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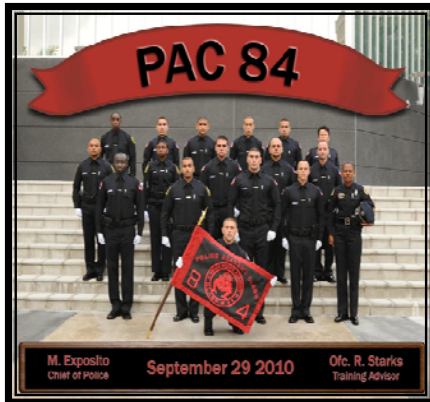
## MIAMI POLICE RECOGNIZED BY I.A.C.P.



The International Association of Chiefs of Police (I.A.C.P.) has recognized the Miami Police Department 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. 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 our 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 Chief of Police Miguel Exposito. "The fact that the Miami Police Department was selected out of over 18,000 police departments in the United States, makes this something we can all be proud of," he added. The Miami Police Department was officially presented with the I.A.C.P. Homeland Security Special Recognition Award for the 2010 Community Police Awards during their annual banquet on October 27, 2010, in Orlando, Florida.

## PAC 84

On September 29, 2010, 16 new recruits proudly graduated from the City of Miami Police College. This is the first independent and self-sponsored class to have completed the entire training process at the police college.



With the assistance and mentoring of Training Officer Robin Starks and other faculty members, 16 out of 18 recruits successfully completed the rigorous five and a half month training program. Three recruits have been hired by the Miami-Dade School Board Police and another recruit was hired by Florida City Police Department. Some are hoping to join the Miami Police family and serve alongside their relatives. Congratulations to all involved.

*Story by Det. William Moreno*

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## CHIEF'S CORNER



Dear Employees:

This November marked my one-year anniversary as your Chief of Police. It's been a rewarding time period that has allowed me the opportunity to appreciate your contributions to this organization. Each and every one of you played an integral role in our successes. For this, I thank you. You have represented the Miami Police Department honorably.

I know that the recent pay cuts have taken a toll on many of you. All City of Miami employees are feeling the brunt of our nation's financial woes. Many of you felt the need to join the DROP program, perhaps sooner than you wanted. Rest assured that along with the Staff, I did everything in my power to help lessen the impact and identify other sources of revenue to the City during these difficult times. I am hopeful that "this too shall pass", as the saying goes, and encourage you to keep high spirits as we continue on our journey to serve the City of Miami with a positive outlook on the future ahead of us.

I take this opportunity to send a few meritorious accolades. This October I attended the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference, where the Miami Police Department received a Special Recognition Award for its Community Policing efforts in the area of Homeland Security. Taking into account that there are over 18,000 police departments in the U.S., speaks volumes about the significance of this award! Also, in October, Vanidades Magazine featured an exposé on Officer Kenia Reyes, where she is named "Mujer Vanidades" (Vanidades Woman) for her outstanding work as MPD's Public Information Officer. And, most recently, research of FBI data from 17,000 local police departments revealed that Coconut Grove is the safest community in Miami and among the top 29 nationally on the list of safest neighborhoods. This shows that not only is your work being recognized at the local, national and federal levels, but that you are making a difference. What a tribute!!

You are doing a tremendous job with our crime-fighting operations, special events, community initiatives, administrative and support functions and efforts on behalf of your sworn and civilian colleagues who have needed you. You make me proud. Enjoy the holidays and be safe!!

Sincerely,

Miguel A. Exposito  
Chief of Police

### BACK WITHOUT A BANG



Approximately 700 students from nine City of Miami elementary schools yelled out a pledge against violence during the "Back Without a Bang" event. Coordinated by

the Do The Right Thing Program, "Back Without a Bang" is a youth rally against violence that was born as a result of the ever increasing, national problem of violence in schools. "It is good for the students to see everyone in their society working together to create a safer school environment," said Matt Gibson, teacher from Frederick Douglas elementary. Several schools performed their own anti-violence presentations, which consisted of dramatical skits, rap songs and expressional dance. During the event, students signed a giant four-foot by eight-foot copy of the pledge, which will be sent to Florida's governor to help stop violence. In attendance, was Miami Police Chief Miguel A. Exposito, who reminded students that not only is the victim of the violence affected, but also their family and friends.

### SPANISH OFFICERS



Twelve municipal officers from Valencia, Spain went on a ride-a-long with Miami Police Officers on October 25th. These members of the International Police Association (I.P.A.) gained valuable insight on how their American colleagues perform their duties. Lt. Gladys Amato, a 26-year member of I.P.A., served as liaison, helping them with all necessary arrangements to make their visit a pleasant and educational one.

### IT'S A GOOOOOOOOOAL

On October 3, 2010, co-workers, family members, friends, and police officers from neighboring agencies gathered for a benefit soccer tournament at Ofc. Saens Dorcelly's familiar playing grounds, the Downtown Soccer Club. Soccer is Dorcelly's favorite sport.

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## FROM FIGHTER TO REFEREE



On September 10, 2010, in honor of Patriot's Day, the Hollywood Police Department hosted its sixth annual "Heroes In Action" boxing event, at the Seminole Hard Rock Live Arena. Participants were tri-county police officers, firefighters and military personnel. Miami Police Major David Magnusson, an avid boxer himself for many years, had the honor of being the referee and did his part to help out a fellow agency. "He was a very important part of the event," said coordinator, Chrisie Highsmith. "He was amazing and we would definitely like him to be part of our future matches." All proceeds from the boxing matches go to the Hollywood Police Department's Police Athletic League.

## PIO HIGHLIGHTED



Public Information Officer Kenia Reyes was highlighted in the Spanish magazine "Vanidades" for her success as a spokesperson for Miami Police. Reyes says her greatest inspiration is her mother, Maria del Carmen, who taught her to never give up. She was determined, early on, to work in the Public Information Office and this became a reality in June of 2008. Reyes has the difficult task of balancing work, school and a family of five she shares with Miami Police Homicide Sergeant, Misael Reyes. "It was an honor to have been praised in such a prominent magazine; I am elated," said Reyes.

## IT'S A GOAL (CONT.)

"What a pleasant surprise to see my co-workers and other departments playing for me. I'm speechless. It's an emotional, overwhelming feeling," Dorcelly told a WSVN Channel 7 news reporter. The proceeds went to assist Dorcelly and his family while he recovers from brain aneurysm surgery. We Wish Detective Dorcelly a speedy recovery!

Story by Ofc. Kenia Reyes



## OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

### JULY

Detective Aquiles Carmona

### SEPTEMBER

Sergeant Confesor Gonzalez

## CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

### AUGUST

Ms. Tiffany Graham

## OPERATION HAMMERHEAD



"Operation Hammerhead" is an unprecedented undercover arms trafficking investigation that took six months. *Cont. page 4*

## A JOB WELL DONE

Detectives Robert Robinson and Derrick Banks were bestowed with the Miami Police Department's Officers of the Month and the Dade Chiefs' Most Outstanding Officers of the Month awards for June 2010. They were praised for their elite investigative techniques that resulted in the apprehension of several offenders wanted for a slew of burglaries across the City of Miami as well as Miami-Dade County. Additionally, detectives Banks and Robinson assisted Miami Gardens Police with clearing 24 smash and grab burglary cases and then another ten cases with Miami-Dade Police. Both officers were recognized during the monthly award ceremony on October 7, 2010, for their first-rate performance. Congratulations detectives!







### **LUCKY DOG**

When Yudaisy Hernandez's home was burglarized in December of 2009, several personal belongings were taken. The most precious of all was her four-year-old Chihuahua, Fluffy.

Fluffy turned out to be a very desirable pooch. Apparently he ended up with a homeless person immediately after the burglary and then was given to a caring citizen who resided in Fort Meyers. After extensive investigative work by Detective Brigette Young of the Burglary Unit, the dog was tracked down via a registered chip locator implanted under his skin. Fluffy was returned safely to its rightful owner, almost one year later, by Detective Young on October 6th. It was a joyful reunion. "I can't believe we have him back," said Yudaisy. "He is like a family member to us; we are very grateful to the police department." Fluffy is truly a lucky dog.



### **GROVE BED RACE**

M. P. D.'s very own "Grove 5-0" team, led by Commander

Jorge Colina, won first place in the over thirty corporate division category of the Great Grove Race. The yearly event raises funds for local charities. Colina's team included Officers Robin Starks, Larry Hagan, Edward Lugo and Susy Izaguirre. Colina says he and his team are very happy and proud to be part of the Grove and like to show it by participating in events like this.

### **HISPANIC HERITAGE**

Chief Miguel A. Exposito poses with 4th graders of La Progresiva School during the police department's Hispanic Heritage celebration on October 29, 2010. The event was coordinated by the Community Affairs Unit.



### **MOVING ON**

The following employees retired during this quarter:

#### **30 years**

Officer Franklin Castillo

#### **29 years**

Officer Martin P. Garcia  
Sergeant Rolando Gutierrez  
Lieutenant Armando A. Guzman  
Officer Salvador Lozano  
Officer Angel Roman

#### **28 years**

Officer Willie A. Ealey  
Sergeant Kenneth M. Griffin  
Officer Willie R. Jackson  
Officer Roger Smith

#### **27 years**

Sergeant Faith Williams

#### **21 years**

Lieutenant Franzia Brea-Burden  
Officer Rafael E. Velazquez

#### **20 years**

Officer Jimmie E. Cheever  
Ms. Isabel M. Hallo-Ruiz

#### **19 years**

Ms. Josephine M. Osborne

#### **14 years**

Officer Charley E. Braynen

#### **13 years**

Officer Jose Oliva

### **OPERATION HAMMERHEAD (CONT.)**

The investigation focused on the Liberty Square Projects in response to the relentless gang related shootings that were occurring in the area. The operation not only resulted in multiple arrests and the seizure of 31 firearms, which included 12 semi-automatics and 1 AK-47, but it also saved several lives. On October 20, 2010, Chief Exposito held a news conference announcing the conclusion of the operation and the successful results thanks to the hard work of officers in the Gangs Detail, specifically Detectives Reinaldo Goyos and Odney Belfort.