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Subject: MIAMI POLICE PARTNERS WITH NEXTDOOR

The Miami Police Department has partnered with Nextdoor (<u>www.nextdoor.com</u>), the private social network for neighborhoods, to improve citywide and neighbor-to-neighbor communications.

Chief Rodolfo Llanes believes that the partnership with Nextdoor will enable the Miami Police Department to use its online applications, in order to build stronger and safer communities with the help of Miami residents.

The Miami Police Department and Nextdoor neighborhoods will be able to work together to increase safety and strengthen virtual neighborhood watch.

"Having the ability to easily communicate with residents is extremely vital to not only maintaining, but increasing safety and reducing crime within our communities," said Chief Llanes. "With Nextdoor, we can help empower neighbors to keep their communities safe and connected, as well as give them the ability to collaborate on neighborhood watch efforts."

With Nextdoor, Miami residents can create private neighborhood websites to share information, including neighborhood public safety issues, community events and activities, local services, and even lost pets.

Nextdoor is free for residents and the police department. Each Miami neighborhood has its own private Nextdoor neighborhood website, accessible only to residents of that neighborhood. Neighborhoods establish and self-manage their own Nextdoor website and the police department will not be able to access residents' websites, contact information, or content. All members must verify that they live within the neighborhood before joining Nextdoor. Information shared on Nextdoor is password protected and cannot be accessed by Google or other search engines.

Scheduled events open to the public and media:

August 30, 2016

10:00 A.M. – News Conference - Miami Police Headquarters Lobby, 400 N.W. 2 Avenue.

6:30 P.M. – Citizen Open House – *Miami Police College Auditorium*, 350 N.W. 2 Avenue

Those interested in joining their neighborhood's Nextdoor website can visit www.nextdoor.com and enter their address. If residents have questions about their Nextdoor website, please visit help.nextdoor.com.

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