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Subject:

STREET TAKEOVER TASKFORCE

There has been an increase in illegal street racing and intersection takeovers in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. These events, resembling “flash mobs,” draw hundreds of spectators and vehicles to designated intersections and highways. Participants engage in unauthorized blocking of traffic to perform high-speed maneuvers and dangerous stunts, such as drifting. Beyond the inherent risks of street racing, the takeovers have escalated into additional criminal activities, including hit-and-runs with injuries, vehicle thefts, and shootings.

In an effort to deter this activity within the City of Miami, we have teamed up with the Miami Dade County Police Department to create a taskforce to address these dangerous intersection takeovers. The plan aims to proactively curb these hazardous activities, ensuring the safety and well-being of both residents and visitors.

The strategy involves an intelligent-led approach to anticipate and mitigate planned intersection takeovers. Recognizing the challenges in acquiring precise intelligence for every event, the City of Miami Police Department established a dedicated response team. This team will be tasked with swiftly addressing, obtaining intelligence on participants, and dispersing spontaneous gatherings, thus maintaining public order and safety.

Since the beginning of the taskforce, there have been 26 arrests, 53 tickets, and 13 vehicles towed in 6 days where intersection takeovers occurred within Miami Dade.

The City of Miami Police Department remains committed to addressing intersection takeovers with a zero-tolerance approach. Offenders that are not caught in the act the day of, will be subject to arrest through follow up investigations.

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