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PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION



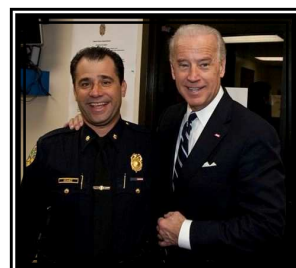
"It was a complete honor," says Captain Richard Walterman of O.E.M. (Office of Emergency Management/Homeland Security). He is referring to the deployment of 45 police employees to Washington D.C. to be part of the 44th Annual Presidential Inauguration. Close to 10,000 law enforcement officers were present, 4,500 of which were selected from outside of D.C., Miami

Police being one of the few. It was a meticulous process, from making sure they had the right gear to sustain the D.C. weather, to multiple meetings detailing their tasks, responsibilities and comportment during the event. They flew in on Sunday, January 18th, and were housed 45 minutes away in Maryland. Shortly after they arrived, they were sworn as U.S. Marshalls for the duration of the event. The day of the inauguration, January 20th, they were up bright and early leaving the hotel at 2:30 AM for their post. They stood unyielding for a total of 17 hours.



VP VISIT

It was without a doubt one of the most prestigious press conferences hosted by the Miami Police Department, a visit by United States Vice-President Joseph Biden. Within a matter of three days, the lobby was adorned with blue velvet curtains, matching ropes and stanchions cordoning off sections and a presidential podium dead center. The



conference went without a hitch due to the coordination between Major Jorge Gomez, Major Craig McQueen and Major Armando Guzman with the U.S. Secret Service and presidential staff. The list of guests included City Commissioners, Miami-Dade Police Chief, all the City Neighborhood Resource Officers and approximately 20 media entities. "We are getting approximately 2.5 million dollars from the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)," said Chief Timoney. "We are using those monies to hire civilians and for new technology."

CHIEF'S CORNER



Greetings:

I hope this issue of *The New Beat* finds you and your families well.

As you know, every month we hold an awards ceremony to recognize our employees for their achievements. I try to encourage supervisors to take the time to submit nominations for sworn and civilian personnel under their command whose work may sometimes go unrecognized. Recently, we publicly acknowledged the Officers and Employees of the Year. Let me take this opportunity to again congratulate the 2008 winners: Officer Nestor Garcia (*Officer of the Year*), Officer Jeffrey Giordano (*Community Policing Officer of the Year*), Ismaelia Castillo (*PSA of the Year*), and Kaira Trogner (*Civilian Employee of the Year*). We have acquired our reputation of excellence thanks to employees like you.

The Miami Police Department has been a subject of attention at the White House during these past few months. First, 45 Miami Police officers were invited to participate in security efforts for President Barack Obama's inaugural ceremonies in Washington, DC this past January. They froze out there for hours, standing guard on the streets of our nation's capital! I'm proud to say that the members of our contingency looked sharp and represented our department with distinction during this historic moment for our country. This was a huge honor for all of us at Miami PD.

On March 6, 2009, Vice President Joe Biden paid a visit to Miami Police Headquarters to bring us the good news that the Miami Police Department will be the recipient of 2.5 million dollars from the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). This welcomed funding will be used to hire civilians to carry out administrative and field assignments as well as to update and purchase new and improved technology. This news couldn't have come at a more crucial time when declining municipal budgets have forced many cities to reduce their police force. Vice President Biden also took a tour of the Miami Police College construction site and has promised support in the future. We certainly have a good friend in Joe Biden and I thank him for his long-standing support and advocacy on behalf of America's cities and public safety.

There is a promising future ahead for the Miami Police Department. Keep up the good work and remember that no good deed is too small when it contributes to the success of our agency and our mission to enhance the quality of life for those we serve.

Sincerely,

John F. Timoney
Chief of Police

BLACK PRECINCT MUSEUM



▲ project that began more than 20 years ago finally came to fruition on January 15th, 2009, with the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Black Police Precinct and Court House Museum. Built in 1950 as the headquarters for the 41 black officers in the Department, it was a symbol of separation and segregation. Now, it stands as a museum that symbolizes unity and education. "It paved the way for me," said Assistant Chief Adam L. Burden II. "I am here today because of the legacy left by these great officers before me." It was a happy day for many who attended which included City commissioners, retired law enforcement officers and local residents who remember the days back when. "It is quite overwhelming," said retired 37-year veteran, Major Gwen Boyd. "I feel fortunate to have gotten to know some of the first officers." The museum is definitely a tribute to those who made many sacrifices and the perfect way to never forget them.



PHILIPPINES VISIT



Mabuhay! (ma-bu-hi) The Philippine word for “welcome” was heard throughout Camp Crane (headquarters of the Philippines National Police) when Senior Executive Assistant Delrish Moss visited the island nation as part of a five-week fellowship sponsored by Rotary International. The program was designed to foster friendships amongst cultures, while at the same time helping young professionals gain a better understanding of their profession through hands-on work and the sharing of ideas and information. The select few who attended went through a rigorous selection process that consisted of writing essays, numerous panel interviews and an in depth review of each candidate’s personnel and professional profile. “Although it was extremely hard work,” says Moss, “it was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.”

A HAPPY PROGRAM



On Tuesday, March 17, 2009, the Miami Police Athletic League kicked off a six-week program for inner-city youth, entitled H.A.P.P.Y. (Healthy Alternatives for Promising Youth) which focuses on making healthy choices. The program targets inner-city youth in the communities of Liberty City and Little Haiti. Among those who supported and participated in the kick-off were Chief John F. Timoney, Major Brenda Williams, Major David Magnusson and the staff of the Community Relations Section, Target, Supa Cindy of 99 Jamz, Channel 6 News, Mr. William Wanlund of the Washington Foreign Press Center, The Miami Herald, Eyes on South Florida, Karen Fryd of the South Florida Youth Foundation, and the Miami Police Explorers.

Story by Ashaala Jenkins

MAKING CHANGE HAPPEN



On February 20, 2009, the Community Relations Section, together with the Model City N.E.T. hosted the “Annual Black History Month Celebration.” This year’s event focused on making change happen by embracing the many positive changes that have taken place in the Liberty City community. The police department has solidified relationships with neighborhood businesses, community organizations and its citizens to make the area a safer place to live, work and play. The event was a festive celebration which included solo performances by Ms. Cafedia Stuart, T-Jay and P.A.L. Coordinator Ms. Ashaala Jenkins who sang the Black National Anthem and did a rendition of “Still I Rise.” There were also spoken word/rap performances by Underscore, Dre Marshall, MECCA, G-Swagg and dance performances by the New Way Fellowship Praise and Worship Center’s dance ministry. The Miami Fire Department showcased one of its new fire trucks and street vendors displayed their art, African American books, crafts, jewelry, and other items. Participants were offered samplings of African American dishes as well.

CITY OF MIAMI POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR & THE MOST OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE (SWORN) OF THE YEAR

Officer Nestor Garcia

COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Officer Jeffrey Giordano

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Kaira Trogner

P.S.A. OF THE YEAR

Ismaelia Castillo

OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

JANUARY

Detective Desreen Gayle

MARCH

Officer Brandon Lanier

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

JANUARY

Sandra Martinez

FEBRUARY

Quanda Thomas

MARCH

Konshawnia Kelly

MOVING ON

The following employees retired during this quarter. Their years of dedicated service to the citizens of the City of Miami are appreciated. They will be missed. We wish them continued success and a very happy retirement!

26 years

Officer Lester Cole, Jr.
Officer Miguel Rodriguez
Ms. Maria Bao

21 years

Officer Michael E. Egan

17 years

Officer David Chang

STREET DEDICATION



On January 8, 2009, the City of North Miami Beach unveiled a street sign bearing the name of Detective James Walker.

The dedication, which took place exactly one year after his death, was attended by approximately 200 people including Walker's parents Isabel and James Walker, Sr., Miami-Dade Commissioner Sally Heyman and Chief John F. Timoney. The street sign is located at N.E. 18th Avenue & 164th Street where Walker was slain.

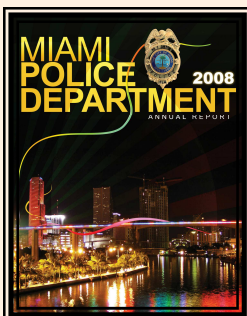
TORCH RUN

The 2009 Global Law Enforcement Torch Run, sponsored by DHL, took place on January 13th. It was the first time that Florida has hosted the



event. Miami's portion of the run was lead by Sr. Executive Assistant Anthony Utset. "It's a great feeling to spend time with these athletes," says Utset. "They have incredible obstacles they deal with on a daily basis, yet they manage to stay focused and optimistic. We can all learn from them."

ART CONTEST



In January, the Miami Police Department held a contest to select the artwork for the cover of the 2008 Annual Report. All high schools within the Miami's jurisdiction were contacted to submit designs from their students.

A panel of judges made up of City of Miami graphic designers and police employees made the selection. The winner was a 12 grader from Miami Senior High School, Hassan De-Jesus. On May 14th, 2009 during the monthly awards ceremony, De-Jesus was presented with a trophy and a \$250 Visa gift card, courtesy of the Do The Right Thing program.

RETIRED OFFICER HONORED



On November 26th, 2008, retired Officer Manny Gomez was recognized with a special award for his 27 years of service to

the Miami Police Department. The award, which was a mounted officer's uniform with gold insignia and a photo of Gomez on his horse, is a tribute to his dedication to the Mounted Patrol Unit. Ofc. Gomez sustained a severe injury while riding his horse during an event.

CAN YOU GUESS WHO?



Can you guess which four youngsters in this picture are currently working in our department? Answer below

C.S.I. Fabrice Nelson (back middle), Major Rodolfo Alberto, Jr. (bottom left) and Lieutenant Mario Medina (bottom middle).