

MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Subject: **Operation ALERT Today Florida**

The Miami Police Department will be joining with the University of North Florida in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation, which provides funding for this program, to begin a Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Campaign. This week the City of Miami Police Department will have Police Officers stationed throughout the City of Miami at various identified intersections, where pedestrians and bicyclist have been struck. In addition, Officers will be handing out flyers with pedestrian and bicyclist safety tips, the State laws and requirements for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.

The goal of this campaign is to make bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists aware of State laws in an effort to reduce crashes. The Miami Police Department will be entering the second phase of this program on February 2023. The second phase is a **zero tolerance** for anyone who violates Florida's traffic laws. Miami Police Officers will be on alert to apprehend motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians and issue traffic summons to violators who are endangering traffic safety throughout the City of Miami.

The goal of this enforcement effort is to increase awareness and compliance with traffic laws that protect the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists.

Enforcement efforts will focus primarily on education to drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. However, violations may result in warnings or citations.

Remember:

Drivers: Obey speed limits, never drive impaired, and always watch for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Bicyclists: Obey traffic laws, ride in the direction of traffic, and use lights when riding at night.

Pedestrians: Cross in crosswalks or at intersections, obey pedestrian signals, and make sure you are visible to drivers when walking at night or any time.

Members of the local media are invited and encouraged to support our efforts by passing this information during their local news coverage. For additional information, please call (305) 603-6540 or visit <http://www.AlertTodayFlorida.com>



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