



DEPARTMENTAL BIOGRAPHY

MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

Miami Police Training Center

OFFICER WALTER BYARS JR. **OFFICER SURVIVAL TRAINING OFFICER**

Officer Walter Byars Jr., is employed by the City of Miami Police Department. He has 29 years of law enforcement experience, all with the City of Miami Police Department. Officer Byars attended Northwestern College in Roseville, Minnesota for one semester, Delaware State University in Delaware for one year, and one year at North East Oklahoma Junior College in Miami, Oklahoma, while on a football scholarship.

During his career as a law enforcement professional, Officer Byars has been assigned to the Special Weapons and Tactical Unit (S.W.A.T.), and has trained with numerous state and federal agencies, and various countries, which include Brazil and Honduras, regarding tactical response, tactical training and helicopter emergency egress. He is also certified in PADI Scuba Training, which he received during his tactical training.

Officer Byars has taught and trained recruits at Miami Dade College for Basic Law Enforcement classes. He was hired by Miami Dade College to teach firearms and defensive driving to recruits.

Presently, Officer Byars is assigned to the Officer Survival Detail, where he is a certified instructor. He has served in this capacity for 19 years. As a training officer, Officer Byars is certified and to train others in CPR/Bio-hazardous materials, Hazardous Materials, Train the Trainer's, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Defensive Tactics Instructor, F.B.I. Law Enforcement Officers Training, First Responder, Cultural Diversity, Defensive Driving Instructor, Glock Instructor Transitional Training, Firearms Instructor Techniques, Helicopter Emergency Egress Device, Pressure Point Control Techniques, Officer Survival Training, Cultural Diversity Training for Criminal Justice Instructors, Street Survival, M26 Advanced Taser & Taser X26 Instructor Certification, National Tactical Officers Association, Glock Armorer Course Certification, Remington Police Armorer Course Certification, P.P.E. Initial Basic Training (Field Force Training) Certification, and Simunitions Scenario Instructor & Safety Certification Course.

As a critical and knowledgeable member of the Miami Training Center, Officer Byars has been utilized as an expert witness by the Miami Police Department in a substantial number of court proceedings. He has testified in many civil and criminal cases on the state and federal level. Officer Byars began his career with the City of Miami in 1981 as a Public Service Aide (PSA). In 1982, he graduated from the Police Academy as a City of Miami police officer. He was assigned as a patrol officer for nine years and with S.W.A.T. for five years. It continues to be an honor for Officer Byars to dedicate himself to be of service to the community as a law enforcement officer.