NORTH MIAMI
FLORIDA

Council Report

776 N.E. 125 Street, North Miami, Florida 33161

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Elias, Jr., Chief of Police

Date: May 22, 2012

Re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing Execution of Mutual Aid Agreement Between the City of North Miami and the City of Miami Police Department for Law Enforcement Services.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City of North Miami to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Miami Police Department.

BACKGROUND

Florida Statutes, Chapter 23, authorizes law enforcement agencies to voluntarily cooperate and assist other law enforcement agencies in matters of a law enforcement nature.

It is to the advantage of the City of North Miami and the City of Miami Police Department to receive and extend mutual aid in the form of law enforcement services and resources to adequately respond to intensive situations, including, but not limited to, natural or manmade disasters or emergencies.

ATTACHMENTS

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A COMBINED VOLUNTARY COOPERATION AND OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AND THE CITY OF MIAMI TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE LEVELS OF POLICE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the entering into of mutual aid agreements between municipalities is authorized by Chapter 23, Florida Statutes, Florida Mutual Aid Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami and the City of Miami are desirous of entering into a Combined Voluntary Cooperation and Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement with each other to provide adequate levels of police services to ensure the public safety of their residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that the Combined Voluntary Cooperation and Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Miami will benefit the residents of the City of North Miami and should be entered into with the City of Miami.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Approval of Agreement.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby approve the Combined Voluntary Cooperation and Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of North Miami and the City of Miami attached as "Exhibit 1."

Section 2. **Authority of City Manager.** The City Manager is authorized to execute the Combined Voluntary Cooperation and Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Miami.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this _____ day of May, 2012.

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ANDRE D. PIERRE, ESQ.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

_____
REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Andre D. Pierre, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Jean R. Marcellus	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Michael R. Blynn, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Scott Galvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Marie Erlande Steril	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)

EXHIBIT 1

COMBINED VOLUNTARY COOPERATION AND OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA AND THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the governments of the City of Miami, Florida, and the City of North Miami , Florida to ensure the public safety of their citizens by providing adequate levels of police services to address any foreseeable routine or emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, there is an existing and continuing possibility of the occurrence of law enforcement problems and other natural and man-made conditions which are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, or facilities of the City of Miami Police Department or the City of North Miami Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest and advantage of the City of Miami and the City of North Miami to receive and extend mutual aid to each other in the form of law enforcement services and resources to adequately respond to:

(1) Continuing, multi-jurisdiction law enforcement problems, so as to protect the public peace and safety, and preserve the lives and property of the people; and

(2) Intensive situations including, but not limited to, emergencies as defined under Section 252.34, Florida Statutes; and

(3) Joint provision of certain law enforcement services specified herein and allowed pursuant to Florida Statute 166.0495; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami and the City of North Miami have the authority under Section 23.12, Florida Statutes, et seq., the Florida Mutual Aid Act, to enter into a combined mutual aid agreement for law enforcement services which:

(1) Permits voluntary cooperation and assistance of a routine law enforcement nature across jurisdictional lines; and

(2) Permits the provision of operational assistance to meet a request for assistance due to a civil disturbance or other emergency as defined in Section 252.34, Florida Statutes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that the City of Miami, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, and the City of North Miami, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, in consideration for mutual promises to render valuable aid in times of necessity, do hereby agree to fully and faithfully abide by and be bound by the following terms and conditions.

SECTION I: PROVISIONS FOR VOLUNTARY COOPERATION

Each of the aforesaid law enforcement agencies hereby approve and enter into this agreement whereby each of the agencies may provide voluntary cooperation and assistance of a routine law enforcement nature across jurisdictional lines. The nature of the law enforcement assistance to be rendered shall include but not be limited to:

a. Concurrent law enforcement jurisdiction in and throughout the territorial limits of the City of Miami and the City of North Miami for arrests, made pursuant to the laws of arrest, for felonies and misdemeanors, including arrestable traffic offenses, which spontaneously take place in the presence of the arresting officer, at such times as the arresting officer is traveling from place to place on official business outside of his or her jurisdiction, for example, to or from court, or at any time when the officer is within the territorial limits of his or her jurisdiction.

b. Concurrent law enforcement jurisdiction in and throughout the territorial limits of the City of Miami and the City of North Miami for arrests, made pursuant to the laws of arrest, of persons identified as a result of investigations of any offense constituting a felony or any act of Domestic Violence as defined in Section 741.28, Florida Statutes, when such offense occurred in the municipality employing the arresting officer.

c. Concurrent law enforcement jurisdiction in and upon the jurisdictional waters of the City of Miami and the City of North Miami for arrests, made pursuant to the laws of arrest, for felonies and misdemeanors and boating infractions.

d. Participating in exigent situations, without the need for a formal request, including, but not limited to, area searches for wanted subjects, perimeters, crimes in progress, escaped prisoners, traffic stops near municipal boundaries, requests for assistance when no available local units are nearby, calls indicating a crime or incident has occurred in which a citizen may likely be injured and the assisting municipality is closer to the area than the officer receiving the call.

e. Concurrent law enforcement jurisdiction in and throughout the territorial limits of the City of Miami and the City of North Miami for investigations of homicides, sex offenses, robberies, assaults, batteries, burglaries, larcenies, gambling, motor vehicle thefts, drug violations pursuant to Chapter 893, Florida Statutes, and inter-agency task forces and/or joint investigations.

Prior to any officer taking enforcement action pursuant to paragraphs (a) through (e) above, the officer shall notify the jurisdiction in which the action will be taken, unless exigent circumstances prevent such prior notification, in which case notification shall be made as soon after the action as practicable. If the agency having normal jurisdiction responds to the scene the assisting agency's officer may turn the situation over to them and offer any assistance requested including, but not limited to, a follow-up written report documenting the event and the actions taken.

These provisions are not intended to grant general authority to conduct investigations, serve warrants and/or subpoenas or to respond without request to emergencies already being addressed by the agency of normal jurisdiction, but is intended to address critical, life-threatening or public safety situations, prevent bodily

injury to citizens, or secure apprehension of criminals whom the law enforcement officer may encounter.

SECTION II: PROVISIONS FOR OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE

The aforesaid law enforcement agencies hereby approve and enter into this agreement whereby each of the agencies may request and render law enforcement assistance to the other to include, but not necessarily be limited to dealing with, the following:

1. Joint multi-jurisdictional criminal investigations.
2. Civil affray or disobedience, disturbances, riots, large protest demonstrations and assemblies, controversial trials, political conventions, labor disputes, and strikes.
3. Any natural, technological or manmade disaster.
4. Incidents which require rescue operations and crowd and traffic control measures including, but not limited to, large-scale evacuations, aircraft and shipping disasters, fires, explosions, gas line leaks, radiological incidents, train wrecks and derailments, chemical or hazardous waste spills, and electrical power failures.
5. Terrorist activities including, but not limited to, acts of sabotage.
6. Escapes from, or disturbances within, prisoner processing facilities.
7. Hostage and barricaded subject situations, and aircraft piracy.
8. Control of major crime scenes, area searches, perimeter control, back-ups to emergency and in-progress calls, pursuits, and missing person calls.
9. Enemy attack.
10. Transportation of evidence requiring security.
11. Major events, e.g., sporting events, concerts, parades, fairs, festivals, and conventions.
12. Security and escort duties for dignitaries.
13. Incidents requiring utilization of specialized units; e.g., underwater recovery, marine patrol, aircraft, canine, motorcycle, bicycle, mounted, SWAT, bomb, crime scene and police information.

14. Emergency situations in which one agency cannot perform its functional objective.
15. Joint training in areas of mutual need.
16. Joint multi-jurisdictional marine interdiction operations.
17. Off-duty special events.

SECTION III: PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE

1. Mutual aid requested or rendered will be approved by the Chief of Police, or designee. The Chief of Police, or designee, of the agency whose assistance is sought shall evaluate the situation and the agency's available resources, consult with his/her supervisors, if necessary, and will respond in a manner he/she deems appropriate.

2. The Chief of Police in whose jurisdiction assistance is being rendered may determine who is authorized to lend assistance in his/her jurisdiction, for how long such assistance is authorized, and for what purpose such authority is granted. This authority may be granted either verbally or in writing as the particular situation dictates.

3. Specific reporting instructions for personnel rendering mutual aid will be included in the request for mutual aid. In the absence of such reporting instructions, personnel will report to the ranking on-duty supervisor on the scene.

4. Communications instructions will be included in each request for mutual aid and each agency's communications centers will maintain radio contact with each other until the mutual aid situation has ended.

5. Incidents requiring mass processing of arrestees, transporting prisoners, and operating temporary detention facilities will be handled per established procedures of the requesting agency or Chief of police involved.

SECTION IV: COMMAND AND SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY

a. COMMAND:

The personnel and equipment that are assigned by the assisting Chief of Police shall be under the immediate command of a supervising officer designated by the assisting Chief of Police. Such supervising officer shall be under the direct supervision

and command of the Chief of Police or his/her designee of the agency requesting assistance.

b. CONFLICTS:

Whenever an officer is rendering assistance pursuant to this agreement, the officer shall abide by and be subject to the rules and regulations, personnel policies, general orders, and standard operating procedures of his/her own employer. If any such rule, regulation, personnel policy, general order or standing operating procedure is contradicted, contravened or otherwise in conflict with a direct order of a superior officer of the requesting agency, then such rule, regulation, policy, general order or procedure shall control and shall supersede the direct order.

c. HANDLING COMPLAINTS:

Whenever there is cause to believe that a complaint has arisen as a result of a cooperative effort as it may pertain to this agreement, the Chief of Police or his/her designee of the agency employing the officer who is the subject of the complaint shall be responsible for the investigation of the complaint. The Chief of Police or designee of the requesting agency should ascertain at a minimum:

1. The identity of the complainant;
2. An address where the complaining party can be contacted;
3. The specific allegation; and
4. The identity of the employees accused without regard as to agency affiliation.

If it is determined during the investigation of a complaint that the accused is an employee of the assisting agency, the above information, with all pertinent documentation gathered during the receipt and processing of the complaint, shall be forwarded without delay to the agency for administrative review. The requesting agency may conduct a review of the complaint to determine if any factual basis for the complaint exists and/or whether any of the employees of the requesting agency violated any of their agency's policies or procedures.

SECTION V: LIABILITY

Each party engaging in any mutual cooperation and assistance, pursuant to this agreement, agrees to assume responsibility for the acts, omissions or conduct of such party's own employees while engaged in rendering such aid pursuant to this agreement, subject to the provisions of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, where applicable.

SECTION VI: POWERS, PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES AND COSTS

a. Employees of the City of Miami and the City of North Miami, when actually engaging in mutual cooperation and assistance outside of their normal jurisdictional limits but inside this State, under the terms of this agreement, shall, pursuant to the provisions of Section 23.127(1), Fla. Stat. (as amended), have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges and immunities as if the employee was performing duties inside the employee's political subdivision in which normally employed.

b. Each party agrees to furnish necessary personnel equipment, resources and facilities and to render services to each other party to this agreement as set forth above; provided, however, that no party shall be required to deplete unreasonably its own personnel, equipment, resources, facilities, and services in furnishing such mutual aid.

c. The political subdivision that furnishes equipment pursuant to this agreement must bear the cost of loss or damage to that equipment and must pay any expense incurred in the operation and maintenance of that equipment.

d. The political subdivision furnishing aid pursuant to this agreement shall compensate its employees during the time of the rendering of aid and shall defray (provide for the payment of) the actual travel and maintenance expenses of its employees while they are rendering aid, including any amounts paid or due for compensation for personal injury or death while its employees are rendering aid.

e. The privileges and immunities from liability, exemption from laws, ordinances and rules, and pension, insurance, relief, disability, workers' compensation, salary, death, and other benefits that apply to the activity of an employee of an agency when performing the employee's duties within the territorial limits of the employee's agency apply to the employee to the same degree, manner, and extent while engaged in

the performance of the employee's duties extraterritorially under the provisions of this mutual aid agreement. This section applies to paid, volunteer, reserve and auxiliary employees.

f. Nothing herein shall prevent the requesting agency from requesting supplemental appropriations from the governing authority having budgeting jurisdiction to reimburse the assisting agency for any actual costs or expenses incurred by the assisting agency performing hereunder.

SECTION VII: FORFEITURES

It is recognized that during the course of the operation of this agreement, property subject to forfeiture under Sections 932.701- 932.707, Florida Statutes, known as the "Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act," may be seized. The property shall be seized, forfeited, and equitably distributed among the participating agencies in proportion to the amount of investigation and participation performed by each agency pursuant of the provisions of the "Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act."

SECTION VIII: INSURANCE

Each political subdivision shall provide, upon request, satisfactory proof of liability insurance by one or more of the means specified in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, in an amount which is, in the judgment of the governing body of that political subdivision, at least adequate to cover the risk to which that party may be exposed. Should the insurance coverage, however provided, of any party be canceled or undergo material change, that party shall notify all parties to this agreement of such change within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice or actual knowledge of such change.

SECTION IX: EFFECTIVE DATE

This agreement shall take effect upon execution and approval by the hereinafter named officials and shall continue in full force and effect until July 1, 2017. Under no circumstances may this agreement be renewed, amended or extended except in writing.

SECTION X: CANCELLATION

Either party may cancel its participation in this agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice to the other political subdivision. Cancellation will be at the discretion of any political subdivision to this mutual aid agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto cause to these presents to be signed on the date first written above.

AGREED AND ACKNOWLEDGED this_____day of May, 2012.

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STEPHEN E. JOHNSON City Manager City of North Miami Date:_____	JOHNNY MARTINEZ City Manager City of Miami Date:_____
ATTEST:	ATTEST:
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MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ. City Clerk City of North Miami	PRISCILLA S. THOMPSON City Clerk City of Miami
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:	APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:
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REGINE MONESTIME City Attorney	JULIE O. BRU City Attorney

MARC ELIAS, JR.
Chief of Police
City of North Miami

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City of Miami

APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

CALVIN ELLIS
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