

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



MIAMI-DADE SHERIFF'S OFFICE





**Your Miami-Dade
Sheriff's Office**

SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

It is my honor to serve as your Sheriff and to lead the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO) through its historic first year as a constitutional agency. This has been a year of transformation and purpose, marked by our shared commitment to accountability, transparency, and public safety for all who call Miami-Dade County home.

When Miami-Dade voters approved the creation of an elected sheriff's office in 2018, they reaffirmed a fundamental principle of democracy — that law enforcement leadership should answer directly to the people. Since taking office on January 7, 2025, my priority has been to honor that trust through decisive action, open communication, and community partnership. I am deeply aware of the responsibility that comes with this role and the opportunity it represents for progress.

MDSO has undertaken a significant rebranding effort as we transition from the former Miami-Dade Police Department into an independent constitutional office. This change is more than symbolic — it underscores our duty to serve with integrity, safeguard public trust, and ensure that every member of our organization upholds the highest standards of professionalism.



Our focus this year has centered on protecting residents from crimes that undermine community confidence and financial stability, including public corruption and homeowners association (HOA) fraud. Working closely with our Economic Crimes Bureau and investigative partners, we are holding offenders accountable and returning a sense of security to victims who have long been unheard.

Equally important, I have made it a point to stay connected with the community. Through frequent town halls, neighborhood meetings, and direct engagement with residents, I have listened carefully to their concerns and incorporated their feedback into our public safety strategies. That responsiveness is at the heart of who we are as an agency.

The MDSO exists to protect, serve, and stand accountable to the people of this great county. Together, we are building an agency that reflects the values of the community it represents — one rooted in trust, fairness, and a shared commitment to a safer Miami-Dade.

I invite you to explore the pages that follow to learn more about the MDSO — the structure, people, and initiatives that define the agency dedicated to serving and protecting you.

Respectfully

Sheriff Rosie



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The Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office provides equal access and equal opportunity in employment and services and does not discriminate on the basis of disability. It is the policy of the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office to comply with all of the requirements of The Americans with Disabilities Act.

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History of MDSO

Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office: From Horseback Deputies to a Modern Constitutional Agency

In 1836, the U.S. Congress established Dade County as part of the U.S. Territorial Act. The county then covered what are now Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Martin counties — an enormous, sparsely populated frontier. Law enforcement began modestly, with just a few deputies on horseback maintaining order across hundreds of miles of wilderness.

As settlers arrived and communities took root, the need for organized policing grew. For most of the 19th century, Dade's sheriffs were appointed by the governor, reflecting Florida's territorial structure of government.

In 1899, the county seat moved from Juno to Miami, which had about 5,000 residents. That same year, the sheriff's position became an elected office. As the 20th century began, Dade

County transformed from a small coastal settlement into a growing metropolitan area, and the sheriff's office evolved alongside it.

By 1950, Dade County's population had climbed to nearly half a million. The postwar boom demanded a more coordinated approach to public safety. In 1957, voters approved a metropolitan government that merged services under one structure. The Dade County Sheriff's Office became the Dade County Public Safety Department (DCPSD), overseeing police, fire and jail operations.

During the 1960s, DCPSD expanded rapidly to meet the demands of a growing population. By mid-decade, it employed about 850 sworn officers and took on new duties, including policing the Port of Miami and Miami International Airport.



Following a corruption scandal in 1966, the elected sheriff's position was abolished, and leadership shifted to an appointed director — a structure that lasted nearly six decades.

In the 1970s, the department narrowed its focus to law enforcement. By 1973, fire, jail and animal control duties were transferred elsewhere, allowing DCPSD to specialize in policing.

In 1981, the department was renamed the Metro-Dade Police Department, marking a period of modernization. It expanded training, education and technology and introduced early community policing programs.

When voters approved a county name change in 1997, the agency became the Miami-Dade Police Department. Over the following decades, the Department grew into one of the largest law enforcement agencies in the Southeast, with thousands of sworn and civilian members serving residents countywide.

In 2018, Florida voters passed Amendment 10, restoring the election of constitutional officers in every county — including a sheriff. For Miami-Dade County, it meant the return of an elected sheriff after more than 50 years.

On November 5, 2024, Miami-Dade County residents made history by electing Rosanna Cordero-Stutz as the county's first female and first Hispanic sheriff. When she took office on January 7, 2025, the Miami-Dade Police Department officially became the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO), reinstating its independent constitutional status.

Headquartered in Doral, MDSO today stands as a modern, full-service law enforcement agency with district stations across the county and numerous specialized bureaus. Accredited at both the state and national levels, the office continues a proud tradition of professionalism, accountability and service to more than 2.8 million residents.



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office protects and serves Miami-Dade County with honor, integrity, and professionalism, partnering with the community to ensure law and order, safety, and trust through fair and transparent efforts.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to set the highest standard as a Sheriff's Office, which the community proudly supports with mutually entrusted goals.

CORE VALUES

INTEGRITY

Upholding the highest ethical standards with honesty in all actions to foster trust and credibility with the community.

RESPECT

Treating all persons in a dignified and courteous manner both in our professional and personal endeavors.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Taking responsibility for actions and decisions, maintaining transparency, and serving the needs of the community.

SERVICE

Protecting our community by providing law and order with professionalism and compassion.

MIAMI-DADE SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMAND STAFF



SHERIFF
ROSANNA CORDERO-STUTZ



UNDERSHERIFF
CHRISTOPHER CAROTHERS



ASSISTANT SHERIFF
BRIAN RAFKY
PATROL SERVICES



ASSISTANT SHERIFF
SHAWN C. BROWNE
SUPPORT SERVICES



ASSISTANT SHERIFF
ERIC GARCIA
INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
GUSTAVO KNOEPFFLER
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION



DIRECTOR
STEPHANIE STOILOFF
FORENSIC & TECHNOLOGY DIVISION



CHIEF
TIFFANY S. WESLEY
NORTH OPERATIONS DIVISION



CHIEF
RAUL NUNEZ
SOUTH OPERATIONS DIVISION



CHIEF
JUAN VILLALBA JR.
STRATEGIC RESPONSE DIVISION



CHIEF
JAVIER RUIZ
CENTRALIZED
SERVICES DIVISION



CHIEF
FERNAND CHARLES JR.
CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



CHIEF
ANDREW GLASS
SPECIALIZED
INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



CHIEF
GINA M. BEATO-DOMINGUEZ
PLANNING & SPECIAL
PROJECTS OFFICE

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

SHERIFF ROSANNA CORDERO-STUTZ



**CHIEF CHAPLAIN RABBI
MARK ROSENBERG**
SENIOR ADVISOR
TO THE SHERIFF



**CHRISTINE
DEL PORTILLO**
HEAD OF GOVERNMENT
AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



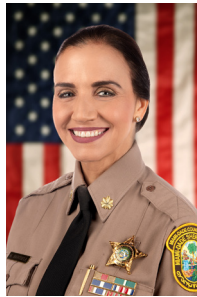
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KARIN BOBE-COLON**
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



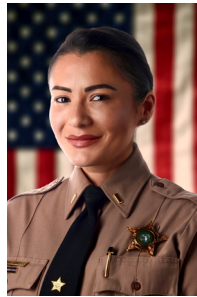
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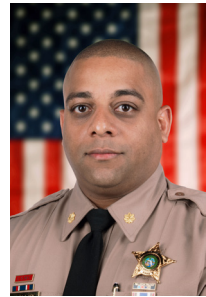
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JANET LEWIS**
GENERAL COUNSEL'S
OFFICE



**MAJOR
MELISSA BAROSELA**
EMPLOYEE MENTAL
WELLNESS OFFICE



**LIEUTENANT
OLENKA J. RYAN-GUERRA**
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE



**MAJOR
EVENS GABRIEL JR.**
AIR SUPPORT UNIT

OFFICE OF THE UNDERSHERIFF

UNDERSHERIFF CHRISTOPHER CAROTHERS



ANNETTE McCULLY
MDSO STAFF
SUPPORT MANAGER



**MAJOR
RONALD REBOZO**
INTERNAL AFFAIRS



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COMMANDER,
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT OFFICE

PATROL SERVICES

ASSISTANT SHERIFF, BRIAN RAFKY

NORTH OPERATIONS DIVISION

CHIEF TIFFANY WESLEY



**MAJOR
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INTRACOASTAL DISTRICT



**MAJOR
FARREL J. OWENS JR.**
NORTHSIDE DISTRICT



**MAJOR
WILLIAM M. GONZALEZ**
NORTHWEST DISTRICT



**MAJOR
ALAIN SANCHEZ**
MIDWEST DISTRICT



**MAJOR
JOSE GONZALEZ**
MIAMI LAKES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

SOUTH OPERATIONS DIVISION

CHIEF RAUL NUNEZ



**MAJOR
RIGOBERTO MACHADO JR.**
HAMMOCKS DISTRICT



**MAJOR
LONNY ALLEN**
KENDALL DISTRICT



**MAJOR
DOMINGO J. MARTINEZ**
SOUTH DISTRICT



**MAJOR
MARIA GUERRA**
PALMETTO BAY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



**MAJOR
LEONARD RICELLI**
CUTLER BAY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

STRATEGIC RESPONSE DIVISION

CHIEF JUAN VILLALBA JR.



**MAJOR
SERGIO ALVAREZ**
SEAPORT OPERATIONS BUREAU



**MAJOR
GEORGE ARANGO**
AIRPORT OPERATIONS BUREAU



**MAJOR
LUIS POVEDA**
SPECIAL PATROL BUREAU



**MAJOR
PATRICK H. CALVO**
GOVERNMENT SERVICES BUREAU

SUPPORT SERVICES

ASSISTANT SHERIFF SHAWN BROWNE

FORENSIC & TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

DIRECTOR STEPHANIE STOILOFF



COLLEEN CARBINE
CRIME LAB MANAGER



**ACTING MAJOR
CHRISTOPHER M. WALLACE, CAPTAIN**
CRIME SCENE & EVIDENCE BUREAU



**COMMANDER
JOSE L. RIVERO**
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICE

CENTRALIZED SERVICES DIVISION

CHIEF JAVIER RUIZ



**MAJOR
VIVIANE LOUIS**
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUREAU



**COMMANDER
OLIVER S. SPICER JR.**
CENTRAL RECORDS BUREAU



**MAJOR
THAMY GONZALEZ**
COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU



**COMMANDER
CARLO L. HOLLIS-BROWN**
FLEET MANAGEMENT OFFICE



**MAJOR
YOLANDE JACINTHE**
MIAMI-DADE SHERIFF'S
TRAINING CENTER

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

ASSISTANT SHERIFF ERIC GARCIA

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

CHIEF FERNAND CHARLES JR.



**MAJOR
JORGE AGUIAR**
ORGANIZED CRIMES BUREAU



**MAJOR
BENNY C. SOLIS**
HOMICIDE BUREAU



**MAJOR
ALFREDO A. G-LARRINAGA**
ROBBERY BUREAU



**ACTING MAJOR
YOSVANY SOSA**
SPECIAL VICTIMS BUREAU

SPECIALIZED INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

CHIEF ANDREW GLASS



**MAJOR
JEAN M. VOLCY**
WARRANTS BUREAU



**MAJOR
JOHN M. BARROW**
COURT SERVICES BUREAU



**MAJOR
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CYBER CRIMES BUREAU



**MAJOR
RITA M. RODRIGUEZ**
HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU

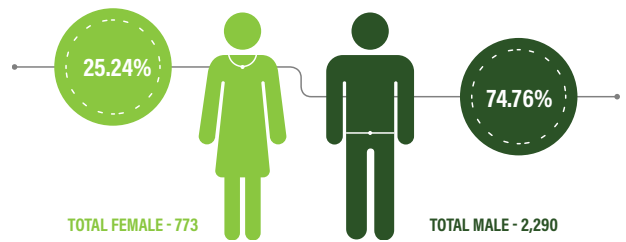
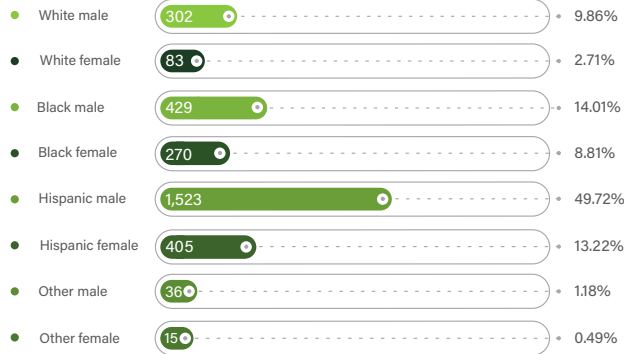
Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office Demographics

Workforce

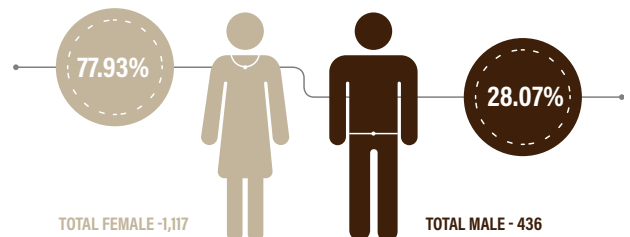
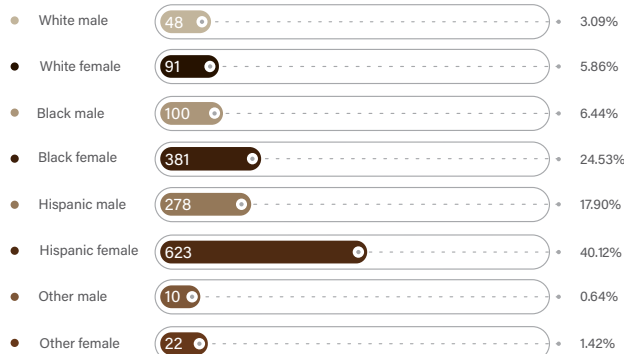


Total workforce - 4,616 ■ Total sworn - 3,063 ■ Total non-sworn - 1,553

Sworn (3,063)



Non-Sworn (1,553)



2025-2026

Adopted Budget

The Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO) is the largest local law enforcement agency in the southeastern United States and one of the ten largest in the nation, serving a diverse community of an estimated 2.8 million residents across 2,431 square miles. The Sheriff, Rosie Cordero-Stutz, is a newly elected independent Constitutional Officer.

MDSO serves the community with three distinct, yet interrelated, functions: providing basic police services to the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA) of Miami-Dade County and contracted municipalities, specialized support services to UMSA and various municipalities, and sheriff services to all Miami-Dade County residents. The Sheriff works closely with municipal police departments and other County agencies including Corrections and Rehabilitation, Juvenile Services, Fire Rescue, the State Attorney, the Public Defender, and the Judiciary; state and federal law enforcement agencies, including the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Community-Based Organizations.

The statutory responsibilities of the Sheriff, as outlined in Florida Statutes Section 30.15, Power, Duties, and Obligations, include executing all process of the Supreme Court, circuit courts, county courts, and boards of county commissioners of this state; attending all sessions of the circuit court and county court held in their counties; acting as conservators of the peace in their counties; suppressing riots and unlawful assemblies in their counties; apprehending without warrant, any person disturbing the peace; and assisting district school boards and charter school governing boards in complying with, or private schools in exercising options in Florida Statutes Section 1006.12, regarding school safety programs like the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program. Additionally, sheriffs must coordinate with the Board of County Commissioners and the chief judge of the circuit to develop a comprehensive plan for security at trial court facilities of which the sheriff shall retain authority over the implementation and provision of law enforcement services associated with the plan; incorporate antiracial and anti-discriminatory profiling policies into the sheriff's policies; and perform such other duties as imposed by law.

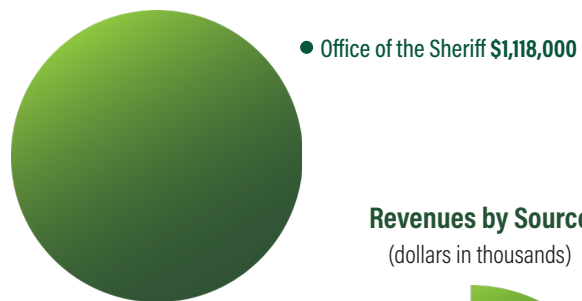
Highlights of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Include:

The Sheriff's Office's FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan includes ongoing expenditures for facility improvements, and specialty equipment, including the Law Enforcement Records Management System (LERMS), a comprehensive records management system that integrates various databases and information applications agency-wide, automate data collection and increase efficiency in data retrieval and accessibility of information across multiple divisions/agencies with the Office. Additional expenditures include ongoing improvements to training facilities at the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office Training Center, and special equipment for Crime Scene Investigations, our Forensic Laboratory, Homicide Bureau, and Special Patrol Bureau.

For more budget information, visit <https://www.miamidade.gov/global/police/home.page>

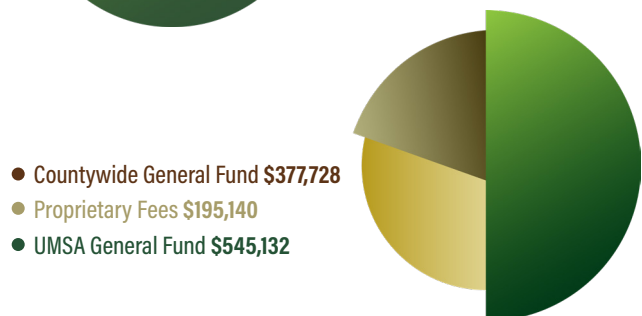
Expenditures by Activity

(dollars in thousands)

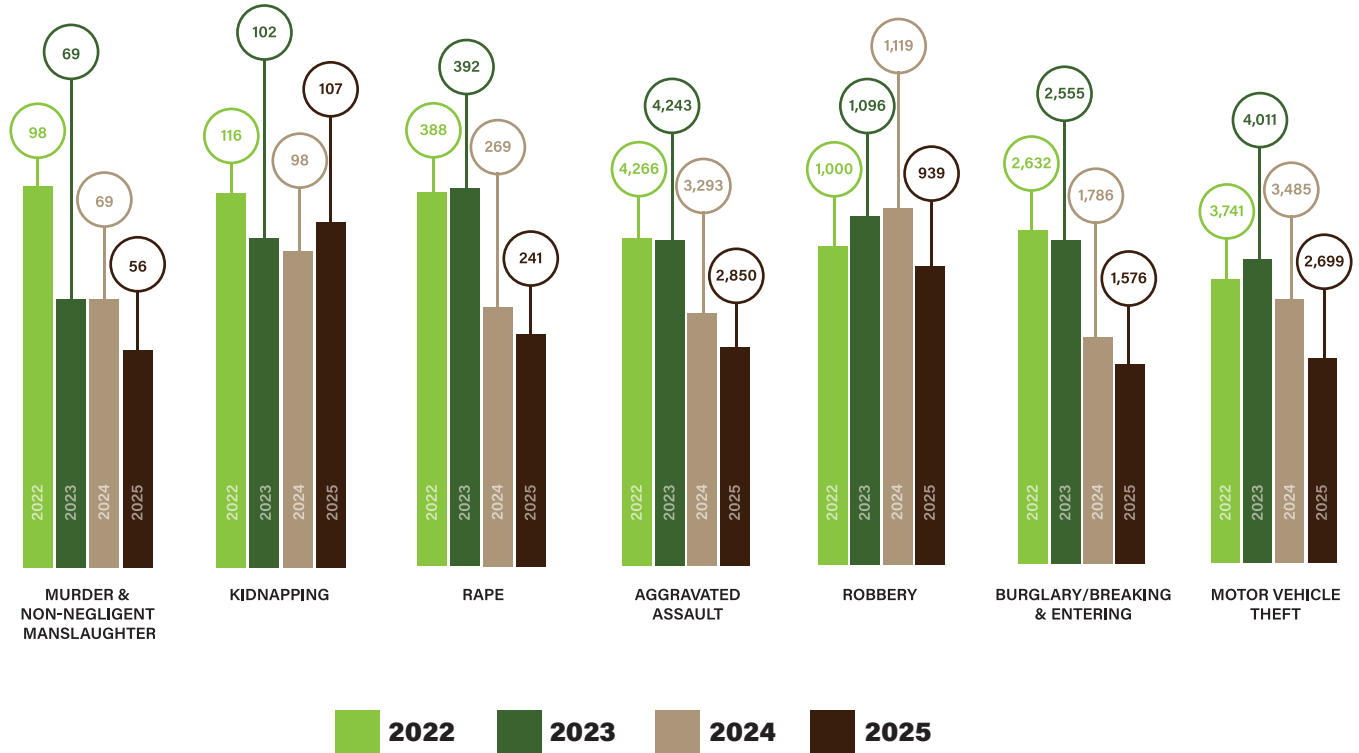


Revenues by Source

(dollars in thousands)



Crime Statistics



CATEGORY:

Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter

Kidnapping

Rape

Aggravated Assault

Robbery

Burglary/Breaking & Entering

Motor Vehicle Theft

TOTAL

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	98	69	69	56
Kidnapping	116	102	98	107
Rape	388	392	269	241
Aggravated Assault	4,266	4,243	3,293	2,850
Robbery	1,000	1,096	1,119	939
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	2,632	2,555	1,786	1,576
Motor Vehicle Theft	3,741	4,011	3,485	2,699
TOTAL	12,241	12,468	10,118	8,468

Retirements

The Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO) said farewell to 159 employees (114 sworn deputies and 45 professional staff) who retired in 2025 after periods of service ranging from 1 to 51 years. Sheriff Rosie Cordero-Stutz, the Command Staff, and the entire MDSO family wish our colleagues many, many years of happy retirement.

SWORN

Director Stephanie V. Daniels - 32
Assistant Director George A. Perez - 24
Chief Arnold Palmer - 34
Major Luis M. Almaguer - 36
Major Samuel O. Bronson - 31
Major Adrian R. Cummings - 34
Major Vanessa Holden-Knapp - 26
Major Jesus Ramirez - 32
Captain Ricardo Rodriguez - 29
Lieutenant Michael Almeida - 31
Lieutenant Maribel Artime - 31
Lieutenant Deborah Cooper - 26
Lieutenant Paul De Bodor Angelo XXVII - 22
Lieutenant Mishka Lahiff - 33
Lieutenant Miguel A. Maldonado - 30
Lieutenant Kamir Muhammadi - 31
Lieutenant Kevin Richardson - 29
Lieutenant Antonio Rodriguez - 33
Lieutenant Babette Rox - 24
Lieutenant Jeffrey S. Schmidinger - 31
Lieutenant Luis Vasquez - 29
Sergeant Angel Alvarez - 29
Sergeant Terry Crum - 29
Sergeant Joseph Curl - 25
Sergeant Beatriz S. Dominguez - 25
Sergeant Robert Eichler - 33
Sergeant Sammie Erazo - 20
Sergeant Victor R. Evans III - 27
Sergeant Diana D. Fuentes - 27
Sergeant Heath Genovar - 29
Sergeant Diego O. Gomez - 33
Sergeant Darren Handy - 30
Sergeant Sergio Lageyre - 31
Sergeant Paula Leal - 28
Sergeant Ana Lopez - 19
Sergeant Luke Marcklioli - 32
Sergeant Latasha McIntosh - 26
Sergeant Enrique Miranda - 19

Sergeant Douglas Mc Coy Jr. - 33
Sergeant Joanne M. Oro - 28
Sergeant Damaris Prieto Palmer - 31
Sergeant Ethel Price - 20
Sergeant Timothy Reker - 32
Sergeant Luz R. Ruiz - 25
Sergeant William M. Shanor - 29
Sergeant Frederick J. Washington - 52
Deputy Sheriff Esteban Abreu - 24
Deputy Sheriff Jorge F. Arana - 27
Deputy Sheriff Milton Arias - 37
Deputy Sheriff Jose Barquero - 31
Deputy Sheriff Guillermo Barranco - 18
Deputy Sheriff Eduardo Barrios - 18
Deputy Sheriff Carle Miranda Blum - 29
Deputy Sheriff James M. Boone - 33
Deputy Sheriff Kenneth Bustos - 30
Deputy Sheriff Gary Cadet - 22
Deputy Sheriff Donnell Carson - 23
Deputy Sheriff Isabel Casero - 35
Deputy Sheriff Perla Cedeno - 28
Deputy Sheriff Damian Colon - 19
Deputy Sheriff Anthony Cooper - 32
Deputy Sheriff Jose De Leon - 36
Deputy Sheriff Joseph Diaz - 23
Deputy Sheriff Jack Exter - 31
Deputy Sheriff Sharo Fernandez - 30
Deputy Sheriff Angelo Fusco - 29
Deputy Sheriff Jorge A. Ghitis - 23
Deputy Sheriff Brendan Gill Jr. - 31
Deputy Sheriff Gary Gobin - 33
Deputy Sheriff Steven Guthas - 30
Deputy Sheriff Ava Heiden - 25
Deputy Sheriff Mary Holmes - 29
Deputy Sheriff Claudia Larrosa - 20
Deputy Sheriff Eugenio Lopez - 31
Deputy Sheriff Emilio Macias - 29
Deputy Sheriff Aaron Mancha - 33
Deputy Sheriff Alberto A. Martinez - 33

Deputy Sheriff Jorge Martinez - 22
Deputy Sheriff Jose E. Martinez - 23
Deputy Sheriff Marlo Mcgahsee - 31
Deputy Sheriff Mauricio Mejia - 12
Deputy Sheriff Lazaro Menoud - 28
Deputy Sheriff Jorge L. Milan Jr. - 29
Deputy Sheriff Wanda Milian - 29
Deputy Sheriff James A. Mc Donald - 35
Deputy Sheriff Carol A. Mc Kinnon - 23
Deputy Sheriff Nestor Montesino - 30
Deputy Sheriff Kimberly Nanney - 31
Deputy Sheriff Joseph Olivera - 24
Deputy Sheriff Jean Pompee - 27
Deputy Sheriff Monica Rios - 21
Deputy Sheriff Louis Rivera - 25
Deputy Sheriff Luis Rivera Jr. - 23
Deputy Sheriff Thomas Rodriguez Jr. - 44
Deputy Sheriff Fredy Rojas - 29
Deputy Sheriff Jamie A. Rozier - 34
Deputy Sheriff Erika Rolle - 31
Deputy Sheriff Scott Rudoff - 25
Deputy Sheriff Stephanie Sampson-Byrd - 23
Deputy Sheriff Carl Sanabria - 31
Deputy Sheriff Leon Sanon - 31
Deputy Sheriff Jose M. Santiago - 31
Deputy Sheriff Nelson Silva Jr. - 30
Deputy Sheriff Tricia Sire - 33
Deputy Sheriff Michael D. Smith - 28
Deputy Sheriff Edward Perry Smith - 29
Deputy Sheriff Kathleen Suarez - 32
Deputy Sheriff Raymac Tapanes - 27
Deputy Sheriff Danny Torres - 28
Deputy Sheriff Hector J. Torres - 33
Deputy Sheriff Keith White - 28
Deputy Sheriff Jacquelyn Williams - 38
Deputy Sheriff Louis Yanes - 33
Deputy Sheriff Jorge Yohay - 30

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

School Crossing Guard Bessie Acoff - 10
 Court Support Specialist 1 Roberto Alvarez- 42
 Public Service Aide Pedro Amador - 32
 School Crossing Guard Cesar Arana - 10
 Police Records Technician 1 Harriet Avila - 27
 School Crossing Guard Jackie Blackshire - 23
 Tv Producer Enrique Bravo Jr. - 33
 Police Complaint Officer Theresa Brewer - 34
 School Crossing Guard Cynthia Brown - 25
 Police Records Technician 1 Catherine Buckland - 28
 School Crossing Guard Pablo Flores Caban - 9
 Secretary Dalia Cisneros - 32
 Community Education Specialist Mavis Cole - 19
 School Crossing Guard Jose Comas - 8
 School Crossing Guard Julia De Carballo - 12
 Computerized Report Specialist 2 Albertha Delaughter - 31
 Accountant 3 Angela Diaz - 24
 School Crossing Guard Sandra Dunmyer - 16
 Police Complaint Supervisor 1 Irela Evans - 25
 School Crossing Guard Jean Gaston - 12
 Imaging Records Technician Elvira Gimeno - 27
 Court Support Specialist 1 Ismael Gonzalez - 33

School Crossing Guard Supervisor Rebeca Gonzalez - 39
 Stenographic Reporter Carole G. Green - 51
 School Crossing Guard Faustina Guerra - 8
 Police Crime Analysis Specialist Anelis Gutierrez - 35
 School Crossing Guard Dorothy Hines - 30
 Background Investigator Teresita Horgan - 22
 School Crossing Guard Rose Marcellus - 15
 Administrative Officer 2 Maria Irigoyen-Marrero - 25
 Imaging Records Technician Luis Mena - 25
 Police Crime Analyst Specialist Patrena Mobley - 41
 Secretary Yolanda Nunez - 26
 School Crossing Guard Marta Palomino - 18
 Clerk 3 Mayratta Pena - 36
 Police Crime Analysis Specialist Elaine Rahming - 25
 Court Support Specialist Karen Ringo - 35
 School Crossing Guard Susie Robinson - 24
 School Crossing Guard Gregorio Santana - 8
 School Crossing Guard Claudia Sequeira - 1
 School Crossing Guard Ariela Sire - 8
 Police Records Technician 1 Mary Smith - 34
 Forensic Artist Samantha L. Steinberg - 25
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Features

A Life of Service: Remembering Deputy Sheriff Devin M. Jaramillo

Deputy Sheriff Devin M. Jaramillo lived only 27 years, but those who knew him say he filled them with more purpose, courage, and heart than most people manage in a lifetime.



Deputy Sheriff Jaramillo was born at Baptist Hospital and grew up in Miami. He excelled—graduating Summa Cum Laude from Miami Killian Senior High School, where he was known for his discipline as a student-athlete. He carried that drive to the University of Central Florida, earning his degree in criminal justice and public administration and making the Dean's List along the way. Tall, handsome, and full of ambition, he could have chosen any path. He chose service.

He began his law enforcement career in Coral Gables, spending nearly three years with the Coral Gables Police Department, where he quickly stood out for his professionalism and instinct for police work. By 2023, he had earned Officer of the Month after unraveling a package-theft case and tying it to several others. That same year, he joined the former Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD), following the example set by his father, a retired MDPD detective. It was clear from the moment he arrived that he wore the badge, not for recognition, but out of a genuine desire to protect others.

Friends called him “J-Milly”—a nickname spoken with affection by the tight group of officers who lateraled from Coral Gables to the former MDPD alongside him. Though naturally introverted, he came alive with them: talking, joking, laughing the laugh they all remember. Halloween nights with that group became a cherished ritual, full of easy camaraderie and memories they now hold even closer.

Deputy Sheriff Jaramillo worked hard. His supervisors admired him not just for what he did, but for how he did it. He volunteered for extra shifts, filled gaps without complaint,

and never hesitated to step forward when the work was tough. Even after suffering a concussion in a crash while responding to a call, he tried to head back out as soon as possible. He was, as one supervisor put it, a true workhorse.

He had a particular instinct for uncovering auto-theft schemes—especially illegal tow truck operations that snatched vehicles off streets to strip for parts or ship away. He pursued those cases with a sense of duty rooted in empathy; he understood the toll such crimes took on working families. In 2024, during a traffic stop, he uncovered a cache of 13 firearms—rifles, shotguns, handguns, ammunition—many within reach of the driver, a repeat offender. It marked yet another moment when his training and intuition protected the community.

But behind the uniform was a young man with simple joys. He adored his cat, Chloe, a black-and-white shadow waiting for him when he came home from long shifts. He chose a cat over a dog because he knew he would be gone for long hours.

Deputy Sheriff Jaramillo loved motorcycles—especially the rides he shared with his father. They would sometimes stop for coffee. Deputy Sheriff Jaramillo loved the unsweetened cafecito at La Carreta. Those rides were less about the road and more about the bond between a father and son who understood each other without needing many words.

Family was his anchor. He doted on his young niece, telling stories about her to fellow deputies, his face lighting up in a way colleagues wouldn't forget. He admired his father, a veteran detective, calling him a mentor and a model of service. Those who knew Devin say he lived by the values he grew up with: integrity, humility, and unwavering duty.

On his days off from the Sheriff's Office, he worked security at Kendall Regional Hospital, where he was admired for his kindness and reliability. That made it especially difficult for hospital staff when he was brought there mortally wounded. For nearly a year, he had protected them; and then, they fought to save him.

His death shook the law enforcement community. The loss struck a deep chord across departments and agencies, a reminder of the fragile line officers walk each day.

The memorial service that followed—processions, salutes, and the long line of uniforms at loanDepot Park—were more than ceremony. They were the tangible expression of grief for a young deputy sheriff whose absence is already felt. The motorcade from the funeral home, the private mass at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, the service attended by state and local leaders, and the final escort to his burial site all spoke to a community mourning one of its own.

Jaramillo's colleagues recall a deputy with unwavering ethics, sharp instincts, and a deep sense of responsibility. His supervisors saw a rising star. His friends saw a loyal brother-in-arms. His family saw a son, a nephew, an uncle—a young man with limitless potential and a heart rooted in love.

His life and career were short, but the impact he made endures. His legacy lives in the people he protected, the colleagues he inspired, and the family who shaped him. It lives in every act of courage carried out by those who continue the work he loved.

Behind every badge is a human being, a family, a story. Deputy Sheriff Devin M. Jaramillo's story is one of service, laughter, devotion, and extraordinary bravery. His community is safer because he chose this path. And though his watch has ended, his influence continues—quiet, steady, and enduring, like the man himself.

Building Bridges, Strengthening Communities: MDSO's 2025 Outreach Highlights

JANUARY

On January 9, our deputies joined several agencies at the annual Wounded Warrior Project Bike Ride, a unique opportunity for wounded service members and veterans to use cycling and camaraderie to overcome physical, mental and emotional wounds. We are thankful and forever indebted to the brave acts of our servicemembers and the sacrifices they have made on behalf of our beloved country. Many of our deputies have military backgrounds and their training is vital to our local mission to protect and serve Miami-Dade County.

The safety of our residents and visitors remains our top priority. That is why we continue to take a zero-tolerance approach to street takeovers, which endanger lives through reckless and illegal behavior. Our investigations have led to numerous arrests, and we remain committed to addressing this public safety threat as long as it persists.

FEBRUARY

On February 5, members of our Community Affairs Bureau partnered with Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department and community organizations

to present a DUI mock car crash at Southwest Miami High School. The realistic demonstration portrayed a deadly scene that too often occurs when individuals drive after drinking alcohol. We continue to team with Mothers Against Drunk Driving to help educate the community on the devastating effects of impaired driving, and how to prevent tragic consequences by using ride shares or a designated driver.

On February 18, Sheriff Rosie attended the monthly meeting of the African American Council of Christian Clergy for an open discussion on community issues and ways Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office can collaborate with local partners to keep residents safe.

MARCH

On March 1, our South District Neighborhood Resource Unit hosted a food truck festival that drew a large crowd of residents who enjoyed food, fun and the chance to connect with deputies.

Our Kendall District also received a "sweet" visit from Girl Scout Tropical Florida Troop 26, whose young leaders shared cookies with our deputies and brightened their day.

APRIL

On April 22, Sheriff Rosie was honored to serve as host of the Third Annual Little Boys Spelling Bee competition, presented by 5000 Role Models, at Ponce de Leon Middle School in Coral Gables. Bright young students from 23 chapters competed for the title of Spelling Bee King 2025. Later that week, Sheriff Rosie joined the Embrace Girls Foundation for a tea party filled with inspiration, encouragement and connection.

MAY

On May 3, several young men graduated from the Turnaround Police Academy (TAP Academy), an intensive 11-week program designed to give at-risk youth the tools to make positive and effective decisions. MDSO deputies led many of the sessions, encouraging career-oriented thinking and self-esteem while discouraging risky behavior. Conducted in partnership with the Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department and Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the TAP Academy is a powerful example of our commitment to youth and community.

We also participated in the first Faith & Family Festival, hosted by Miami-Dade County Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez, at the county fairgrounds. Our Mounted Patrol Unit and other deputies met with residents throughout the day, building meaningful connections.

JUNE

On June 7, MDSO proudly stood with Mothers Fighting 4 Justice, a nonprofit comprised of mothers who have lost children to gun violence, during their Wear Orange Violence Awareness Event. The organization's mission—breaking the cycle of violence and building safer communities through education, empowerment and advocacy—aligns with our own, and we remain united in this cause.



JULY

Throughout July and the summer months, MDSO hosted the Youth Athletic & Mentoring Initiative. The program included field trips, such as an outing to Kendall Ice Arena. These activities are about more than fun—they build trust, mentorship and lifelong connections.

On July 19, MDSO stood alongside elected officials and community members at the 11th Annual Memorial Walk for Justice, hosted by Mothers Fighting 4 Justice, to honor lives lost to gun violence and to reaffirm that we will never stop seeking justice for victims who can no longer speak for themselves.

AUGUST

In August, we joined residents across the county for National Night Out, one of the highlights of our community outreach each year. The event strengthens trust between law enforcement and residents, and we are grateful for the turnout and support. We look forward to National Night Out 2026.

On August 20, we hosted U.S. Senator Ashley Moody at headquarters for National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day. Sen. Moody, who co-authored the Halt All Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act, has long been a leader in combating the opioid crisis. MDSO has seen firsthand how fentanyl devastates families and neighborhoods, and this legislation strengthens our local, state and federal efforts to stop its distribution and keep our communities safe.

SEPTEMBER

From June 4 to September 12, our deputies made 1,351 felony arrests and seized 216 firearms, as part of Operation Safe Summer. In Miami-Dade County, safety isn't just about responding to crime after it happens. It's about using intelligence, building trust with the community, and making sure summer—and every season—is safe for our families and for our visitors.

OCTOBER

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a time to honor survivors, remember those we've lost, and raise awareness around early detection, support, and hope. As an agency we've participated in the Making Strides for Breast Cancer Campaign, an annual fundraising event, for many years. This season we were able to raise over \$60,000, through Sheriff Rosie's Stars for a Cure Team.

NOVEMBER

We were humbled by the outpouring of support from the residents of Miami-Dade County, and beyond, as we grieved the death of our Deputy Sheriff Devin Jaramillo, a 27-year-old who gave the ultimate sacrifice protecting our community. Your cards, messages, and flowers were truly appreciated during this very sad time, and we appreciate your standing with us in unity as we continue our pledge to protect and serve.

DECEMBER

As the community prepared to celebrate the holidays, we once again launched our Grinchbusters campaign. During this initiative, uniformed and non-uniformed deputies conducted surveillances and high-visibility patrols throughout Miami-Dade County focusing in and around major malls, shopping centers, and other areas that experience increased traffic during the holiday season. MDSO promoted important crime prevention tips and campaigns such as "Lock it or Lose it" and "See Something, Say Something" in person and through social media.



Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office Launches Nation's First Autonomous Patrol Vehicle

The Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO) marked another milestone on October 1, 2025, unveiling the nation's first autonomous law enforcement vehicle — the PUG Patrol Partner — a high-tech, AI-driven patrol car that pairs human expertise with cutting-edge innovation.

The PUG, short for Police Unmanned Ground vehicle, is a retrofitted 2022 Ford Explorer equipped with cameras, sensors, and a drone launch platform. It represents the first fully autonomous patrol vehicle to be formally utilized by a law enforcement agency in the United States.

Sheriff Rosie Cordero-Stutz said the decision to explore the technology came about a year earlier, when she learned that a research team was developing a self-driving police vehicle. "Whenever I hear about something that holds promise as a

crimefighting tool, that will enable us to do our job better, well, I naturally want to know more," she said. "So, when I heard about the development of an autonomous vehicle for law enforcement, it piqued my interest, and we decided to go all in. And so here we are, with America's very first autonomous vehicle designed for law enforcement, to be deployed by us. This is a historic moment, in a year of historic moments for MDSO."

The PUG is designed as a "force multiplier," allowing deputies to expand patrol coverage and enhance visibility without diverting manpower. Its onboard intelligence stack includes 360-degree cameras, license plate readers, thermal imaging, a biometric station, and a rooftop drone. The system uses AI-powered analytics and real-time data from the agency's Real Time Operations Center to adapt patrol routes dynamically based on trends and needs.





The vehicle is designed to patrol high-crime areas, assist in missing person searches, provide security during large public events, and act as an early responder in critical incidents. It can even display public alerts — such as Amber Alerts — on an exterior panel that residents can scan for more information.

While the PUG is currently classified as a Level 3 autonomous vehicle, meaning a deputy remains inside as a safety driver, future versions could be fully unmanned. Sheriff Rosie emphasized that the goal is not to replace deputies but to give them an edge in the field. “By pairing highly advanced technology with a trained deputy, the PUG enhances visibility, increases deterrence, reduces risks to our deputies, and sharpens situational awareness,” she said. “The focus here is safety and trust. We’ve built safeguards so that residents know this is about protection, not intrusion.”

The year-long pilot program was developed in partnership with Policing Lab, a nonprofit dedicated to helping law enforcement agencies optimize data and analytical capabilities. The collaboration came at no cost to taxpayers — Policing Lab covered all expenses related to development, deployment, and communications.

“This program offers law enforcement officers a smart, high-tech partner in the field,” said Policing Lab Executive Director Marjolijn Bruggeling. “The PUG increases situational awareness,

automates repetitive tasks, and frees deputies to focus on the complex and human side of policing. It’s a practical step toward safer, more efficient public safety.”

During the pilot program, the PUG will operate under MDSO’s Community Affairs Bureau, and will appear at public events, where MDSO will gather feedback from the public. Full deployment, or limited usage in patrols, will be considered thereafter.

The unveiling of the PUG Patrol Partner reinforces MDSO’s broader vision of blending innovation with public trust — and its ongoing mission to keep Miami-Dade safe through forward-thinking approaches that balance technology, transparency, and service.



Operation Safe Summer, A Strategic Approach to Safer Communities

Summertime in Miami-Dade County brings long days, warm nights, and a surge of activity. Schools let out, parks fill up, beaches attract visitors, and neighborhoods come alive. It is also a season when violent crime tends to rise, often fueled by large gatherings, alcohol, and other seasonal factors. To address this, the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO) launched Operation Safe Summer, a 12-week, intelligence-driven initiative aimed at preventing crime before it happens and keeping communities safe.

The program combines high-visibility uniformed patrols, undercover operations, and real-time monitoring with data analytics to identify and target crime hot spots. Deputies work alongside local, state, and federal partners to remove illegal firearms from the streets, dismantle criminal networks, and hold violent offenders accountable. From June 4 to September 12, 2025, Operation Safe Summer resulted in 1,351 felony arrests and the seizure of 216 firearms — numbers that represent lives potentially saved and violent acts prevented.

Operation Safe Summer relies on a mix of strategies. Uniformed deputies maintain a visible presence in neighborhoods, parks, and public spaces, reassuring residents while deterring crime. Plainclothes deputies deploy strategically to gather intelligence, intercept suspects, and disrupt criminal activity. Bike patrols, traffic and parking enforcement, DUI details, and community outreach events complement these efforts, ensuring that law-abiding families can enjoy summer safely.

The initiative's success is illustrated in numerous cases. In mid-August, deputies monitoring gang activity in Florida City saw an armed man hiding behind a tree. As he ran to a parked car, he discarded an AR-15. Another man tossed a handgun, modified with a machine-gun conversion device, along with additional firearms and fentanyl. The swift arrests prevented potential violence before

it occurred. In another case, a man wanted for attempted felony murder, armed robbery, and armed burglary was apprehended through the coordinated work of the Robbery Intervention Detail, Robbery Investigations Section, South District Gang Unit, and the Crime Suppression Team. He was also connected to multiple burglaries and credit card fraud, but MDSO deputies brought him to justice.

Sharp investigative work also led to a quick resolution in the Goulds area. Deputies identified a car linked to a recent homicide and arrested the driver. Further investigation recovered the murder weapon and confirmed the suspect's involvement, closing the case in days rather than months.

Beyond violent crime, Operation Safe Summer addresses other threats to public safety. The Organized Crimes Section's Human Trafficking Squad conducted investigations that led to arrests and disrupted trafficking networks. The same unit targeted crimes ranging from prostitution and staged crash scams to credit card fraud and organized cargo theft. Each operation underscores the philosophy of the program: intervene early, confront crime at its source, and keep neighborhoods safe before problems escalate.

By using data, intelligence, and targeted deployment, Operation Safe Summer floods areas of highest risk with resources where they are most needed. The program has proven highly effective in reducing crime, removing illegal firearms, and holding offenders accountable — all while allowing the public to enjoy summer safely. As MDSO continues to expand and refine initiatives like this, Operation Safe Summer remains a cornerstone in the agency's broader strategy to protect communities, prevent violence, and ensure that Miami-Dade remains a safe place to live, work, and play.



Marine Patrol Works to Keep Order on Miami-Dade's Crowded, Scenic Waterways

Miami-Dade County's 84-mile stretch of coastline—from the upper Keys to North Miami Beach—is a boater's paradise. The water's clarity draws snorkelers to coral reefs and shipwrecks, while anglers chase sailfish, mahi-mahi and snapper. Manatees, dolphins and sea turtles glide nearby, adding to the region's reputation as one of the most scenic marine environments in the country.

But on summer holidays, those same waters can resemble a tailgate party adrift — crowded, noisy and sometimes dangerous. Too many boats, too much alcohol, and not enough distance between them can lead to collisions or altercations. Miami-Dade has more registered boats than any other county in Florida, which itself leads the nation with more than one million vessels. That sheer volume has made law enforcement on the water a constant challenge.

The Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office, Marine Patrol Unit, part of the Agency's Special Patrol Bureau, is charged with maintaining order along the county's vast network of coastal

waterways, from Biscayne Bay to the Intracoastal and the Miami River. Deputies enforce state and maritime laws, respond to accidents, perform rescues, and break up fights that sometimes erupt at sandbars, islands or boat ramps, where long waits can test tempers. Speeding and boating under the influence are frequent dangers, putting both people and marine life at risk.

The unit operates from three bases — Black Point Park and Marina in Homestead, Matheson Hammock Park and Marina in Coral Gables, and Pelican Harbor Marina in Miami Beach. Deputies patrol in collaboration with municipalities including Sunny Isles Beach, Bal Harbour, Surfside, North Miami Beach, Coral Gables and North Bay Village. Some of those cities have their own marine patrols, while others rely entirely on the Sheriff's Office. The unit also works closely with state and federal partners such as the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the U.S. Coast Guard, Customs and Border Protection, Homeland Security and the National Park Service.



Among local law enforcement agencies, the Marine Patrol Unit is one of the few with a full-time dive team. Its divers perform more than 220 dives a year, recovering vehicles and evidence, assisting with port security operations, and conducting search-and-rescue missions involving both people and wildlife. There are 21 deputies in the unit, many of them avid boaters who see themselves as caretakers of Miami-Dade's waterways. To qualify, deputies must complete a swim test, an 80-hour boating course and a six-month field training program, followed by annual swim qualifications and regular marine operations training.

The Intracoastal District recently expanded its capabilities with the addition of a new 29-foot patrol boat, funded through a \$366,000 appropriation secured by County Commissioner Micky Steinberg. The vessel joins an existing 25-foot patrol boat, doubling the unit's presence and response capacity.

"This boat will help our marine patrol respond quickly to emergencies, enforce safety laws, deter illegal activity, and protect both residents and our environment," Commissioner Steinberg said during the unveiling of the vessel on July 24 at Bill Bird Marina in Haulover Park. "Public safety has always been one of our top priorities, and today is a clear example of what happens when we listen to our communities and deliver real solutions."

Sheriff Rosie Cordero-Stutz said the additional patrol vessel will enhance safety and strengthen collaboration across jurisdictions. "Our unit responds to calls for service across the county until midnight, reinforcing safety beyond our primary patrol areas," she said. "They assist municipalities without marine resources and collaborate closely with those that do, strengthening regional maritime operations. Our deputies enforce both state and maritime laws while also performing critical rescues involving people and wildlife."

The Marine Patrol Unit provides enhanced patrols along 84 miles of coastline and 22 miles of beaches throughout Miami-Dade County and along the Miami River. Its work encompasses everything from enforcing maritime laws and inspecting vessels to assisting other agencies in search-and-rescue operations, drug and smuggling interdictions, and environmental protection.

From the crowded sandbars of Biscayne Bay to the quiet mangrove creeks of Homestead Bayfront Park, the deputies of the Marine Patrol are ever-present, balancing recreation with responsibility. Their mission is to keep the waters that define Miami-Dade both safe and serene — a place where residents and visitors alike can continue to enjoy one of the county's greatest natural treasures.



MDSO 2025 AWARDS



DEPUTY JOSUE J. ACEVEDO
ORGANIZED CRIMES BUREAU

DEPUTY OF THE YEAR

Bronze Medal of Valor, Lifesaving Award

On Friday, September 5, 2025, Deputy Josue J. Acevedo demonstrated extraordinary courage and selflessness while responding to a life-threatening emergency in southwest Miami-Dade.

While traveling near Southwest 272 Street and 157 Avenue, Deputy Acevedo heard a dispatcher report a vehicle submerged in a nearby canal at Southwest 264 Street and 157 Avenue. Upon arriving at the scene, he quickly confirmed the vehicle was occupied. Without hesitation, Deputy Acevedo removed his equipment and entered the canal.

Deputy Acevedo swam to the submerged vehicle, where two civilians, Juan Iglesias and Jose Rodriguez, were already attempting to rescue the driver. Working together, the group successfully extracted the driver from the vehicle and placed him on the roof. When the driver remained unresponsive, a sternum rub was performed, and the team moved him to the canal embankment.

Additional deputies soon arrived. Deputy Reinaldo Rebollo Jr. entered the water to assist, while Deputy Samantha N. Oliva helped from the embankment. Through coordinated efforts, the driver was guided safely out of the canal. Deputies Acevedo, Rebollo, and Oliva continued lifesaving measures as Deputy Oliva assessed the driver's breathing and pulse. Though initially unresponsive, the driver was stabilized until Miami-Dade Fire Rescue arrived and transported him to the hospital.

The successful rescue was the result of swift decision-making, personal bravery, and seamless teamwork between law enforcement and community members. Deputy Acevedo's actions reflect the highest standards of service and exemplify the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office commitment to preserving life.



**WELLNESS PROGRAM FACILITY MANAGER
KELLY J. KENNEDY**

MIAMI-DADE SHERIFF'S TRAINING CENTER

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR

Exceptional Service

For more than 25 years, Dr. Kelly J. Kennedy has been a driving force behind the MDSO commitment to officer readiness, wellness, and resilience. Assigned to the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Training Center since 1999, Dr. Kennedy brings deep expertise to her role, holding a master's degree in exercise physiology and a Ph.D. in global leadership. She is a subject matter expert in physical fitness for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and is recognized nationally for her work in law enforcement wellness.

In 2025, shortly after the constitutional establishment of the MDSO, Dr. Kennedy assumed leadership of the Resilient Blue Program and rapidly expanded it into the agency's Five Star Wellness initiative. The program is built around five pillars — emotional wellbeing, physical health, financial wellness, social connection, and personal leadership — and aligns with agencywide goals to support the whole employee. The initiative brings together multiple MDSO divisions to deliver training, resources, and ongoing engagement focused on long-term health and performance.

Dr. Kennedy also led two major agencywide fitness advancements in 2025. She spearheaded the acquisition and installation of a Conex fitness training unit at the Training Center, transforming a long-envisioned concept into a fully operational, daily-used facility. In addition, she coordinated a time-sensitive \$1.4 million investment to upgrade gym equipment across 13 districts and bureaus, working across departments, vendors, and budget constraints to ensure successful delivery before the end of the fiscal year.

Beyond facilities, Dr. Kennedy has been instrumental in developing rhabdomyolysis detection and prevention training for instructors and recruits, as well as creating the Honor Project, a program that blends physical training with mental resilience by honoring deputies who survived critical incidents.

Through innovation, persistence, and unwavering dedication, Dr. Kennedy has made a lasting impact on the health, safety, and readiness of the MDSO workforce.

DEPUTIES OF THE MONTH



JANUARY
DEPUTY DENNIS E. LOPEZ
SEAPORT OPERATIONS BUREAU
LIFESAVING AWARD



FEBRUARY
DEPUTY YONY FERRER PADRON
INTRACOASTAL DISTRICT
EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD



MARCH
SERGEANT RICHARD A. ZAHALKA
AGRICULTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES SECTION
EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD



APRIL
DEPUTY RUTH LUBIN
INTRACOASTAL DISTRICT
EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD



MAY
LIEUTENANT CARLOS A. SUAREZ
MIDWEST DISTRICT
BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR,
LIFESAVING AWARD



JUNE
DEPUTY LALA E. HASSENBERG **DEPUTY MANUEL D. GUTIERREZ**
MIDWEST DISTRICT MIDWEST DISTRICT
LIFESAVING AWARD **LIFESAVING AWARD**



JULY
DEPUTY MARIO G. HERNANDEZ III
NORTHSIDE DISTRICT
EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD



AUGUST
DEPUTY CHRISTIAN VERGARA
AIRPORT OPERATIONS BUREAU
LIFESAVING AWARD



SEPTEMBER
DEPUTY JOSUE J. ACEVEDO
ORGANIZED CRIMES BUREAU
BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR
LIFESAVING AWARD



OCTOBER
DEPUTY LURDES AVERHOFF
HAMMOCKS DISTRICT
EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE



NOVEMBER
DEPUTY HERBERT A. DIAZ
MIDWEST DISTRICT
BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR
LIFESAVING AWARD



DECEMBER
DEPUTY RAEMAR E. DALEY
NORTHSIDE DISTRICT
EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE

CIVILIANS OF THE MONTH



JANUARY
POLICE COMPLAINT OFFICER
RANDI B. IRIZARRY
COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU
EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE



AUGUST
POLICE CRIME ANALYSIS SPECIALIST
NATASHA N. JOHNSON
HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU
EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE



DECEMBER
WELLNESS PROGRAM FACILITY MANAGER
KELLY J. KENNEDY
MIAMI-DADE SHERIFF'S TRAINING CENTER
EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

UNITS OF THE QUARTER



JANUARY- MARCH
THREAT MANAGEMENT UNIT
MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS BUREAU



APRIL-JUNE
SEXUAL CRIMES INVESTIGATION UNIT
SPECIAL VICTIMS BUREAU



JULY-SEPTEMBER
CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT SECTION
HOMICIDE BUREAU



OCTOBER-DECEMBER
TRAFFIC HOMICIDE UNIT
HOMICIDE BUREAU



**Office of
the Sheriff**

MEET YOUR SHERIFF

On January 7, Rosanna Cordero-Stutz made history, becoming Miami-Dade County's first female sheriff, as the Miami-Dade Police Department transitioned back into a Sheriff's Office for the first time in nearly 60 years.

Sheriff Rosie has dedicated over 29 years to the law enforcement profession, rising through the ranks from police officer to assistant director. This has given her a profound understanding of serving her community and its unique needs and challenges. Sheriff Rosie is an accomplished leader with progressive experience working in a wide variety of assignments to include uniform patrol, special investigations, Media Relations Bureau, Robbery Bureau, Homicide Bureau, Professional Compliance Bureau, and Economic Crimes Bureau, to name a few.

Sheriff Rosie's top priorities are the safety and security of the Miami-Dade County community, while ensuring that the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office serves the community with professionalism and respect, maintaining the highest standards of ethics in law enforcement. Maintaining order, protecting our residents, and enforcing laws impartially will ensure that Miami-Dade County continues to be a place where residents and visitors feel secure, and businesses prosper.

Sheriff Rosie joined the then Metro-Dade Police Department in 1996 and has remained serving the community without interruption. During her career, she served in a variety of assignments, amassing vast experience in police operations, investigations, supervision, management,

and administration. In 2020, she was promoted to Police Division Chief of the North Operations Division, where she was responsible for the administration, operations, and management of the Intracoastal, Northside, Northwest, and Midwest Districts, as well as the Town of Miami Lakes. In 2022, she was promoted to Assistant Director of Support Services, where she was responsible for the overall operations of Communications, Central Records, Personnel Management, and Cyber Crimes Bureaus. In 2024, she supervised Investigative Services, encompassing the Criminal Investigations, Government Affairs, and Forensic Services Divisions. She also managed Police Services, which included North and South Operations Divisions, the Airport and Seaport Operations Bureaus, three contractual cities, and the Special Patrol Bureau, in the capacity of acting Assistant Director.

Sheriff Rosie earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Florida International University and a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Marist University. She attended and graduated from the Executive Leadership Program; the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy (session 265); the Florida Police Chiefs STARS program; the Police Executive Leadership Institute (PELI); and the FBI National Executive Institute for Leadership (Session 46). Additionally, Sheriff Rosie is the immediate past president of the Florida Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates, the largest Alumni Chapter in the world.

As Sheriff, she formulates departmental plans and policies, coordinates departmental operations, and provides managerial leadership. The Office of the Undersheriff, the General Counsel's Office, the Employee Mental Wellness Office, the Public Affairs Office, and the Air Support Unit, report directly to the Sheriff's Office.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

CHIEF CHAPLAIN RABBI MARK ROSENBERG

SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE SHERIFF

Rabbi Mark Rosenberg serves as Senior Advisor and Chief Chaplain to Sheriff Rosie Cordero-Stutz of the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office, and as Chief Chaplain to the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), and Senior Chaplain of the North Miami Beach Police Department. He also serves as Chaplain to the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, Clergy Liaison to the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner's Office, and Chairman of the Miami-Dade Interfaith Advisory Board. In addition, he is Director of Chesed Shel Emes, a national nonprofit specialized in emergency response, recovery, and crisis support.

A veteran law enforcement chaplain, Rabbi Rosenberg began his service career in New York with the New York Police Department. Since relocating to Florida in 2007, he has expanded Chesed Shel Emes' partnerships with law enforcement, medical examiners, and emergency agencies statewide, providing critical support to families and first responders. He also provides training and briefings for federal, state, and local agencies on cultural sensitivity, hate-crime awareness, and inter-agency coordination, strengthening trust and collaboration.

He fosters cooperation between government agencies and diverse faith-based communities. Serving in a voluntary capacity, he assists agencies with crisis management, emergency response, and loss-of-life situations with dedication and compassion.

CHRISTINE DEL PORTILLO

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Christine Del Portillo currently serves as Head of Governmental & External Affairs for Miami-Dade Sheriff Rosie Cordero-Stutz. Del Portillo effectively serves as a governmental and external affairs advisor, key leader and day to day strategist for the Sheriff. She also serves as the liaison between the Sheriff and Federal, State, and Local officials along with their administrations leveraging her longstanding relationships with community stakeholders and elected representatives. These connections have established her as a trusted and influential advocate for both Sheriff Rosie and the residents of Miami-Dade County.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE

LIEUTENANT KARIN BOBE-COLON

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Bobe-Colon is a highly respected law enforcement leader with over two decades of distinguished service; currently serving as the Executive Officer to the Sheriff. In this executive leadership role, she functions as a trusted advisor to the Sheriff, managing critical agency operations, coordinating interdepartmental initiatives, and overseeing the execution of the Sheriff's strategic priorities. She serves as a central point of contact for internal and external communications, ensuring actionable outcomes and advancing the mission and initiatives of the Sheriff's Office.

IDALYS PRIETO

EXECUTIVE AIDE TO THE SHERIFF

Idalys Prieto currently serves as the Executive Aide to the Sheriff, bringing unmatched experience, discretion, and executive-level leadership to one of the most trusted

roles within the Sheriff's Office. As a trusted and seasoned professional, she is instrumental in advancing the Sheriff's vision, streamlining agency initiatives, and ensuring cohesive coordination among command staff, personnel, and community partners. Throughout her distinguished career, she has supported multiple administrations, seamlessly managing complex schedules, sensitive communications, and high-level administrative operations.

Known for sound judgement, exceptional organizational skills, unwavering professionalism, and deep institutional knowledge, Idalys continues to serve as a critical liaison between the Sheriff, agency personnel, community stakeholders, and external agencies, always upholding the mission of public safety and community engagement, and representing the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office with distinction and honor.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE

Over the past year, the General Counsel's Office (GCO) has played a pivotal role in supporting the legal and operational functions of Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO) as it transitioned from a County department to an independent constitutional office. The Office has participated in this process by drafting contracts to govern the new relationship between the MDSO and the County and by developing new MDSO policies to reflect the new constitutional office of the sheriff.

Beyond its traditional role of providing legal advice to the Sheriff and agency on matters such as the Fourth Amendment, public records, firearms, employment, law, and agency discipline, the Office assumed new responsibilities. These included coordination of civil litigation and other legal services, contracting with outside counsel selected by the Sheriff; writing and/or editing all agency contracts, including procurement contracts, and leading the agency's legislative strategies at the State and federal levels.

The Office handled over 300 civil citation appeals, secured more than \$6.1 million in federal and State grants and received

over \$163,000 litigating State forfeitures. Additionally, the GCO executed 81 agency agreements, strengthening law-enforcement partnerships.

Legislatively the Office was instrumental in drafting, lobbying, and the ultimate passage of House Bill 1447, creating a felony trespass for unauthorized entry into large scale ticketed events, a vital security measure ahead of FIFA Club World Cup, World Cup, and the G20 Summit.

Through its legal expertise, policy work, and advocacy, the Office continues to support and advance the interests of the MDSO.



EMPLOYEE MENTAL WELLNESS OFFICE

The Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office's Employee Mental Wellness Office (EMWO) offers a robust mental wellness to include individual and couples counseling, as well as group counseling in the areas of substance abuse and bereavement.

The Office is staffed by both sworn and civilian mental health professionals, licensed by the State of Florida, and trained in police psychology. The clinicians are seasoned therapists who possess expertise in the areas of trauma-informed interventions, relationship counseling, crisis intervention, and substance abuse treatment, as well as in the treatment of depression, anxiety, and co-occurring disorders. The clinicians utilize research-driven interventions designed to improve overall quality of life and increase adaptive coping strategies as a means of preventive care and treatment for emotional wellness. The Office also provides 24/7 on-call response to all critical incidents, including deputy-involved shootings, child deaths, or any crisis involving an employee.

Additionally, the staff engages in proactive outreach efforts to improve resilience and mitigate mental health related issues among MDSO personnel. Some of these efforts include creating and facilitating training courses related to law enforcement mental health and wellness and delivering

customized workshops for various units of assignment. We developed and maintain a mobile wellness application designed specifically for MDSO personnel and their families. The customized wellness app includes over 40 law enforcement wellness modules and allows MDSO personnel to connect directly with the EMWO or several other law enforcement crisis hotlines.

The EMWO provides staff with information regarding external mental health resources to include private practice clinicians, substance abuse treatment, and eTMS, and regularly distributes informational emails, titled "Wellness Wednesday," to all MDSO personnel on topics related to mental health.

The EMWO also facilitates a Peer Advocate Program, a volunteer-based program staffed by MDSO personnel who provide emotional support, referrals, and guidance to other employees who may benefit from the professional services offered by our staff. Throughout the past year, we have expanded the program to include an additional 13 Peer Advocates throughout the agency, as well as 3 retirees.



PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

The Public Affairs Office is responsible for planning, coordinating, and executing the agency's communications efforts. Its functions include media relations, crisis communications, digital and social media management, internal communications, community outreach, and branding and strategic messaging.

By ensuring accurate and timely information sharing, the office supports operational objectives, strengthens relationships with stakeholders, and enhances the agency's reputation and credibility.

The Public Information Unit manages the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO) response to media inquiries, producing news releases and conducting live interviews in English and Spanish. Public Information Officers respond to critical incidents, manage high-profile events, and oversee television and film productions to ensure compliance with agency regulations and accurate representation.

The Social Media Team manages the MDSO's official presence on Facebook, X, Nextdoor, Instagram and YouTube, using these platforms to inform the public, engage the community and assess public sentiment. Social media serves as a

direct channel for sharing safety information, programs, events and public service announcements, strengthening transparency and trust.

The Specialized Video Production Unit produces visual communications that support public safety, transparency and community engagement, including public-awareness, educational and training videos. The Unit also documents major law enforcement operations and significant community events.

The Initiatives and Branding Unit oversees MDSO branding, developing and distributing digital and print assets while ensuring adherence to established standards. The Unit partners internally and externally to advance agency-wide initiatives aligned with strategic goals and manages use of the MDSO Headquarters Auditorium.

The Administrative Unit coordinates the Internal Awards Program, produces the quarterly Alert newsletter, and prepares the agency's Annual Report. The unit also manages the Patch Program and produces MDSO Stories, highlighting agency initiatives and the contributions of sworn and non-sworn personnel.

AIR SUPPORT UNIT

The Air Support Unit is committed to providing exceptional aviation support and assistance to the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office, and upon request, to all municipalities within Miami-Dade County as well as to other county, state, and federal agencies. The Unit's mission encompasses a wide range of operations, enhancing public safety, law enforcement effectiveness, and support emergency response efforts across the region. These operations include searches for missing or wanted persons, perimeter support, vehicle pursuits, surveillance, interdiction missions, traffic enforcement details, disaster assessments, and proactive patrol flights designed to deter criminal activity. In October 2025, the Unit received the final delivery of four new helicopters that were purchased in late 2024. Currently, the Unit has a total of six helicopters and two airplanes.





Office of the Undersheriff

Undersheriff Carothers began his career with the Miami-Dade Police Department in 1996. Since that time, he has been promoted through all the civil service ranks. In his role as Undersheriff, he ensures that the residents of Miami-Dade County receive professional law enforcement services via multiple police districts and specialized investigative bureaus.

During his career, Undersheriff Carothers has served in a variety of police missions, including uniform, specialized investigative, and supervisory assignments. In 2006, he obtained a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Florida International University, and he is a proud graduate of the FBI's National Academy. Undersheriff Carothers has previously served on Miami-Dade County Boards and currently serves as the President of the Police Officer Assistance Trust (POAT). He actively volunteers his time to benefit the United Way of Miami-Dade County, and local youth soccer programs.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Office of Administration is responsible for the Agency's finances, budget, grants, procurement, human resources, facilities, and construction. The Office of Administration Executive Director oversees the Agency's Management & Budget Office, Finance & Procurement Office, Human Resources Office, and Facilities Management Office.

MANAGEMENT & BUDGET OFFICE

The Management & Budget Office (MBO) develops and manages the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office's (MDSO) annual budget to meet operational needs and align with the organization's mission and priorities. During this transition year, the Budget Unit worked tirelessly to overcome significant budgetary challenges and restore adequate funding, enabling MDSO to deliver robust service to the community, including enhanced enforcement initiatives like Operation Safe Summer.

Additionally, the Unit successfully developed and presented the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 operating and capital budget, funding all contractual obligations and restoring critical funding to support operations. It also funds 73 capital projects, including the Law Enforcement Records Management System, the design of a new station, and various infrastructure improvements.

The MBO oversees all financial and programmatic activities pertaining to awarded grants. This year, the Grants Unit worked closely with the County to jointly manage 41 transitional grants valued at \$43.1 million. These funds provide specialized equipment, staffing for specific projects, overtime for enhanced initiatives, and collaborative programs with local and international law enforcement and community partners.

The MBO's Trust Fund Unit manages specialized funds, including the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. This year, \$3.08 million from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund supported investigative initiatives, crime prevention programs, and purchasing of protective equipment. In collaboration with the General Counsel's Office, MBO also established new trust funds to support future MDSO operations.

The Travel Unit coordinates all business and educational travel for the entire agency. In 2025, the Unit processed 766+ travel requests, including travel to Florida Sheriff's Association conferences, state and national police memorial events, and the Presidential Inauguration.

FINANCE & PROCUREMENT OFFICE

The Finance & Procurement Office (FPO) manages fiscal, accounting, and procurement controls for the MDSO. The FPO ensures compliance with all MDSO, state, and federal financial and procurement policies, procedures, and guidelines for all financial transactions and acquisitions. The FPO is responsible for various functions, including purchasing, capital inventory, petty cash, accounts payable, accounts receivable, off-regular-duty police services, fiscal audits, and bank reconciliations. The FPO manages MDSO's Quartermaster through the contracted vendor, Galls, Inc., which orders and issues uniforms, equipment, and supplies as required for routine and emergency operations.

The FPO's goals include the timely administration of fiscal and procurement activities for the MDSO. Some of the FPO's responsibilities include the receipt and deposit of funds and miscellaneous revenues, and the disbursement of funds through a purchase order-based accounts payable system as directed by designated authorities. The FPO manages and monitors organizational petty cash funds, prepares and/or

reviews annual financial statements for the annual financial audit, completes all bank reconciliations, and maintains capital inventory records. The FPO's Procurement Section is responsible for procuring all goods and services for the agency, and works alongside counsel to prepare, execute, and maintain MDSO agreements for goods and services.

HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE

The Human Resources Office (HRO) serves as the foundation of the Agency's workforce and is comprised of the Employee Relations, Recruitment and Selection, and Administrative Sections. Together, these sections manage payroll and personnel records, oversee hiring and recruitment, administer benefits and provide essential administrative support that ensures the Agency's daily operations run efficiently.

This year, the office focused on centralization, modernization, efficiency and strengthening workforce support through several key accomplishments, as it transitioned from the Personnel Management Bureau, including the hiring of a Human Resources Commander to fill a critical leadership position.

The office successfully processed and hired the first Sheriff Law Enforcement class in July 2025, with the second Sheriff Law Enforcement class on September 29, 2025.

The HRO created a new unit within the Employee Relation Section to centralize the Americans With Disability Act, Workers' Compensation, light-duty and the Family and Medical Leave Act, which required the implementation of a new online Family and Medical Leave Act system and gaining full responsibility for managing the program. This transition streamlined employee requests, reduced processing times, and shifted the approval and denial process entirely to the HRO.

Additional accomplishments included modernizing hiring practices by streamlining polygraph and pre-employment medical examinations to reduce hiring timelines to fill vacancies more efficiently, while maintaining compliance and candidate quality. The office regained critical responsibility in personnel records by authorizing the stamp

of documents no longer in effect, ensuring personnel files remain accurate, up to date, and compliant with retention standards. The HRO updated all employee identification card photographs to support reliable identification within the Agency.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Since the transition to the new constitutional Sheriff's Office, the Facilities Management Office (FMO), has remained essential in ensuring the effective operation and maintenance of facilities that support the Sheriff's mission.

The office oversees capital construction, facility maintenance, and private space leases. Its portfolio includes the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office Headquarters Complex, the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Training Center, and Patrol Stations across 1,800 square miles in Miami-Dade County.

The FMO's Facilities Management Section has successfully completed over 1,700 work orders during the year, ranging from routine door repairs to complex building system maintenance — all without any reportable lost-time injuries. In addition, more than 2,700 preventive maintenance work orders were completed to ensure continued reliability of critical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facilities Management Section also manages key vendor support contracts, including services for grounds maintenance, elevators, generators, and sewer lift stations.

The FMO's Capital Construction Section is responsible for all design and construction projects, as well as overseeing the mandated 40-year building recertifications, which are currently ongoing. In addition, the section responds to emergency infrastructure needs, such as air conditioning system replacements and lighting upgrades.

In FY 2024–25, the Capital Construction Section successfully handled 58 projects totaling over \$21 million. Looking ahead to FY 2025–26, more than \$28 million in new projects are planned, including the planning and design of the new Eureka District Station in partnership with Miami-Dade Fire Rescue.

PLANNING & SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICE

The Planning and Special Projects Office (PSPO) provides comprehensive and quality assistance to Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office elements, municipal governments, and Miami-Dade County Departments, to address concerns, verify information, and provide responses to requests for information. In addition, the PSPO conducts miscellaneous surveys and feasibility studies, serves as the County's Developmental Impact Committee Liaison, and performs zoning application reviews regarding large-scale developments within Miami-Dade County to assess its impact on our Agency's resources. The PSPO maintains the Agency's Scorecard, administers the Civilian

Observer Program, and ensures Agency compliance with Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. and Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. standards. The PSPO also monitors grant and Law Enforcement Trust Fund opportunities, facilitates contractual policing, incorporations and annexations, and administers the School Safety Camera Program. Since its inception in November 2024 through the end of the 2024/2025 school year, the RedSpeed School Zone Speed Detection Enforcement Program achieved a 91.81% reduction in speeding violations, demonstrating a sustained behavior change among drivers.



INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

The Internal Affairs Office investigates complaints against Agency employees and reviews use of force and vehicle pursuit incidents. The Internal Affairs Office also maintains the agency's Early Identification System, which provides a systematic review of all employee complaints and use of force incidents. The Staff Inspection Section conducted 11 inspections of our agency's entities to ensure adherence to procedures and policies. The Records Section maintains copies of internal investigations and fulfills public records requests pertaining to internal affairs cases. In 2025 over 3,500 requests were processed.

The Criminal Conspiracy Section is tasked with the responsibility of conducting investigations involving long-term, ongoing criminal conspiracies and proactive scenarios involving members of the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office.

The Public Corruption Section is responsible for investigating allegations and matters concerning public corruption involving locally elected officials, non-sworn employees of

Miami-Dade County, vendors, contractors and municipal police officers. The Section also works in cooperation with other state and federal agencies when multi-agency investigations are necessary or desirable. The mission of the Internal Affairs Office is to ensure a high level of integrity in governmental fiscal matters and to increase public confidence and trust in County government.

The Body Worn Camera Unit (BWC) allows our agency to be transparent with the community. The BWC handles requests for videos from the State Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, other law enforcement agencies, insurance companies, and the public. Requests are reviewed and redacted based on statutory requirements, policy, and established practices. The BWC Unit processed over 26,000 requests in 2025. The BWC Unit is also responsible for managing, training and deploying body worn cameras. The BWC Unit monitors current events, body worn camera policy and trends nationwide and makes the appropriate revisions to the Sheriff's Policy Manual.



STAFF SUPPORT UNIT

The Staff Support Unit (SSU) is one of the vital behind-the-scenes divisions managing several key functions of the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO). It oversees the 25-member Honor Guard—one of the most respected in the nation—which fulfills an average of 100–125 requests each year and participates in the State Memorial in Tallahassee, the National Memorial in Washington, D.C., and ceremonies throughout the region.

Beyond ceremonial duties, SSU provides critical support to employees activated for military service, assists families of officers killed or critically injured in the line of duty, and leads the agency's charitable fundraising and awareness campaigns. The Unit also supports the Continuity of Operations Plan and ensures effective communication during disasters or operational interruptions.

The SSU plays a vital role in critical incidents and police relations, assisting families during line-of-duty deaths, coordinating funeral services, and facilitating motor escorts for active and retired personnel. The Unit operates with cultural sensitivity and serves as a liaison among law enforcement, Workers' Compensation, legal entities, and organizations such as the State of Florida Auditor Controller and Tunnel to Towers.

Responsible for major events and campaigns, SSU manages planning and script preparation for the 9/11 Memorial, Street Naming and Remembrance Ceremonies, Prayer Breakfast, Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence Awareness initiatives, blood drives, unveilings, and agency-wide charitable efforts including the United Way and "Sheriff Rosie's Stars for a Cure."

The Unit participates in agency and community meetings, including the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police, the Domestic Violence Oversight Board, and the Commission for Women Advisory Board. It also leads special

vehicle build initiatives honoring causes such as breast cancer, autism, childhood cancer, military service, and 9/11 heroes.

As the Military Liaison, SSU supports employees on active duty, oversees the Military Commission Bar Program and the Headquarters Military Wall of Honor, and connects veterans with benefits through USERRA and the Veterans Administration.

In the spirit of service, SSU coordinates external award nominations—including FSA, FDLE, USDOJ, TOP COPS, and others—and facilitates presentations for recipients. The team also hosts "learning and development workshops" for all personnel, covering topics such as human trafficking, elder care, and financial management.

Finally, the SSU proudly coordinates the "Walk of Honor," a ceremonial farewell recognizing deputies upon retirement after a distinguished career of service and dedication to the people of Miami-Dade County.





PATROL SERVICES

Patrol Services is comprised of our North Operations Division, South Operations Division, to include our Agricultural Patrol Section, and the Strategic Response Division. Patrol Services is overseen by an Assistant Sheriff who is in authority of coordinating, directing, and planning all activities; as well as, supervising all personnel in Patrol Services. The majority of our Agency's total complement of sworn personnel are assigned to Patrol Services and perform law enforcement duties to meet the demands of the diverse and expansive communities in Miami-Dade County.

NORTH OPERATIONS DIVISION



INTRACOASTAL DISTRICT

15665 Biscayne Boulevard
MIAMI, FL 33160

Major Evens Gabriel Jr.

It is my honor to serve as the Major of the Intracoastal District. Having begun my career here as a patrol officer in 2005, I am honored to fulfill this leadership role. My experience with the MDSO in uniform patrol, specialized units, major investigations, and critical incident management has prepared me to lead with integrity, vision, and commitment. Our mission is to strengthen community partnerships, enhance public safety through proactive strategies, and ensure that our district reflects the values of MDSO professionalism, accountability, and respect. Together, we will build on past successes, while addressing today's challenges with innovation and teamwork.

The District is uniquely positioned to serve one of Miami-Dade County's most vibrant areas, which includes lively neighborhoods, active business districts, and extensive waterways. Our district plays a critical role in safeguarding both land and sea, ensuring the safety of residents, visitors, and businesses alike.

Over the past year, we have made significant strides and introduced innovative practices within the Intracoastal District. A key highlight of 2025 was the enhancement of our

Marine Patrol capabilities with the addition of a new 29-foot Life Proof vessel generously donated by Commissioner Micky Steinberg. This state-of-the-art asset allows our deputies to more effectively patrol the Intracoastal waterways, address illegal charter operations, and respond swiftly to emergencies on the water.

Additionally, we have strengthened our collaborative efforts with municipal partners to identify and address emerging crime trends. Through shared intelligence and joint operations, we have reduced crime in targeted areas while fostering greater trust and communication with our community stakeholders.

The accomplishments of the district highlight our dedication to adaptability and progress. By embracing innovation, expanding resources, and enhancing partnerships, we continue to set the standard for public safety. Moving forward, we remain committed to building on these achievements and working alongside our community to ensure a secure and vibrant future for all.



Intracoastal	2022	2023	2024	2025
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	13	16	8	7
Kidnapping	10	20	17	10
Rape	52	58	40	37
Aggravated Assault	479	597	398	398
Robbery	134	158	150	137
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	282	301	253	243
Motor Vehicle Theft	457	601	584	454
TOTALS	1,427	1,751	1,450	1,286



Major Farrel J. Owens Jr.

NORTHSIDE DISTRICT

**799 NW 81 STREET
MIAMI, FL 33150**

I am honored to serve as the Major of the Northside District. Since 1996, I have been dedicated to protecting and serving Miami-Dade County, and it is a privilege to lead the hardworking deputies of the District. My experience in patrol, community policing, and major investigations has well equipped me to lead with integrity and a steadfast commitment to public safety.

Our focus is on strengthening relationships between deputies and the community, ensuring proactive policing, and upholding the highest standards of professionalism, accountability, and respect. Working together, we can meet today's challenges while building upon our proud legacy of service. I look forward to deepening our partnerships with residents, businesses, and local leaders to ensure that this community remains a safe and thriving place to live and work.

The District serves one of Miami-Dade County's most diverse and active regions, including vibrant neighborhoods, bustling commercial centers, and key infrastructure. Our mission is to safeguard this dynamic community and protect its residents, businesses, and visitors. This past year, by expanding our Neighborhood Resource Unit, we achieved a measurable reduction in criminal activity. Deputies worked directly with neighborhood associations, business owners, and residents, to strengthen communication and foster trust. This collaborative approach has been instrumental in driving down property and violent crimes across targeted areas. By combining community-based strategies with

data-driven analysis, we successfully disrupted criminal activity and addressed emerging crime trends. Enhanced cooperation with municipal partners further amplified our impact, ensuring coordinated and effective enforcement.

The accomplishments reflect our dedication to excellence in service. With strong community partnerships and innovative policing, we are setting new standards for effectiveness. We remain committed to building on these successes and ensuring a safe and thriving future for all.



Northside	2022	2023	2024	2025
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	37	25	21	21
Kidnapping	33	28	16	30
Rape	84	76	51	39
Aggravated Assault	1,361	1,371	1,131	1,045
Robbery	357	417	402	339
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	667	654	619	525
Motor Vehicle Theft	788	889	845	730
TOTALS	3,327	3,460	3,085	2,729



Major William M. Gonzalez

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

**5975 MIAMI LAKES DRIVE EAST
MIAMI, FL 33014**

It is a great privilege to hold the position of Major within the Northwest District. Over my 32 years of service, I have put into place effective strategies that have greatly reduced crime rates, enhanced the duration of call holding, and improved response times for service calls; thereby elevating the quality of life for residents. My leadership has fostered a collaborative work environment among a diverse workforce, which increased morale and boosted productivity as I also maintain community engagement throughout my daily tasks. Throughout my career, I have undertaken a variety of assignments in both investigations and patrol services, which have enriched my professional journey and provided me with a unique, comprehensive perspective of the agency, showcasing unparalleled versatility. I have pledged to give my employees a healthy and thriving work environment and a safe place to live and work for the residents of the community which they serve.

The district encompasses a diverse area that includes Miami Lakes, the Opa-Locka Executive Airport, and an active U.S.

Coast Guard Air Station. Stretching from NW 106 Street to NW 215 Street, the District provides vital services to schools, parks, and neighborhoods.

Our operations include our General Investigations Unit, handling crimes against persons, property, and auto theft; our Neighborhood Resource Unit, which strengthens ties with the community; and uniform patrol, the foundation of our 24/7 safety efforts. This year, we successfully dismantled a burglary ring through the Bank Juggler Task Force, apprehending the suspect responsible for multiple crimes in our district and neighboring City of Hialeah. Additionally, our deputies actively participated in the countywide "Operation Safe Summer Initiative," focusing on proactive enforcement.

Through directed patrols, targeted crime-tracking, and specialized units, we continue to address emerging threats while engaging with the community through outreach programs, advisory committees, and youth mentorship initiatives.



Northwest	2022	2023	2024	2025
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	3	2	5	1
Kidnapping	3	4	2	4
Rape	16	13	11	11
Aggravated Assault	142	169	120	107
Robbery	30	39	35	40
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	67	88	49	52
Motor Vehicle Theft	217	254	208	154
TOTALS	478	569	430	369



Major Alain Sanchez

MIDWEST DISTRICT

9101 NW 25 STREET
MIAMI, FL 33172

As the Midwest District Major, leading where I began my career in 1998, is a true honor. Over the past 28 years, I have served in diverse assignments across Patrol, Investigations, Narcotics, and Administration, gaining broad experience across Miami-Dade County. With more than 18 years in command and supervisory roles, I have always emphasized excellence, accountability, and integrity in both leadership and service. My promise to the residents of the District is that we will provide responsive professional service, always leading with transparency, accountability, and empathy every resident deserves to feel safe, respected, and heard. We are only as effective as the trust we build, and strengthening these community relationships remains our highest priority.



The district is affectionately known as the “Cafecito District” for its strong Hispanic heritage and vibrant Cuban culture, spans from NW 106 Street to Bird Road and from Leleune Road to Collier County. It serves approximately 240,000

residents and shares borders with 8 municipalities and one Native American reservation. With major highways intersecting the District; traffic and pedestrian safety remain a core focus.

In 2025, the Sheriff introduced the “Commend an Employee” feature, highlighting professionalism and service. A third of all commendations submitted by citizens have recognized Midwest District deputies, a testament to their exceptional work. We also received multiple Agency-wide recognitions, including three Deputies of the Month (with Lifesaving and Medal of Valor honors), a Unit of the Month, and more than 45 commendations for outstanding performance. To further enhance morale, a new employee recognition program now rewards high-performing deputies with priority vehicle assignments. These efforts reflect our commitment to valuing our workforce while ensuring exceptional service to the community.



Midwest	2022	2023	2024	2025
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	8	3	2	4
Kidnapping	6	5	15	10
Rape	41	34	29	22
Aggravated Assault	396	375	176	194
Robbery	86	86	72	61
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	411	302	188	140
Motor Vehicle Theft	656	559	489	377
TOTALS	1,604	1,364	971	808



Major Jose Gonzalez

MIAMI LAKES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

6601 MAIN STREET
MIAMI LAKES, FL 33014

I began my career with the MDSO in 1993, where my first assignment was in the Northside District. Over the years, I gained extensive experience in Crime Suppression, Narcotics, Robbery Intervention, Community Policing, and the Special Response Team. I have also had the privilege of serving in leadership roles overseeing the Dignitary Protection Unit, K-9 operations, and the Incident Containment Team. For the past seven years, I have proudly served as the Major of the Miami Lakes Municipal District.

I oversee a team of 51 personnel, including sworn officers, public service aides, and administrative staff. Together, we are dedicated to ensuring that The Town of Miami Lakes continues to be one of the safest and most engaged communities in Miami-Dade County. It is an honor to lead this team and to serve the residents and businesses of Miami Lakes with professionalism, commitment, and care.

The district operates under an inter-local agreement with the Town of Miami Lakes. We consistently maintain one of the fastest emergency response times in Miami-Dade County, averaging just 5 minutes and 28 seconds.

This past year, we implemented several key initiatives that focused on burglary reduction, holiday safety, traffic enforcement, and school traffic safety. These initiatives resulted in remarkable progress, including a 67% reduction in shooting incidents, a 48% decrease in auto thefts, a 75% drop in residential and commercial burglaries, and a 50% reduction in aggravated assaults and batteries. In addition to these enforcement efforts, the district provided security and high-visibility coverage at more than a dozen community events. These included the Spring Fling Easter Hunt, Independence Day Celebration, Halloween in the Park, Veterans Day Parade, and the Reindeer Run 5K.

We remain committed to fostering a safe, family-oriented environment. Through strong partnerships, proactive policing, and visible community engagement, we continue to build trust and strengthen our reputation as one of the safest communities in the state



SOUTH OPERATIONS DIVISION



Major Rigoberto Machado Jr.

HAMMOCKS DISTRICT

10000 SW 142 Avenue
MIAMI, FL 33186

For over 21 years, I have been a grateful and dedicated public servant of Miami-Dade County. In February 2005, I commenced my law enforcement career with the Florida Department of Corrections as a Correctional Officer at the Everglades Correctional Institution. In November 2006, I joined the Miami-Dade Police Department; wherein, I gained vast experience working several proactive and investigative units while rising through each civil service rank. On January 20, 2025, within the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office, I was promoted to the rank of Major and assigned to the Hammocks District.

My goal is to sustain an enduring alliance with residents and visitors of our community and make every effort to ensure that personnel initiate positive interactions within our community and solidify the confidence of residents in our law enforcement professionals.

Our essential objective is to cultivate an amiable environment for residents in the West Kendall community. There are 137 deputies assigned to uniform patrol who proactively conduct high visibility patrols and respond to calls for service. From January through October, we handled over 50,000 calls. Calls previously holding for 60-plus minutes were down 100% and calls holding 30-plus minutes were down 50%.

Our Neighborhood Resource Unit emphasizes addressing quality of life concerns. Annually, the Unit engages with the community in over 250 events to include career days and movie nights.

Our General Investigation Unit investigates all criminal activity and Crime Stoppers Tips. This year, our Auto Theft Squad arrested a Miami-Dade County employee who committed thefts of motor vehicle rims and tires across the county, closing 140 cases. Our Gang Unit and Crime Suppression Team executed numerous search warrants, impounding 24,000 THC cartridges, 950 grams of edible marijuana, and other illegal drugs.

The Agricultural & Environmental Crimes Section is a community-oriented entity providing specialized Countywide services, with particular emphasis on the agricultural areas of the Northwest, Midwest, Hammocks, and South Districts.

The Section conducts proactive patrol in subtropical fruit groves, nurseries, produce, and U-Pick fields. The Section also investigates cruelty to livestock animals, assaults, disputes concerning agricultural-related issues, and illegal dumping and environmental concerns. Furthermore, the Section inspects groves, fruit stands, and vehicles transporting produce, gathers livestock animals running at large, and investigates industrial accidents. The Section assists other investigative Units with access to rural areas due to impenetrable conditions, with the Section's airboat.



Hammocks	2022	2023	2024	2025
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	3	1	10	2
Kidnapping	26	21	18	10
Rape	52	38	30	27
Aggravated Assault	347	333	293	205
Robbery	96	83	109	81
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	212	194	104	124
Motor Vehicle Theft	537	601	385	283
TOTALS	1,273	1,271	949	732



Major Lonny Allen

KENDALL DISTRICT

**7707 SW 117 AVENUE
MIAMI, FL 33183**

As your Kendall District Major, I have over 26 years of service with the MDSO in a wide variety of roles, but my true focus is on serving our community. My commitment is to lead with integrity, respect, and accountability while ensuring the safety and well-being of every resident. I believe in building strong partnerships, fostering open communication, and holding both myself and my team to the highest standards of service. My goals are to strengthen trust within the community, mentor the next generation of deputies, and ensure that the District reflects the values we all share. Together, we can keep Miami-Dade safe, thriving, and united.

Our Neighborhood Resource Unit (NRU) is comprised of (2) Community Oriented Policing Squads, (1) Problem-Solving Squad, (1) Traffic Enforcement Squad, and (1) Priority Service Squad. The NRU utilizes educational programs and initiatives to institute a partnership between the MDSO and the community it serves. The NRU coordinates numerous community outreach events throughout the District such as the 4th of July Extravaganza, Hometown Heroes Parade, Tropical Park Country Fest, Annual Asian Festival at Tropical Park, Police Memorial, Wounded Warriors Bike Ride, Shop with a Cop Christmas Initiative, and the Police Officer Assistance Trust Kickball Tournament. To date, our Neighborhood Resource Unit has participated in 147 community engagement events including Coffee with a Cop, active shooter presentations, police explorer meetings, career days, local meetings with businesses and citizens, bicycle patrol details, and crime/safety initiative meetings.

Additionally, our NRU routinely conduct operations with the Department of Regulatory & Economic Resources to identify violations resulting in improvements to residents' quality of life.

Our General Investigations Unit (GIU) provides the District with various investigative services. Detectives routinely respond to crime scenes to process and collect evidence, identify investigative leads, assist with proactive patrol duties, and conduct undercover operations in response to crime trends. The District is home to the largest retail footprint in Miami-Dade County. GIU detectives work in partnership with loss prevention employees of major retail stores to identify organized retail theft rings. The GIU is also home to the Multi-Agency Marine Theft Task Force. Through partnerships with regional and federal agencies, the Task Force investigates and combats marine-related thefts throughout the South Florida region.



Northwest	2022	2023	2024	2025
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	3	2	5	1
Kidnapping	3	4	2	4
Rape	16	13	11	11
Aggravated Assault	142	169	120	107
Robbery	30	39	35	40
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	67	88	49	52
Motor Vehicle Theft	217	254	208	154
TOTALS	478	569	430	369



Major Domingo J. Martinez

SOUTH DISTRICT

**10800 SW 211 STREET
MIAMI, FL 33189**

As the newly appointed Major of the South District, I am honored to serve this community and lead a command dedicated to excellence in service and public safety. Over the past 24 years, I have served in a variety of capacities, including patrol, community outreach, investigations, and supervisory roles, that have equipped me with the experience to guide the District with professionalism and integrity.

My direct goals are to strengthen community trust, reduce crime through strategic and innovative strategies, and ensure that our deputies reflect the highest standards of accountability. I am committed to building strong relationships with residents, businesses, and civic partners, recognizing that lasting safety is achieved through collaboration. By focusing on transparency, engagement, and strategic intelligence-led policing, we will continue to create a secure environment where every member of our community feels valued and protected.

With the largest area in the agency, we serve unincorporated areas of southern Miami-Dade, where our personnel work with the community for crime reduction, prevention, and awareness, while building community relations. The district is comprised of our Uniform Patrol Section, where deputies respond to calls for service, conduct emergency responses, traffic enforcement, and interact with the community; our General Investigations Unit, which is comprised of units that focus on solving and reducing specific crimes, such as group violence, robberies, burglaries, auto theft,

fraudulent activity, and recidivism; and our Neighborhood Resource Unit which serves as the District's community engagement strategy.

Our Neighborhood Resource Unit (NRU) works with residents, schools, community leaders, and organizations to address quality-of-life concerns and connect with the public. This past year, our NRU participated in over 400 community and outreach events, resulting in over 45,000 community and over 800 student interactions.

A major advancement unique to 2025, was the State Attorney's Group Violence Unit in the district, which enabled prosecutors, investigators, and victim advocates in our district's General Investigations Unit to collaborate with our investigators and the community to reduce gun violence. Countywide data is showing significant reductions in homicides and violent crime through 2025, when compared to the previous year. There have been reductions of 35% in murders and shooting crimes combined throughout 2025. These efforts show how the district and MDSO are improving safety while deepening its ties with the community it serves.



South	2022	2023	2024	2025
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	30	18	17	12
Kidnapping	23	12	23	29
Rape	73	97	53	46
Aggravated Assault	1,185	1,034	901	685
Robbery	211	221	253	196
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	536	590	390	364
Motor Vehicle Theft	531	587	511	398
TOTALS	2,589	2,559	2,148	1,730



Major Leonard Ricelli

CUTLER BAY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

**10720 CARIBBEAN BOULEVARD, #200
CUTLER BAY, FL 33189**

To our great citizens of The Town of Cutler Bay, over the past nine years, I have been honored to serve as your Cutler Bay Municipal District Major and continue to do so under our duly elected Sheriff Rosie Cordero-Stuz. I have served the MDSO for the last 33 years in various capacities in police operations, investigations, supervision, management, and administration, which has provided me with the unique experience of understanding both the needs of our community, and of the Sheriff's Office. Our deputies continue to focus on the safety and security for all of our citizens, while ensuring that they continue to serve our community with high ethical standards that support the Sheriff's Office core values of Integrity, Respect, Accountability and Service.

The town contracts with the MDSO for its police services, which is provided through an Interlocal Agreement. Upon the town's incorporation, we began our contractual services on August 23, 2006. We are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our citizens while emphasizing our enforcement efforts through the concepts of Community Oriented Policing.

We have 55 sworn deputies who serve in our Uniform Patrol Services, Neighborhood Resource Unit, and General Investigations Unit, who are supported by five civilian professional staff that serve in our Administrative Section. Our deputies are focused on crime. However, they are equally focused on quality-of-life issues. These community concerns are addressed through our daily MDSO operations which involve our deputies participating in community events, conducting traffic enforcement, and applying crime prevention methods through proactive patrols. Over the past year, our Neighborhood Resource Unit deputies have participated in over 50 town-related events solidifying the relationship between community and police. We also have addressed traffic issues by utilizing our Traffic Enforcement deputies who have conducted over 30 traffic enforcement details and issuing 10,249 traffic citations. Finally, comparing our overall crime statistics to the previous year, we have decreased crime by 23% in 2025. Our Uniform Patrol Services supervisors continue to implement proactive patrol methods in order to reduce and prevent crimes from occurring.





Major Maria Guerra

PALMETTO BAY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

**9705 EAST HIBISCUS STREET
PALMETTO BAY, FL 33157**

I am honored to serve as the Palmetto Bay Municipal District Major for the past ten years. I have 35 years of service with the MDSO. My experience includes uniform patrols in Northside and Hammocks Districts, Community Service and Neighborhood Resource Units in Hammocks and Midwest Districts. I have also supervised and managed investigative units, which include Narcotics and Robbery Bureau. These assignments have provided me with the unique experience of understanding both the needs of our community, and of the Sheriff's Office.

I wholeheartedly embrace the Community Policing concept encompassing crime prevention, law enforcement, and quality of life into the daily routine of the deputies under my command. I work closely with Village of Palmetto Bay Directors and civilian staff, establishing a well-rounded connection to provide safety and security for all residents and visitors.

The Village incorporated in 2002 and through an interlocal agreement for police services with the MDSO, the Palmetto Bay Municipal District was conceived in July of 2003. We service 24,439 residents and business owners within 8.44 square miles, generating an average of 17,500 calls for service annually. Daily operations are directed by the District's Major and Operations Commander. We are responsible for

responding to calls for service, attending all law enforcement related events, and investigating all crimes against persons and property. We are comprised of 1 Lieutenant, 6 Sergeants, and 36 sworn Deputy Sheriffs. Uniform Police Services is made up of 4 Sergeants and 24 Deputy Sheriffs. The Administrative Section is comprised of 1 Administrative Sergeant, 1 Administrative Deputy, 3 Community Outreach Unit deputies, and 4 Civilian Employees.

Our Community Outreach Unit offers community service and neighborhood resources, being the first to implement a personal empowerment safety education program for children, and a rape aggression defense program for women in Miami-Dade County. Our General Investigations Unit consists of 1 Sergeant and 4 Detectives that conduct follow-up investigations and initiate proactive policing strategies, as well as the Traffic Enforcement Unit, comprised of 4 Deputy Sheriffs, who address traffic concerns and conduct traffic enforcement initiatives within the Village of Palmetto Bay. In addition, we have the Marine Operations Unit, which patrols and enforces boating laws and regulations within the 10 miles of inland waters flowing through the Municipal District.



STRATEGIC RESPONSE DIVISION

AIRPORT OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office Airport Operations Bureau (AOB) maintains a constant state of readiness in response to the needs of passengers as they travel through the Miami International Airport (MIA). The AOB maintains a dedicated staff of sworn law enforcement and non-sworn personnel, who are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to meet the needs of the MIA community and the surrounding areas. Year-to-date, a total of 39,574,431 passengers have traveled through the MIA.

The AOB is comprised of the Administrative Unit, General Investigations Unit, Uniform Patrol, and the Special Operations Section and is responsible for the 3,200 acres of airport operations, plus the Miami Intermodal Center, which is comprised of the Rental Car Center, Greyhound Bus Station, Metrorail, Amtrack, and Tri-Rail Stations.

This year the AOB assisted the Miami-Dade Fire Department in successfully completing the 2025 Triennial Emergency Exercise to evaluate the Airport Emergency Plan, which received media attention. The AOB also added personnel to the Motor Unit to alleviate traffic for the arriving and departing passengers. Additionally, the AOB conducted two successful operations involving a complete shutdown of the airfield for the arrival and departure of the President of the United States and coordinated high profile activities that provided special escort details for the safe ingress and egress of domestic and international dignitaries, that included the Vice President of the United States, the Governor of Florida, and the US Secretary of State.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES BUREAU



The Government Services Bureau (GSB) delivers direct law enforcement services to a diverse array of critical stakeholders across Miami-Dade County. These include major institutions and infrastructure such as: Jackson Memorial Hospital, Fisher Island, the Metrorail and Metromover transit systems, Stephen P. Clark Government Center, Main Library, Loan Depot Park, Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Vizcaya Museum & Gardens, Overtown Transit Village North and South, Venetian and Rickenbacker Causeways, Crandon Park, Hobie Island Beach, Rickenbacker Trail, the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (University of Miami), NOAA Fisheries, NOAA Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory, Miami Seaquarium, the Central District Wastewater Treatment Plant, and MAST Academy.

To enhance maritime response capabilities, the GSB partnered with the Fisher Island Community Association to lease a marine vessel deployed on Thursday, January 1, 2026. This initiative will support emergency response efforts for patrons utilizing kayaks, canoes, and other watercrafts at Fisher Island, Hobie Island Beach, Bill Baggs State Park, and Crandon Beach. Additionally, in collaboration with the Florida Department of Transportation and SunGuide, the GSB implemented dynamic traffic messaging across six strategic locations along Interstate 95 and US1.

These signs will provide real-time alerts regarding event-related congestion, traffic incidents, and destination closures affecting the Rickenbacker Causeway. This measure aims to alleviate traffic concerns for residents, visitors, and commercial travelers in Key Biscayne, while also preventing unnecessary toll charges for motorists during closures.

SEAPORT OPERATIONS BUREAU

PortMiami, the “Cruise Capital of the World,” is the world’s leading cruise ship port. It is recognized as a “global gateway” in trade and commerce for the Americas. Yearly, PortMiami processes over 8 million cruise passengers, exceeding any port worldwide. As Miami-Dade County’s second most important economic engine, PortMiami contributes billions annually to the local economy, supporting more than 334,500 jobs in South Florida.

The Seaport Operations Bureau (SOB) serves as the command-and-control authority for law enforcement services provided to PortMiami. Additionally, the SOB has specialized elements and equipment to enhance our mission. Our deputies are continually trained in critical incident response tactics to respond to potential threats, terrorist activities, or criminal events at PortMiami.

SOB provides 24-hour direct uniformed patrol functions, security, traffic control, and criminal investigations. The

Harbor Patrol Unit renders assistance to water related incidents in the vicinity of PortMiami, working closely with Local, State and Federal agencies.

The Motorcycle Unit provides traffic control, security, and directs patrols throughout PortMiami. The General Investigations Unit handles criminal investigations. The Auto Theft Unit investigates auto thefts, vehicle burglaries within PortMiami, and the exportation of stolen vehicles cases, via the Port and the Miami River.

SOB’s Incident Containment Team consists of highly tactically trained deputies ready to handle active shooter scenarios within PortMiami. The Canine Unit is composed of an Explosives Detection Interdiction Canine, and four Transportation Security Administration certified canines, and their handlers, ready to be deployed to the terminals in case of an incident.



SPECIAL PATROL BUREAU

The Special Patrol Bureau (SPB) augments traditional sheriff's functions and provides support services to other Agency elements along with local agencies. The SPB is comprised of the Specialized Patrol and Events Sections and the Tactical Operations Section. The Specialized Patrol and Events Section manages large-scale events and provides support services for the County and local agencies. The Specialized Patrol and Events Section is comprised of the following: Special Events Unit, Marine Patrol Unit, and the Motorcycle Unit (which includes the Breath and Alcohol Testing and the Impaired Driving Enforcement Squads).

The Tactical Operations Section is primarily responsible for conducting and managing all tactical operations throughout Miami-Dade County, Miami International Airport, PortMiami, and several municipalities throughout the County. The Section consists of the Special Response Team, Canine Unit, Bomb Disposal Unit, and the Incident Management Team.

The SPB was instrumental in planning and staffing for the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Club World Cup 2025, with the primary focus of ensuring a secure venue. This was a 32-game series that was held over a two-month time span, with eight games held locally at the Hard Rock Stadium.

The SPB worked in collaboration with Federal, State, and Local partners to ensure the safety and orderliness of every FIFA game; instrumental to the planning was the utilization of tactical resources along with specially trained deputies that specialize in crowd management. This collaboration reflected the never-ending dedication of the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office in protecting both residents and visitors alike.





SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Support Services Division is comprised of our Forensic & Technology Division and Centralized Services Division, which oversee multiple Bureaus and Offices with functions that are essential to the daily operation of the Agency. The Forensic & Technology Division encompasses our Crime Laboratory, Crime Scene & Evidence Bureau, Property & Evidence Section, and Information Technology Office. The Centralized Services Division encompasses our Community Affairs Bureau, Central Records Bureau, Communications Bureau, Fleet Management Office, and Miami-Dade Sheriff's Training Center.

FORENSIC & TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

CRIME LABORATORY

The Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory, voluntarily accredited since 1989, provides forensic services through six specialized sections.

The Quality Assurance Section ensures compliance with accreditation standards, oversees proficiency testing, manages records requests, and converts paper files to digital format. It also includes the Central Evidence Reception Facility, which handles evidence intake and release, and the Specialized Support Unit, which enhances the lab's ability to analyze complex DNA samples.

The Analytical Section Drug Unit analyzed more than 5,900 drug cases and identified 123 controlled substances, including emerging fentanyl analogs.

The Forensic Biology Section has made more than 11,600 DNA hits through the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), generating investigative leads in otherwise unsolved cases. The section also helped identify human remains from a 1996 homicide, working with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Miami-Dade Medical Examiner

Department. The Forensic Identification Section uses the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) to link gun evidence, providing leads in more than 25,200 cases.

The Fingerprint Identification Section processed over 2,200 booking prints, evaluated 3,800 latent lifts, and identified 456 subjects. The unit also reworked 13 cold cases, resulting in eight new identifications, including a high-profile 1986 North Miami Beach case.

The Forensic Intelligence Section integrates forensic and law enforcement data to produce actionable intelligence. In 2025, it researched 3,560 cases and shared findings through an i2 Analysis Hub and Power BI dashboards that track violent offenders and gang activity.



CRIME SCENE & EVIDENCE BUREAU

The Crime Scene & Evidence Bureau (CSEB) supports MDSO operations through two specialized sections.

The Crime Scene Investigative Support Section (CSISS) processes homicide and death investigations, deputy-involved shootings, robberies, and major sexual battery and domestic violence cases. In 2025, two new Crime Scene Technicians were hired as part of the agency's effort to civilianize the section, allowing more deputies to serve in the field. CSISS processed 921 crime scenes and uploaded 77,400 digital photos to a secure platform for investigators. The Property and Evidence Section (PES) manages all evidence and property impounded by MDSO and provides services to other agencies, including the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Highway Patrol, and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The PES maintains detailed records from impoundment to final disposition, including property returns, online auctions, and destruction of contraband.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICE

The Information Technology Office (ITO), in partnership with the Miami-Dade County Information Technology Department, supports the agency's computer systems, hardware, software, networks, and communications, ensuring all operations meet state security standards.

The ITO provides efficient and secure technology solutions to support law enforcement operations. The Infrastructure and Law Enforcement Applications Unit implemented multi-factor authentication across all systems, integrated Recast Desktop Management to improve remote administration, and enhanced application auditing to strengthen threat detection.

The Technical Support Section is replacing all Harris portable and mobile radios with Motorola APX NEXT units and continues to enhance communication interoperability and provide event support.



CENTRALIZED SERVICES DIVISION

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUREAU

The Community Affairs Bureau is committed to providing innovative and creative deputy/community programs to the residents of Miami-Dade County, as well as supporting traditional law enforcement activities, while promoting cooperation and enhancing communications between the agency, staff members, and the community. The Community Affairs Bureau is divided into the following two components: The School Crossing Guard Program and The Community and Youth Outreach Section (CYOS).

The School Crossing Guard Program is comprised of 540 Guards who serve public elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, charter schools, and primary schools throughout the County. The goal of the program is to facilitate safe crossings at over 309 busy crosswalks.

The CYOS provides deputy/community programs to Miami-Dade County residents, as well as supports traditional law enforcement activities. The CYOS partners with other

agency elements, County agencies, and community-based organizations to develop, plan, and actualize activities that seek to enhance the Agency's crime prevention, education, and charitable interests. The CYOS is composed of specialized units that work collaboratively to ensure effective community engagement.

The CYOS has the responsibility of administering and providing specialized programs, such as the Youth Outreach Unit, a community-oriented policing initiative focused on building trust, communal partnership, problem-solving techniques, and individual growth to transform youth at risk. Other CYOS programs include Drug Abuse Resistance Education, Students Together Against Negative Decisions, Police Athletic League, Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office Citizen's Academy, Crime Stoppers, Mounted Patrol Unit, and the Community Support K-9 Unit.

CENTRAL RECORDS BUREAU

The Central Records Bureau (CRB) serves as the MDSO central hub and official repository for criminal records management, judicial support, and public records access. The CRB ensures the accuracy, integrity, and accessibility of arrest affidavits, background information, and judicial documentation, while upholding all County and State retention mandates. Operating on a 24-hour basis, the CRB manages continuous updates and inquiries within the Florida and the National Crime Information Centers and submits crime data to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement through the Florida Incident-Based Reporting System.

The Bureau ensures public transparency, overseeing all records requests via GovQA, the County's public records portal. Through this system, CRB fulfills requests from citizens, law enforcement partners, attorneys, and agencies

for criminal background checks, arrest forms, jail cards, and police clearance letters, while coordinating response times and fee collection. Additionally, the CRB manages the False Alarm Enforcement Unit, which tracks alarm registrations, maintains compliance databases, and works to reduce false alarms, ensuring that MDSO deputies remain available for priority calls.

During 2025, CRB advanced its mission through modernization and operational efficiency. Key achievements include securing more than \$800,000 in grant funding to digitize criminal records and reduce backlogs, launching an online appointment system, enhancing domestic violence injunction notifications, and launching public access kiosks and QR codes. The CRB also standardized clearance letter formats and rebranded its public records counter.

COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

The Communications Bureau is the busiest Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) in the southeastern United States. Annually, the Bureau's police complaint officers receive over 2 million calls for assistance from citizens, and police dispatchers handle approximately 50 million radio transmissions. The Bureau serves as the main PSAP for Miami-Dade County, including 31 municipalities and other law enforcement agencies. MDSO personnel respond to emergency and non-emergency situations and provide a vital link between citizens who require assistance or service and public safety personnel.

On June 1, 2025, the Bureau introduced Text-to-911 technology across Miami-Dade County. This critical advancement enhances public safety by providing residents with another tool, and an accessible way to reach emergency services when calling is not an option. Text-to-911 provides the hearing and speech impaired community with a fast, accessible way to connect to 911. The CB is dedicated to utilizing state-of-the-art technology to enhance emergency

services and provide the public with faster, safer, and more reliable access to help when they need it most.

The Bureau is an esteemed recipient of the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch Accredited Centers of Excellence Award. Since 2009, the Accredited Centers of Excellence accreditation serves as proof the Bureau is committed to quality patient care for all callers with a medical need. The Bureau works diligently and cooperatively with partner agencies to render superior service with the core mission of saving lives.



FLEET MANAGEMENT OFFICE

The Fleet Management Office (FMO) is responsible for the purchase, maintenance, accountability, financial management, and eventual replacement of over 4,000 vehicle fleet inventory and specialty equipment to include leased vehicles. The FMO continually researches and reviews innovative technology regarding safety features, lighting, and state-of-the-art law enforcement vehicle emergency equipment, to include: aircraft, watercraft, and Unmanned Aircraft Systems, also known as drones.

The Office also oversees vehicle branding/graphic decals, window tinting services, confidential tags, and Florida SunPass issuance. Office personnel perform audits of all marked and unmarked vehicle and equipment assets. This entails evaluating the vehicle age, mileage, equipment, and how these assets pair with the receiving entities' job functions. During FY 2024-25, the MDSO began re-evaluating fleet needs due to the transition to a Sheriff's Office. During the transition, the progress made from the former Miami-Dade Police Department's multi-year purchase plan to replace its aging fleet, will continue to be evaluated and enhanced.



MIAMI-DADE SHERIFF'S TRAINING CENTER

The Miami-Dade Sheriff's Training Center (MDSTC) continues to uphold the highest standards in professional law enforcement training to meet the needs of local, state, federal and international public safety employees. During the 2025 reporting year, the MDSTC achieved several milestones as the agency transitioned to the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO).

The MDSO Sheriff's Law Enforcement Academy #1 was the first to begin under Sheriff Rosie Cordero-Stutz, launching on July 21, 2025, with 53 deputy trainees.

MDSO also participated in the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Training Program. During this period, 24 students graduated from the MDSO Guardian Academy, bringing the total number of trained guardians to 190 since the program's inception in 2019.

Health and wellness remain a top priority for MDSO. To promote a healthy lifestyle, the agency updated gym equipment at the MDSTC Fitness Center, as well as at selected district and bureau gyms.

The MDSTC conducted refresher training for 130 field training deputies and certified an additional 70 deputies as field trainers to ensure the continuity of the MDSO Field Training Evaluation Program. In addition, 14 deputy explorers from various MDSO districts completed a three-week Deputy Explorer Academy at the MDSTC.

The MDSTC also received 2,700 Taser-10 devices and 560 Glock-47 handguns equipped with red-dot sights, which will be distributed to deputies.

The MDSTC will continue to monitor and support initiatives that highlight the success of the MDSO.





INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

Investigative Services performs centralized investigations for specific crimes that require highly specialized investigative skills, training, and equipment. Investigative Services is responsible for major investigations and the investigative support functions for the agency. The Investigative Services Assistant Director oversees the Criminal Investigations Division, which is comprised of the Organized Crime, Homicide, Robbery, and Special Victims Bureaus; and the Specialized Investigations Division, which consists of the Warrants, Court Services, Cyber Crimes, and Homeland Security Bureaus.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

HOMICIDE BUREAU

The Homicide Bureau is responsible for conducting comprehensive death investigations, which include cases of murder, suicide, natural causes, accidental and undetermined deaths. Investigators conduct meticulous crime scene management, thorough evidence gathering, witness interviews and work in close collaboration with forensic experts and prosecutors. Additionally, investigators maintain high standards of ethics and objectivity to piece together complex investigations and possess strong communication and people skills to handle sensitive situations to build and maintain trust within the community. In addition to the primary responsibilities, the Homicide Bureau investigates the death investigations for local municipalities.

The Bureau oversees several specialized units: the Cold Case Squad, which pursues unsolved murders; the Traffic Homicide Unit, which investigates fatal traffic crashes and

deputy involved crashes; and the Homicide Street Violence Task Force, which targets violent offenders and works to reduce gun violence throughout the county.

These efforts are further enhanced by our Homicide Intelligence and Technology Squad, which provides advanced investigative tools and state of the art technology to strengthen case development and resolution and the Criminal Intelligence and Records Management unit, who assist in analyzing data and maintaining records of death investigations. Year to date, murders are down 31% when we compare 2024 vs 2025 in Unincorporated Miami-Dade County. Additionally, the murder investigation closure rate, for unincorporated Miami-Dade County, increased by 79% during the same time. The statistical results display a measurable impact in diminishing violent crimes throughout the county.



ROBBERY BUREAU

The Robbery Bureau has four sections: Administrative Section, Robbery Investigations Section, the Street Terror Offender Program, and the Robbery Intervention Detail (RID). Its mission is to investigate and reduce robberies throughout Miami-Dade County through intelligence, tactical operations, and proactive enforcement.

The Administrative Section, which includes the Robbery Bureau Clearinghouse, produces bulletins, pattern analyses, and provides investigative support to agencies throughout Southeast Florida. These initiatives strengthen law enforcement deployment, enhance law enforcement response to robberies, and improve public safety across the region.

The Robbery Investigations Section handled over 804 robbery cases in 2025, leading to 418 arrests. These efforts included both short and long-term investigations, targeting repeat offenders and dismantling organized criminal networks.

The Street Terror Offender Program partners with federal, state, and local agencies to combat violent criminal organizations. These coordinated investigative and tactical operations were significant in disrupting the Tren de Aragua transnational criminal organization's attempts to infiltrate into South Florida, resulting in 26 arrests, preventing further violent crimes and enhancing community safety.

The RID Unit is dedicated to proactive enforcement, including surveillance, tracking and apprehension of wanted individuals, and executing arrests. In 2025, RID conducted over 925 operations, resulting in 595 arrests and 116 firearms seized. Additionally, RID launched the RID Basic High-Risk 80-Hour Course, designed to strengthen interagency collaboration and provide training in crime analysis, investigative methods, and tactical strategies.

The Robbery Bureau's multi-faceted approach—combining intelligence, tactical enforcement, and interagency collaboration—continues to effectively dismantle criminal organizations, reduce violence, and safeguard the residents of Miami-Dade County.

ORGANIZED CRIMES BUREAU

The Organized Crimes Bureau is composed of three Sections: Economic Crimes, Organized Crimes, and Narcotics Sections.

The Organized Crimes Section investigates and prosecutes a wide variety of vice crimes, cargo theft and human trafficking. In 2025, the Auto Crimes Taskforce joined the bureau to fight rising auto theft fraud schemes including "Credit Bust-Outs." To date, the task force has made 24 arrests, recovered 53 vehicles, and seized \$4.3 million in assets.

The Economic Crimes Section investigates financial, medical, environmental, and arson crimes. In 2025, the Economic Crimes Section inherited the responsibility to conduct environmental crimes and staged crash investigations. The Environmental Crimes Unit investigated 555 cases, executed 11 search warrants, made 80 arrests, removed 94,000 cubic yards of debris, and recovered \$825,000 in assets. Additionally, the Organized Crimes Bureau created two additional squads, the Narcotics Interdiction Squad and the Money Laundering and Illicit Proceeds Recovery Squad.

The Narcotics Interdiction Squad launched to disrupt drug trafficking in South Florida, works along with state and federal partners. Year-to-date the squad has made 33 felony arrests, seized \$265,965, 620 pounds of Marijuana, 2,034 grams of Cocaine, and approximately 5,000 various types of illicit pills. The Money Laundering and Illicit Proceeds Recovery Squad made three felony arrests, seven apprehensions, executed warrants, recovered \$376 million in laundered funds, and assisted in a \$51 million seizure.

The Narcotics Section conducts criminal investigation related to all narcotics violations and kidnapping for ransom. Additionally, the Narcotics Section houses the Canine Detection Unit.

SPECIAL VICTIMS BUREAU

The Special Victims Bureau is divided into four major Units: Domestic Crimes Investigations, Vulnerable Victims, Sexual Crimes Investigations, and Sexual Predator and Offender Units.

The Domestic Crimes Investigations Unit conducts follow-up domestic violence criminal investigations and utilizes Victim Advocates to provide much needed social services, coordinate treatment, and offer preventative alternatives for victims of these crimes. The Vulnerable Victims Unit works collaboratively with protective service agencies and investigates crimes involving children and the elderly, immediately responding to serious allegations of child or elderly abuse and neglect, ensuring allegations of criminal misconduct are addressed timely to protect the most vulnerable from further abuse. The Vulnerable Victims Unit also contains the Missing Persons Squad, which investigates all cases of adult and juvenile missing persons. The Sexual Crimes Investigations Unit investigates sexual battery, lewd and lascivious assaults involving juvenile victims, child sexual exploitation, and Internet Crimes Against Children. The Sexual Predator and Offender Unit is responsible for

registering every sexual offender and predator within Miami-Dade County and conducting address verifications to ensure the registrants abide by their state mandated requirements and Miami-Dade County residency restrictions. The Bureau contains two cold case components that specifically focus on unsolved sexual crimes and missing persons cases.

The Bureau's Clearinghouse serves as the central repository for information regarding Bureau investigations and performs many functions mandated by local, state, and federal laws. The Clearinghouse's databases and intelligence information are utilized by multiple agencies throughout the County and are extremely valuable analytical tools for Bureau investigators.



SPECIALIZED INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU

The Homeland Security Bureau protects Miami-Dade County through intelligence gathering, threat investigations, and real-time situational awareness. In 2025, the Intelligence and Investigation Section responded to rising school threats by launching an in-person program that explains Florida statutes and the consequences of threats. The Section plans to present three to five sessions per quarter throughout 2026.

The Southeast Florida Fusion Center served as the intelligence hub for the 2025 FIFA Club World Cup, producing 86 threat analyses, 23 event overviews, and 11 officer alerts. The Center mitigated 535 suspicious activity reports and completed 315 terrorism checks, 669 social media reviews, 54 school threat investigations, and 14 swatting investigations.

The Regional Domestic Security Task Force led Operation Heat Shield, a large-scale exercise simulating terrorist and mass-casualty attacks designed to enhance regional readiness among law enforcement, fire rescue, emergency management agencies, and hospitals throughout Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties.

The Real-Time Operations Center integrated more than 1,000 cameras into the Axon and Fusus platform, processed 2,561 intelligence requests, and handled 32 actionable school threat tips. Personnel reviewed 16,176 incidents, recovered 197 vehicles, assisted in 219 apprehensions, and issued 1,702 real-time alerts.

The Priority Response Team maintained rapid-deployment capability for mass-casualty and terrorism events, coordinated 24 large-scale training exercises and 250 additional tactical courses.

The Threat Management Unit managed 689 cases, served 71 Risk Protection Orders, and seized 12 firearms. The Unit was honored as Unit of the Month and Unit of the Quarter.

The Crisis Response Unit handled 1,525 mental health-related calls, including 503 involuntary Baker Act commitments, conducted 617 follow-up contacts, and made 1,685 referrals. The Unit earned multiple commendations. Through advanced intelligence sharing, expanded technology, and integrated mental health response, the Homeland Security Bureau strengthened Miami-Dade County's safety and resilience against terrorism, violent crime, and behavioral health crises.



CYBER CRIMES BUREAU

The Cyber Crimes Bureau addresses the County's rising threats involving network intrusions, ransomware, business email compromise, fraud, identity theft, and cryptocurrency-related crime. As part of the United States Secret Service South Florida Cyber Crimes Task Force, the Bureau collaborates with local, state, and federal partners to investigate offenses and secure digital evidence.

The Bureau is organized into two sections. The Strategic Cyber Investigations Section handles business email compromise schemes, ransomware, fraud, dark web activity, and cryptocurrency scams. The Digital Evidence and Forensics Innovation Section support investigations through specialized digital and multimedia analysis.

The Cyber Crime Investigations Unit targets the misuse of cryptocurrency in fraud, extortion, and confidence scams, providing agency-wide expertise in tracing digital wallets, exchanges, and illicit transactions. The Network Intrusion Unit investigates computer system breaches, ransomware, malware, SIM swapping, and large-scale business email compromise operations. Using advanced forensic and

analytic techniques, the Unit works closely with the United States Secret Service to disrupt offenders and protect County infrastructure.

The Digital Forensics Unit provides digital evidence acquisition, analysis, recovery, and crime scene support for County and federal partners. The Video Forensics Unit manages multimedia evidence, including video and audio enhancement, comparison, and expert testimony. The Technical Operations Unit conducts covert multimedia acquisition, forensic analysis, and field deployment through its Mobile Forensics Laboratory.

In 2025, the Cyber Crimes Bureau secured \$2.6 million in victim restitution, including a September case in which investigators froze \$1.7 million diverted through a spoofed real estate transaction email. Rapid coordination with financial institutions ensured full recovery, highlighting the Bureau's expertise in protecting Miami-Dade residents and businesses from sophisticated cybercrime.

WARRANTS BUREAU

The Warrants Bureau consists of four Felony Apprehension Squads, the Career Criminal Squad, the Headquarters Security Unit, the Extradition Unit, the Administrative Unit, and the Desk Operations Unit. As of 2025, the Bureau maintained 25,042 active warrants in its system. During the year, the Bureau received 6,840 new warrants, closed 7,684 warrants, and executed 553 arrests. Compared to 2024, warrants received increased by six percent, warrants closed decreased by 26 percent, and arrests increased by 37 percent.

The Felony Apprehension Squads locate and apprehend individuals with outstanding felony warrants and serve writs of bodily attachment, ex parte orders, juvenile pickup orders, and grand jury indictments. The Career Criminal Squad enforces Florida's Career Offender Verification Act by ensuring registered offenders verify their addresses annually. Currently, 2,429 career offenders are registered in Miami-Dade County.

The Headquarters Security Unit is responsible for securing the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office Headquarters Building by managing visitor access, monitoring security cameras, and controlling entry points. The Extradition Unit coordinates the arrest and return of felony subjects wanted in Miami-Dade County and conducted 197 extradition trips during the year.

The Administrative Unit manages statistical data, ensures budget compliance, processes payroll, oversees facilities and training, and maintains operational controls. The Desk Operations Unit processes warrants through the Automated Warrants Tracking System, coordinates information with other law enforcement agencies, and validates wanted persons for various court orders.

COURT SERVICES BUREAU

The Court Services Bureau ensures security for all courthouses within Florida's Eleventh Judicial Circuit, as well as for judges, court staff, and the public. In addition to its law enforcement responsibilities, the Bureau serves and executes all civil and criminal court processes. The Bureau is organized into five sections: Central Court Security, Satellite Court Security, Enforceable Writs, Non-Enforceable Writs, and Administrative Services.

The Administrative Section manages payroll, personnel actions, facilities, vehicles, equipment, and records management. The Central and Satellite Court Security Sections maintain security operations at all 11 courthouses within the Circuit.

The Enforceable Writs Section is responsible for serving and executing enforceable civil processes issued by Circuit Courts, the State of Florida, and courts from other states. Annually, the Section serves approximately 8,000 Writs of Possession, 350 Writs of Execution, and 13,000 Domestic Violence Injunctions.

The Non-Enforceable Writs Section receives, processes, and posts 24-hour notices related to Writs of Possession, serves non-enforceable civil and criminal writs, and locates respondents. Each year, this Section processes and serves approximately 22,000 civil and 7,000 criminal matters.

Additionally, the Court Services Bureau administers the subpoena process through the court notification system, eSubpoena, and oversees the Sheriff's Office Cost Recovery Program, which generates an estimated \$60,000 annually. These funds help offset investigative expenses and overtime costs. The Bureau also serves as a liaison between the Judicial Circuit and other governmental entities with court-related responsibilities.





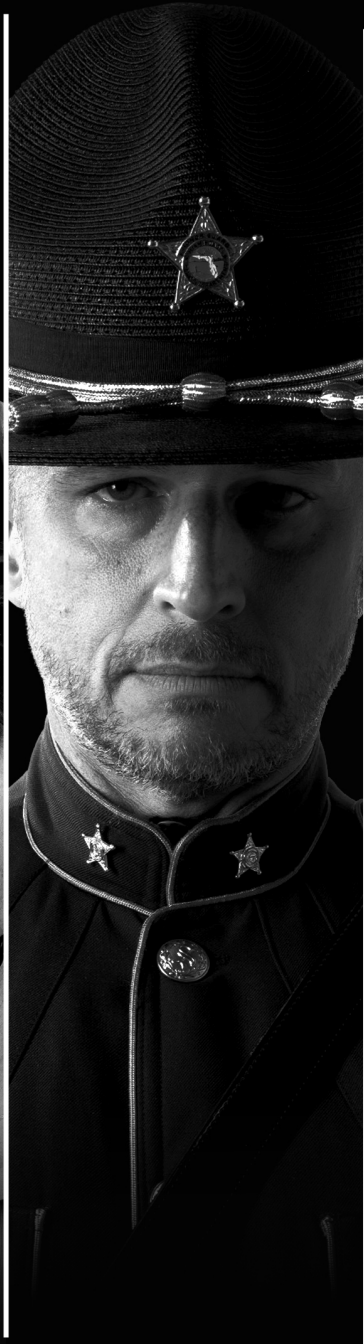


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Deputy Sheriff Murrettus "Rhett" McGregor	August 12, 1895	Officer Robert L. Zore	December 25, 1983
Jailer Gustav A. Kaiser	August 17, 1895	Officer Richard Allen Boles	November 28, 1988
Deputy Sheriff Wilber W. Hendrickso	June 2, 1915	Officer David Henry Strzalkowski	November 28, 1988
Deputy Sheriff Allen Butler Henderson	September 16, 1916	Officer Jose Teodoro Gonzalez	March 28, 1989
Deputy Sheriff William Z. Henderson	September 16, 1916	Officer Joseph Preston Martin	April 27, 1990
Deputy Sheriff Charles R. Williams	September 16, 1916	Lieutenant Thomas James Leis	April 29, 1990
Police Officer Edward Emile Fritz Jr.	February 3, 1953	Officer Evelyn Gort	October 30, 1993
Officer Jerome R. Christman	December 3, 1960	Officer Carmen Gonzalez	November 28, 1993
Officer Earl Lee Johnson Jr.	February 3, 1962	Officer Robert Vargas	February 7, 1997
Officer Carlos S. Stuteville	August 22, 1964	Officer Richard P. Wentlandt	March 15, 1997
Officer Paul G. Anderson Jr.	May 7, 1967	Officer Rueben Isaac Jones	October 5, 1998
Officer Johnny Edward Mitchell	December 31, 1971	Officer Roberto Luis Calderon	December 7, 1999
Officer Frank Searcy	March 27, 1974	Officer Randall Ross Kugler	March 10, 2000
Officer Harrison Crenshaw Jr.	May 18, 1974	Officer Nirza Rodriguez	May 5, 2003
Officer Simmons Arrington	May 21, 1974	Officer Jose Lazaro Somohano	September 13, 2007
Officer Clark Hamilton Curlette	April 1, 1976	Officer Giovanni L. Gonzalez	June 16, 2009
Officer Frank Kenneth D'Azevedo	April 1, 1976	Officer Roger Castillo	January 20, 2011
Officer Thomas Allen Hodges Jr.	April 1, 1976	Officer Amanda Lynn Haworth	January 20, 2011
Officer William Coleman Cook	May 16, 1979	Officer Henry Malcolm McAleenan Jr.	March 6, 2016
Officer William Franklin Askew	July 24, 1979	Sergeant Jermaine Thomas Brown	December 12, 2018
Officer Edward Russell Young	September 23, 1981	Officer Cesar "Echy" Echaverry Jr.	August 17, 2022
Officer Cheryl Weiner Seiden	July 28, 1982	Deputy Devin Jaramillo	November 7, 2025
Officer Stephen Owen Corbett	May 28, 1983		





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