

# NEWS RELEASE

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MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Subject: OPERATION WALK WISE

City of Miami Police Officers continue to work to improve traffic safety for motorists, cyclist and pedestrians through Operation Walk Wise. As of this date numerous daily operations have been conducted and will continue to take place throughout some of the City of Miami's most frequently traveled roadways.

In an effort to protect the safety of these most vulnerable road users, the Miami Police Department will conduct High Visibility Enforcement Details (HVE) during the period of November 26, 2018 and June 30, 2020. The selected areas are S.W. 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from West Flagler Street to South Dixie Highway; S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, from S.W. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Brickell Avenue. This area is over-represented in traffic crashes resulting in serious and fatal injuries to pedestrians and bicyclists.

HVE details are funded through a contract with the University of South Florida Center for Urban Transportation Research in partnership with the effort is to increase awareness of and compliance with traffic laws that protect the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. Enforcement efforts will focus primarily on National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Florida Department of Transportation's focused initiative to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. The goal of this enforcement education to drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. However, violations may result in warnings or citations depending on the circumstances.

**Reminder:** 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.



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