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Miami Police Department Launches New Drone First Responder Program

The City of Miami Police Department is proud to announce the launch of its new **Drone First Responder (DFR)** program, an initiative aimed at safely getting eyes on the scene ahead of responding police officers.

Operated remotely by a trained **DFR** pilot, the drone provides a bird's-eye view of the scene, enabling early assessment of threats, hazards, or developing incidents. Once a 911 call is received, the **Drone First Responder (DFR)** pilot deploys the high-tech drone from headquarters. **DFR** has the capability to arrive on scene faster than ground units, giving officers critical, real-time intelligence before they arrive. Furthermore, DFR can provide an aerial perspective, crucial for traffic rerouting and guiding officers to incident locations.

The **Drone First Responder** is a game-changer. It will protect both our officers and the community, increasing safety outcomes for everyone involved.

The **DFR** pilot is responsible for:

- Relaying imminent threats or hazards to responding officers.
- Identifying crime scenes, traffic crashes, and perimeter searches.
- Supporting search operations, including missing persons and water rescues by deploying flotation devices when necessary.

Video showcasing the drone in action: [Unique Download Link | WeTransfer](#)

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