

their best intentions to protect and serve their citizens, honor their civil rights, and uphold the basic tenets of an open and democratic society.

Over the past three decades, we have witnessed countries in the Americas transition from dictatorship or junta to democracies. These transitions have often been messy and some have failed. Nowhere have these failures been more manifest than in the area of policing where transformation from an authoritarian model to a more democratic model has been unsuccessful.

The International Institute for Democratic Policing will provide police managers with the necessary training, in theory and practice, in various law enforcement concepts. Miami's subject-matter experts, many fluent in Spanish and Creole, are eager to teach their counterparts abroad with the objective that upon completion of their training program, they will be able to impart their new knowledge to officers under their supervision in their respective countries and revise policies and procedures to reflect their lessons learned.



## Mission Statement

The Miami Police College is committed to providing its students and recruits with the best quality law enforcement training. Its members shall be efficient in the performance of their duties and conduct themselves in a professional and dignified manner.

We will utilize state-of-the-art equipment and facilitate innovative, up-to-date methodologies that are relevant and practical for the law enforcement community through instruction in the latest professional development courses and investigative techniques.

The Miami Police College will strive to create an environment that reflects the values and traditions of professionalism that the Miami Police Department upholds. With this goal in mind, the Miami Police College will provide its students with the skills and knowledge necessary to successfully carry out State of Florida objectives in compliance with the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, while embracing the Miami Police Department's core values of integrity, respect, empathy, excellence, and professional service.



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*City of Miami*  
**POLICE  
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## City of Miami Police College

In November 2001, City of Miami voters approved the passing of the Homeland Defense Neighborhood Improvement Bond which set aside 10 million for the construction of a police training center. After numerous conversations between the City Manager, Police Chief John F. Timoney and Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, the decision was made to find additional funding to construct a state-of-the-art training facility named The Miami Police College.

A few years later, in 2005, a series of meetings between Chief Timoney, Mayor Diaz and former School Board of Miami-Dade County Superintendent Rudy Crew followed. As a result, a proposal emerged to construct a criminal justice high school which would be part of the campus housing the police training facility, contiguous to Miami Police Headquarters in the heart of Downtown Miami. The four-story, 112,264 square foot facility, destined to be the first-of-its-kind in the world, will be interconnected to Headquarters by an elevated, enclosed bridge. The Miami Police College will be a most unique and fitting public-public partnership. The project is expected to be completed by late summer of 2009, with high school and police academy classes beginning in the fall.

The Miami Police College will be a State of Florida, fully certified police training academy. The College will consist of three schools. The first, the **School of Basic Law Enforcement (BLE)**, will train and certify entry-level police officers from the City of Miami and surrounding jurisdictions. The second school is the **School for Professional Development** which will provide specialized training for City of Miami police officers and law enforcement personnel from around the region and other parts of the United States. The final school will be the **International Institute for Democratic Policing** which will focus on police management training in Latin America and the Caribbean. International students training at the College, not able to afford hotel expenses during their training period, will be able to stay overnight at the in-house student living quarters.

## About The Three Schools Under The Miami Police College:



### School of Basic Law Enforcement (B.L.E.):

B.L.E. or Basic Law Enforcement training (Police Academy) is a six-month program. The training consists of State of Florida mandated courses that include Law, Crime Scene Investigation, Patrol Procedures, Criminal Investigations, DUI/ Traffic Stops, Traffic Crash Investigations, Physical Fitness, Firearms, Law Enforcement Vehicle Operations, Patrol Procedures, Report Writing, First Aid, Communications, Defensive Tactics, Dart-Firing Stun Gun, and Human Issues.

The basic recruit program for law enforcement officers is limited to those who pass a basic skills examination and assessment instrument which is based on a job task analysis in accordance with Florida Statute 943.17 (g). The same job analysis process is used to develop job related training and performance standards for basic recruit training.

While at the Academy, a police recruit must successfully pass all their state mandated exams for each of their high liability courses in order to graduate. He or she must then take a State of Florida test consisting of their entire academy training in order to be certified as a Law Enforcement Officer in the State of Florida.

This program will teach the officers to always act within the boundaries of their authorities and how to uphold the recognized standards of their professional code of ethics. The law enforcement training program gives the students instruction on basic criminal justice values and ethics, defines sexual harassment and ways to avoid compromising interactions with other officers and the public. The students will also receive a basic understanding of the command structure and the components of the criminal justice system.

### School for Professional Development (Region 14):

The State of Florida is divided into regions and awarded funding for training. The Miami Police Training Center falls under Region 14. This funding is made available so that any law enforcement agency within the region can attend training at no cost to them. The School for Professional Development (Region 14), through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), offers state-of-the-art, job-related training to criminal justice officers within the region.

The School for Professional Development offers contractual arrangements with companies such as the Institute of Police Technology Management. Specialized courses such as Practical Homicide Investigation, Internal Investigations, Accident Scene Reconstruction and Homeland Security Planning are just a few of the many career development courses the College will offer.



The School for Professional Development provides courses that are specifically directed toward operational, supervisory and command law enforcement personnel. The courses are designed to improve the students' skills and abilities in performing law enforcement tasks while, at the same time, acquainting them with new developments in law enforcement areas and enhancing their knowledge. The combination of highly skilled instructors and practical "hands-on" training provides officers with a unique opportunity to meet the needs of their agencies.

### International Institute for Democratic Policing:

For years, police departments in Latin America and the Caribbean have sought assistance from the Miami Police Department to develop partnerships and facilitate training of their personnel in modern crime fighting techniques. They have also welcomed our expertise in responding to threats and emergencies that might arise in their communities. Unfortunately, recurring political instability and economic turmoil have often hindered these officers and thwarted