


# Memorandum



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**To:** Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Daniella Levine Cava  
Mayor 

**Subject:** Public Safety Leadership Updates

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Over the past two years, Miami-Dade has weathered unprecedented challenges from a global pandemic to the tragedy in Surfside, thanks in large part to the dedication and sacrifice of our first responders and men and women in uniform. I’m grateful to all our public safety teams for their commitment to serving Miami-Dade County and am immensely proud to work alongside them to continue to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our communities.

With that in mind, I am announcing a few updates to public safety leadership overseeing the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD), Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR), the Corrections and Rehabilitation Department (MDCR), and the Medical Examiner, effective Monday, July 11:

- **Alfredo Ramirez III, Interim Chief Public Safety Officer, will resume his role as Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department and take on a new expanded role as Chief of Safety and Emergency Response**, responsible for oversight of both MDPD and Miami-Dade Fire Rescue. Director Ramirez has dedicated the past 27 years to law enforcement after joining MDPD in 1995 and was promoted through all civil service ranks, attaining the position of Director in January 2020. Over the last two years, Ramirez led the agency with excellent results in gun violence prevention, homicide reduction, and building community trust and partnership. Since February 2022, Ramirez has served as Interim Chief Public Safety Officer overseeing MDPD, MDFR, and the Medical Examiner.
- **JD Patterson will take on a new role as Chief of Corrections and Forensics**, responsible for oversight of the Corrections and Rehabilitation Department and the Medical Examiner. Patterson joined the Mayor’s administration as the County’s first Chief Public Safety Officer, after serving previously as Miami-Dade Police Department director from 2013 to 2016 and most recently as Assistant Police Chief for the City of Miami Gardens. He has over 30 years of experience in law enforcement and is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Since February, Patterson has served on special assignment overseeing MDCR, bringing his extensive experience in public safety to advance critical reforms to our correctional facilities.
- **George A. Perez**, who has served since February as the Interim Director of Miami-Dade Police Department, will take on a special assignment as Assistant Director overseeing police operations in the Corrections Department. He will work closely with Chief Patterson to ensure transparency and accountability within corrections.

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I want to thank Chief Ramirez, Chief Patterson, and Interim Director Perez for their outstanding leadership, and I’m confident that these personnel moves will continue to ensure we can deliver excellent and efficient public safety services to our residents and visitors. Should you have any questions, please contact me directly.

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