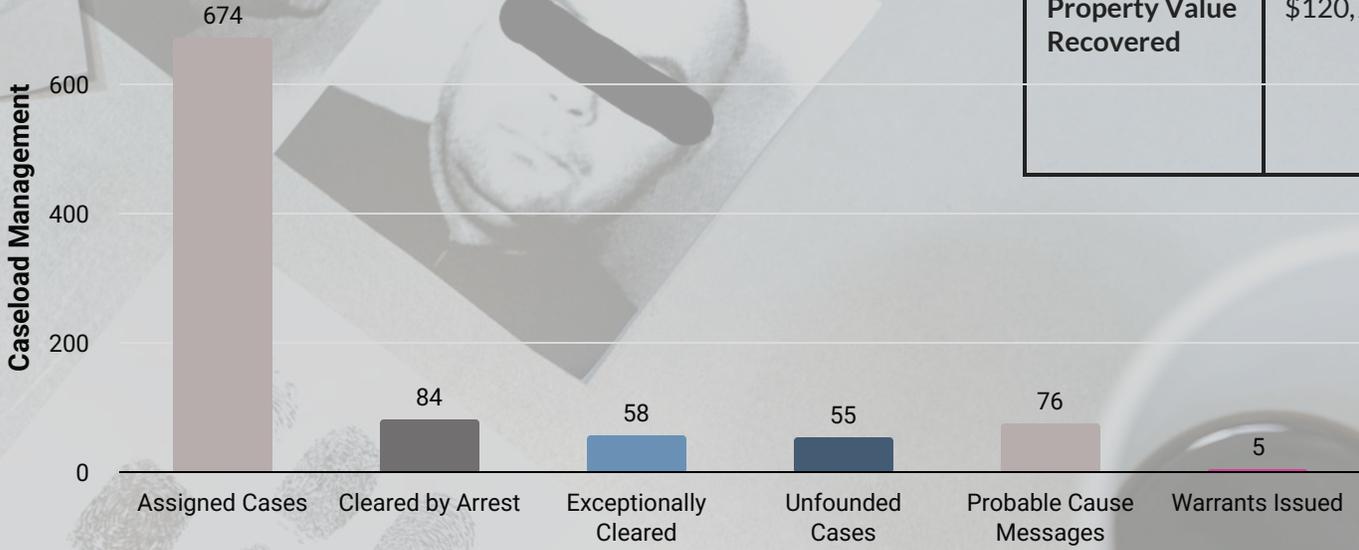
Patrol Division



Operations Bureau

Criminal Investigations Division

Property Value Recovered	\$120,790



Operations Bureau

Special Investigations Division

Throughout 2025, the Task Force Officer (TFO) while assigned to Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), produced significant results across immigration enforcement, narcotics trafficking interdiction, maritime operations, firearms trafficking investigations, and financial seizure cases.

Immigration and Human Smuggling

Enforcement efforts resulted in seven (7) arrests for illegal entry/reentry violations and the detention of sixteen (16) migrants connected to organized human smuggling operations. One (1) fugitive related to an illegal entry case remains outstanding.

Narcotics Enforcement and Maritime Interdiction

Narcotics enforcement operations led to the seizure of approximately 2,886.44 kilograms of cocaine, nearly 2.9 metric tons, removed from circulation, with one additional seizure pending confirmed weight. The largest interdiction involved 2,220 kilograms of cocaine seized. Additional significant maritime seizures included 290 kilograms, 284.2 kilograms, and 72.36 kilograms from separate vessel stops. Additional controlled substances seized during the reporting period are included in the below chart;



Seized Street Value
\$72,492,000

Heroin laced with Fentanyl: 16g

Adderall: 2.5g

Marijuana: 35lbs

Ketamine: 29.5g

Fentanyl: 5.2kg

Firearms and Financial Seizures

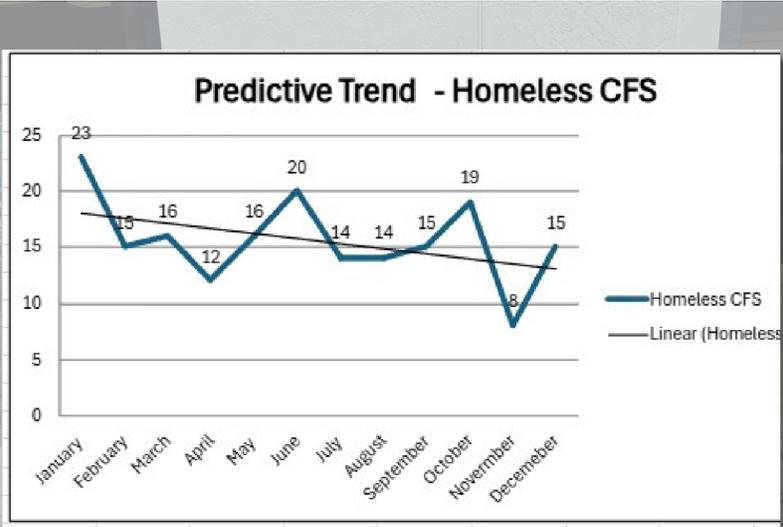
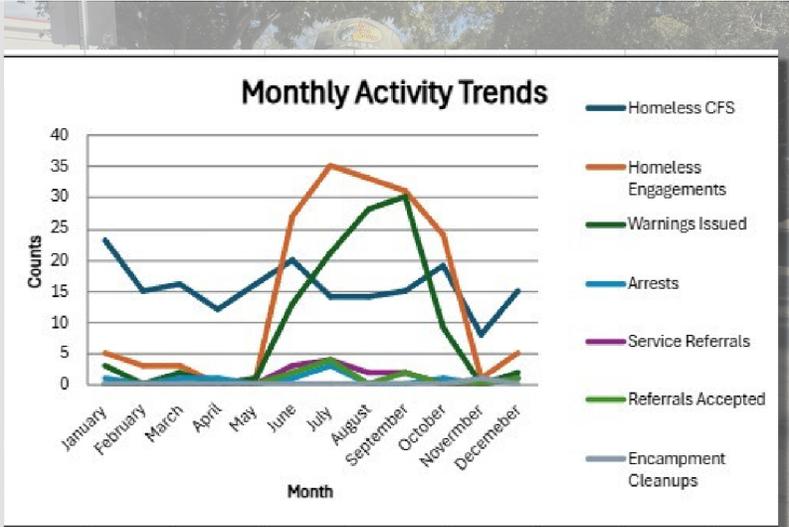
Firearms enforcement actions resulted in the seizure of five (5) firearms including two (2) semi-automatic handguns, two (2) assault rifles, and one (1) firearm suppressor, along with assorted ammunition. Financial seizures totaled \$52,360 in US and foreign currency. Forfeiture proceedings were completed in one case, with additional forfeiture actions currently pending.

Arrests and Ongoing Investigations

Across all investigations during 2025, a total of twenty-nine (29) identified subjects were arrested for violations including immigration offenses, narcotics trafficking, firearms offenses, child sexual abuse material charges, and related criminal conduct.

Multiple investigations remain active and continue. Several cases involve multi-kilogram narcotic seizures, organized smuggling networks, firearms trafficking, and financial proceeds. These investigations have the potential for further prosecutorial enhancements and asset forfeiture actions upon continued development and review.

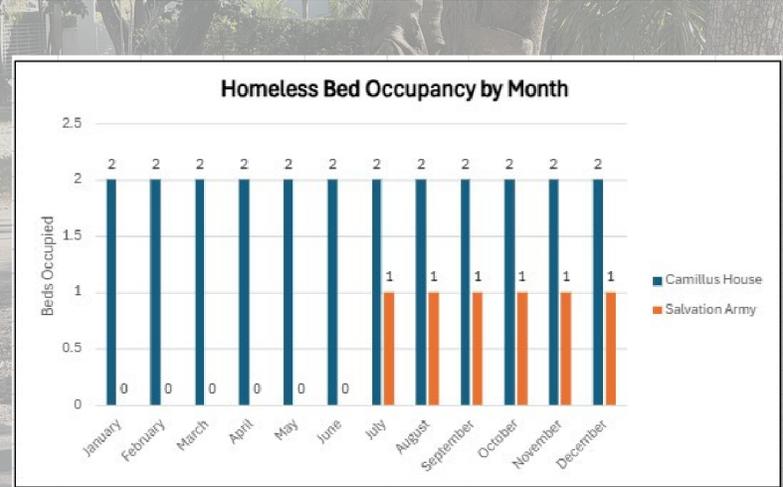
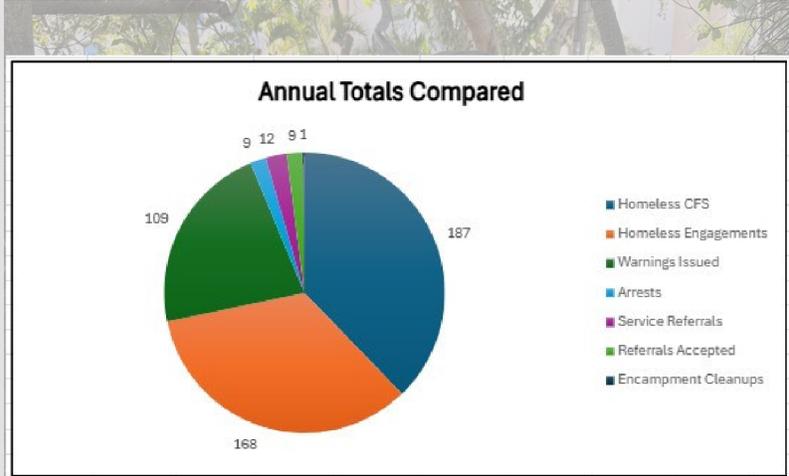
Community Affairs



Homeless Outreach

Q: What does CFS stand for?

A: Calls for Service



Promotional Ceremonies



Sergeant Cassandra Lilavois



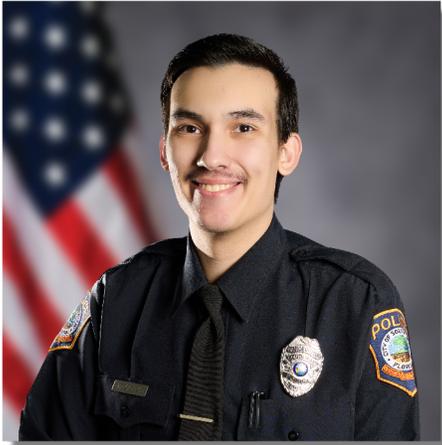
Sergeant Chelsy Landa



Sergeant Luis Zuniga



New Hires



Officer Frank Ferrante
April 2025



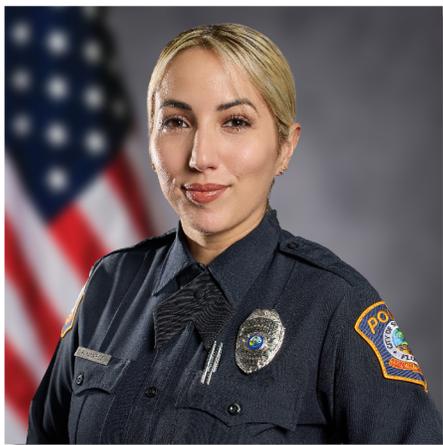
Officer Aramis Carmona
April 2025



Officer Alejandro Perez-Leon
August 2025



Communications Officer
Ricardo Rios-Garcia
September 2025



Officer Rocio Alvarez
October 2025



Cadet Kayla Monjarretz
October 2025



Cadet Roshaud Everett
October 2025

Swearing-In Ceremonies

L to R: Officers Camilla Torres, Nicole Ulowicz, Ashley Soler, Frank Ferrante, Frederick Sosa, and Aramis Carmona



Officer Barbara Lorenzo

Corporal Melvris Lopez & Detective Jenny Sanchez sworn in for the 60th Inauguration of the President of the United States in Washington, DC.



Officer Alejandro Perez-Leon

Officer Rocio Alvarez

Training

Leadership Courses

Lt. Robert Bukens

FBINA #295

**FBI Academy
Quantico, VA**

Lt. Bukens successfully completed a 10 week professional development course for law enforcement managers, focusing on leadership and advanced studies at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA.



Lt. Kile Nave

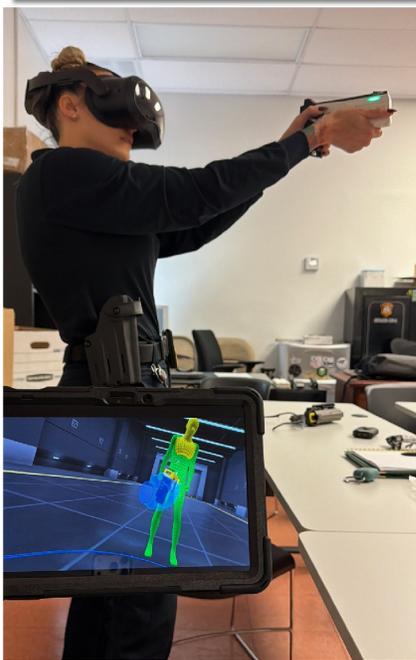
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

The Southern Police Institute

Lt. Nave successfully completed a 10 week professional development course for law enforcement managers, providing the foundation for practical law enforcement administration.



Training



Awards



Life Saving Award
Officer Armando Posse
 April 2025

Unit Citation Award
Criminal Investigations Division
 May 2025



Officer of the Month Award
Detective Jacqueline Del Sol
 May 2025



Dawnn Kinsey
Communications Coordinator
Dispatcher of the Year Award
FPCA-Medium Agency
 June 2025



Officer of the Month
Officer Marcus Prather
 July 2025



Officer of the Month
Detective Maday Castellano
 October 2025



Unit Citation
1st, 2nd & 3rd Quarter 2025
Delta Shift



Employee of the 3rd Quarter 2025
Officer John Collins

Retirements



Sergeant Richmond Janes
30 years of Service
July 2025



Corporal Augstin Castro
26 years of Service
July 2025



Officer Alfredo Alvarez
14 years of Service
October 2025



Community Events



Black Cultural Affairs Reunion
Santa's Parade
Career Day
 MLK Parade
Safe Streets
Senior Center
 Pop Ups
Zoo Boo Miami
5000 Role Models
South Miami Faith & Blue Weekend
Juneteenth SoMi Second Saturdays
Patriot Day Ceremony SMSH
Cafecito & Pastelitos with a Cop



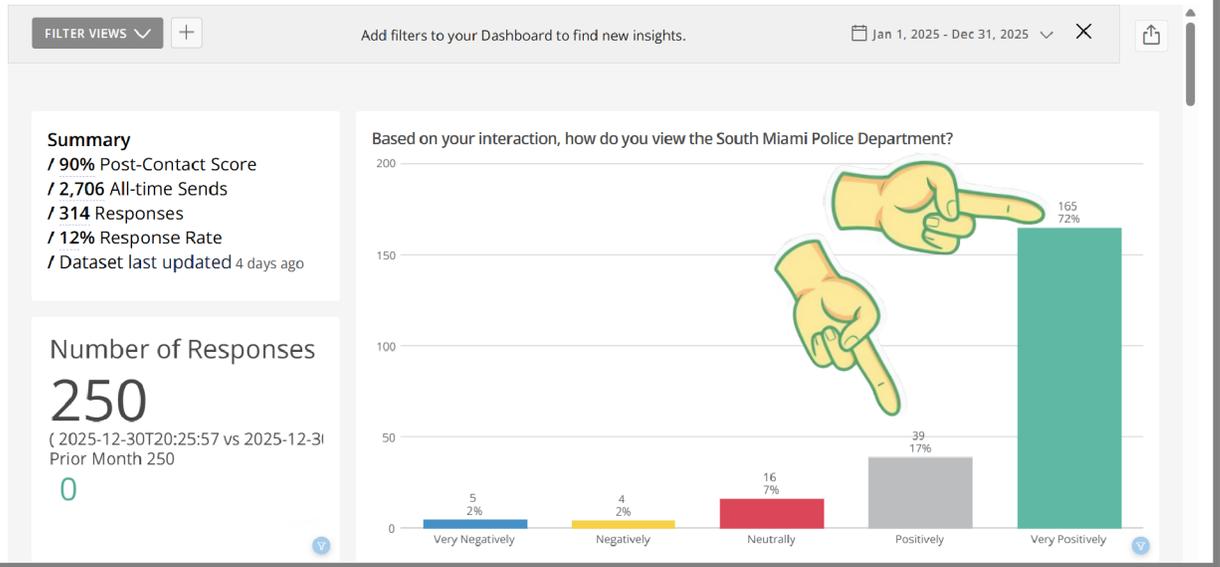
My90 Satisfaction Report

Q: What is My90?

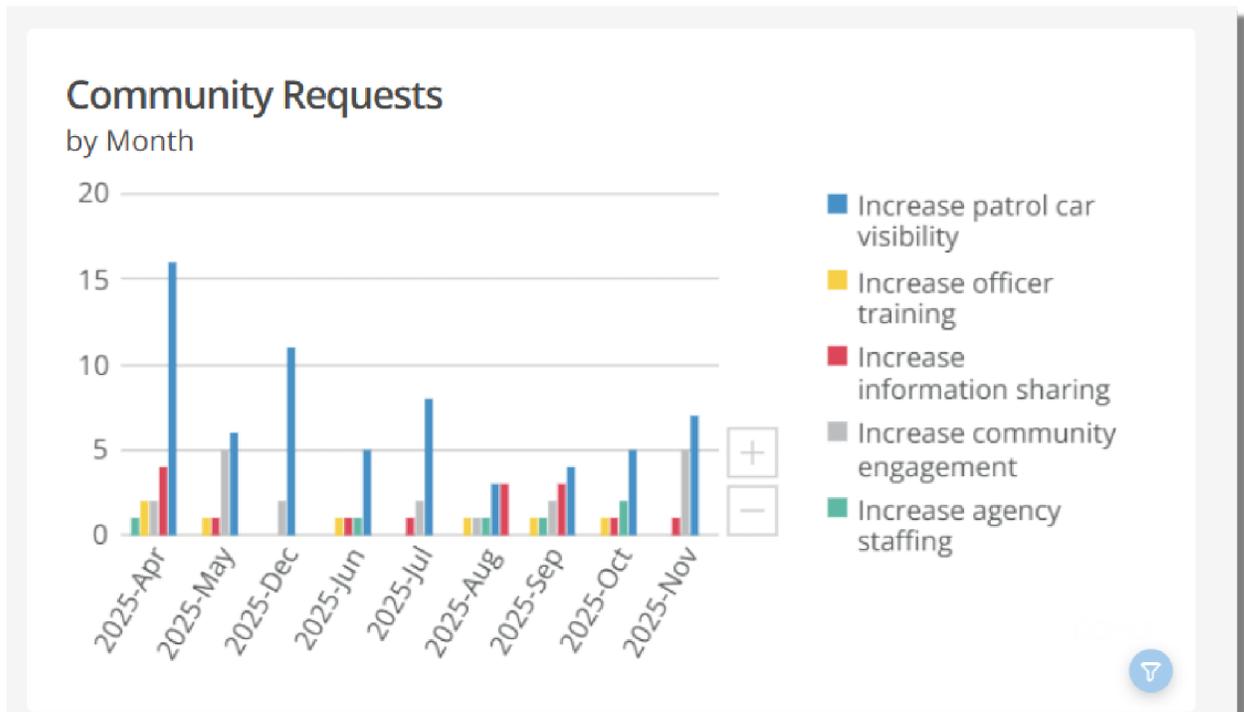
A: Axon's My90 post-interaction survey is a confidential community engagement tool designed to gather feedback from callers and community members after interactions with police. It helps law enforcement agencies build trust, improve training, and assess employee wellness through quick, automated, and confidential surveys.

Post-Contact Dashboard

POWERED BY my90



89% of the people surveyed, viewed SMPD "Very Positively" or "Positively" based on their interaction with us!



Miami Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police



Police Benevolent Association



Police Benevolent Association





Officer Joseph Kephart

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.

GONE BUT NOT
forgotten



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 L. Daniel Schulz

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

GONE BUT NOT
forgotten

