


Memorandum



Date: June 4, 2021

To: Alfredo "Freddy" Ramirez III, Director
Miami-Dade Police Department

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Strategic Enforcement Tactics to Solve and Prevent Crime

This past week our county and our community has been struck with a wave of tragic violence, due to the despicable acts of a few bad actors. The safety and wellbeing of all our families and neighborhoods is our top priority, and we must put an end to this cycle of violence and senseless killings. I fully support the efforts of the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) under your leadership to bring the perpetrators to justice, and I am committed to making sure you have all the resources needed to pursue these criminals and keep our community safe.

Through the Peace and Prosperity Plan, we will deploy strategic prevention, intervention, re-entry, and enforcement efforts to prevent crime at the root, identify criminal behavior through increased social media monitoring and cameras in high-crime areas, and reduce violence in the short and long term. At the same time, we should spare no resource in our efforts to bring the killers to justice as quickly as possible and prevent future tragedy.

By way of this memorandum, I am directing you and MDPD to immediately develop and deploy strategic enforcement tactics targeted at solving recent crimes and taking bad actors off the streets. In addition to Operation Summer Heat, which launched this week, you should introduce additional enforcement measures that include:

- Evening checks of unlawful parties that attract large crowds with Code Enforcement and the Fire Marshal
- Proactive enforcement details with other law enforcement agencies
- Hot spot checks
- DUI enforcement checkpoints
- Nuisance abatement activities
- Probation sweeps
- Deployment of additional license plate readers (LPRs)
- Real time crime center operations
- Expanded community policing operations

All these activities should include partnerships with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to leverage collaborations in enhancing public safety. The plans must address specific operational objectives that target crime happening in a particular area and time, and not be general in nature. The use of on-duty staff and overtime where needed is expected and encouraged in order for these plans to be effective.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Chief Public Safety Officer JD Patterson. Thank you for your relentless efforts to solve and stop violent crime and to keep all our families safe.

Director Ramirez
Page 2

c: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz,
and Members, Board of County Commissioners
Geri Bonzon-Keenan, County Attorney
Gerald K. Sanchez, First Assistant County Attorney
Jess McCarty, Executive Assistant County Attorney
Office of the Mayor Senior Staff
JD Patterson, Chief Public Safety Officer
Department Directors
Jennifer Moon, Chief, Office of Policy and Budgetary Affairs
Yinka Majekodunmi, Commission Auditor
Melissa Adames, Director, Clerk of the Board