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Subject: MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED BY THE I.A.C.P.



The Miami Police Department has been recognized by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (I.A.C.P.) for its community policing initiatives aimed at improving homeland security by presenting the agency with the Homeland Security Special Recognition Award for 2010. The I.A.C.P. is the world's oldest and largest nonprofit membership organization of police executives, with more than 20,000 members in over 140 countries. The I.A.C.P.'s leadership consists of the operating chief executives of international, federal, state, and local agencies of all sizes.

This special recognition from this prestigious law enforcement organization is a special tribute to Miami Police employees and an honor for this municipality. "It is evident that their efforts to work with the citizens of the City of Miami to create a safer environment are not only successful, but admired by some of the highest, most respected authorities in the policing arena," said Miguel A. Exposito, Chief of Police. "The fact that the Miami Police Department was chosen out of over 18,000 police departments in the United States, makes this tribute something we can all be proud of," he added.

According to an I.A.C.P. press release issued on September 21, 2010, 'the Miami Police Department demonstrated how community policing philosophy and practices are integral in terrorism prevention and response. Through involvement, awareness and action, agencies and communities moved another step closer to winning the war on terror.'

The Miami Police Department was officially presented with the I.A.C.P. Homeland Security Special Recognition Award for the 2010 Community Policing Awards this October, during their annual conference banquet in Orlando, Florida.

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