

# NORTH MIAMI POLICE

*Making a Positive Impact*



## POLICING WITH PURPOSE: BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

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An aerial photograph of North Miami, Florida, showing a mix of urban development and greenery. In the foreground, there are several high-rise apartment buildings and a large parking lot. The middle ground features a dense residential area with many single-story houses and small commercial buildings. The background shows a vast expanse of water, likely Biscayne Bay, under a clear blue sky with some light clouds.

# COMMUNITY

## SERVICE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SAFETY

### CITY OVERVIEW

The City of North Miami is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest municipality in Miami-Dade County. North Miami is bordered by the Biscayne Bay to the east, providing easy access to beautiful waterfront views, parks, and activities. It was originally incorporated as the Town of Miami Shores in 1926, North Miami was officially renamed in 1931. The city has experienced significant growth and development since its founding, evolving into a diverse and culturally rich community. As of the most recent census data, North Miami is home to more than 60,000 residents. It is a diverse community with significant Haitian-American, Hispanic, African-American, and Caribbean populations, contributing to the city's vibrant culture.



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Welcome to the North Miami Police Department's 2024 Annual Report. As I reflect on my first year as Chief of Police, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the incredible work and dedication of our officers, professional staff, and community partners. 2024 was a year of transition, growth, and opportunity. We built new and strengthened existing partnerships with community stakeholders, fostering a shared vision of safety, trust, and collaboration. Throughout the year, we focused on crime reduction, officer wellness, advancing technology, training, and organizational readiness.

This year, the North Miami Police Department achieved historic milestone in public safety, including a 100% reduction in homicides, marking the first time in over 48 years with zero homicides reported. Additionally, there was a 13% reduction in overall crime and an impressive 41% decrease in violent crime. These remarkable achievements are the result of the hard work of our officers and support staff, the support of our community, and the tireless efforts we continue to put into making North Miami a safe place for all.

Investments in innovative tools and resources have enhanced our ability to protect and serve, while ongoing training has ensured that our officers remain equipped to manage the challenges of modern policing. We have made substantial advancements in technology to enhance officer safety and effectiveness, including the deployment of upgraded tasers, body-worn cameras, and Flock cameras. These tools not only improve officer performance but also reinforce our commitment to public safety.

We launched the South Florida Leadership Academy to cultivate the next generation of law enforcement leaders in our region. We also reintroduced Active Shooter Training to our officers and the community, and enhanced our

commitment to professional development to equip personnel and command staff with skills necessary to serve at the highest level.

This year, we took a significant step forward in our continuous improvement by voluntarily undergoing an organizational assessment with the U.S. Department of Justice. This initiative reflects our commitment to transparency, efficiency, and excellence in law enforcement. This assessment has proven to be beneficial in providing training, resources, and recommendations to ensure that our department performs at its optimal level.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the year was to witness firsthand the professionalism, courage, and resilience of the men and women of the North Miami Police Department. Their unwavering dedication was evident not only in their daily duties but also in extraordinary moments, such as deploying to Florida's West Coast to assist officers and residents in the aftermath of Hurricane Milton. This response demonstrated a willingness to serve wherever and whenever they are called upon.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the leadership and residents of North Miami for their support, trust, and partnership. Together, we have laid a solid foundation for continued progress and success. As we look ahead, I remain committed to collaborating with our employees, staff, and community to ensure that North Miami remains a safe, thriving, and inclusive city for all.

Thank you for your trust and for allowing me the honor of serving as your Chief of Police.

Sincerely,

*Cherise Giordani Gause*

Cherise Giordani Gause  
Chief of Police



# DEPARTMENT STATEMENTS



ONE MISSION

## MISSION STATEMENT

Through dedicated service, professionalism, and collaboration, we strive to reduce crime and enhance the safety and well-being of the community we serve.

## VISION

The North Miami Police Department will enhance public safety through proactive crime reduction strategies and fostering community policing. We are dedicated to serving and protecting our community with integrity, transparency, and accountability, ensuring that every voice is heard.

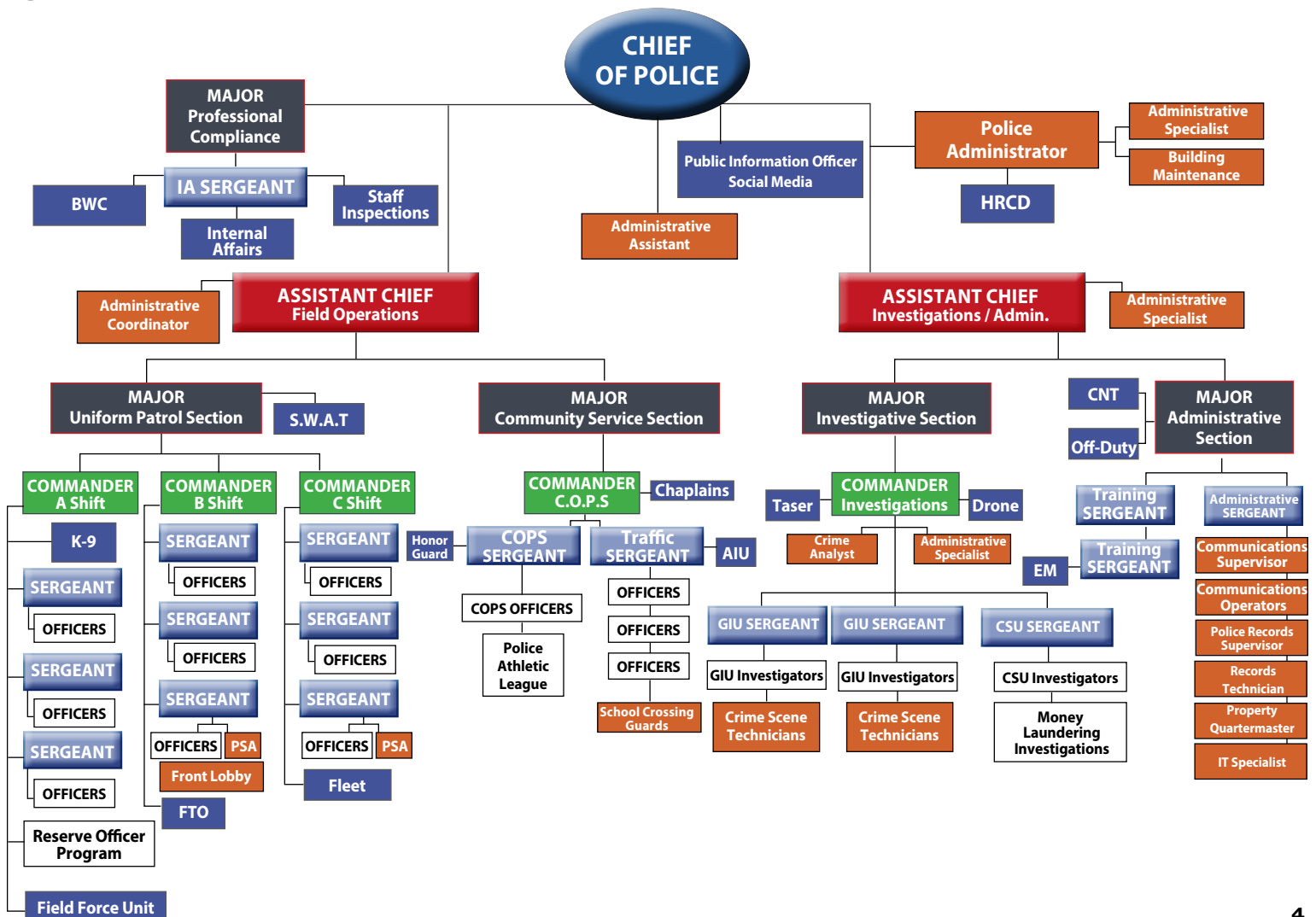
## CORE VALUES

Respect, Integrity, Courage, Empathy, Unity, Professionalism

## MOTTO

"Making A Positive Impact"

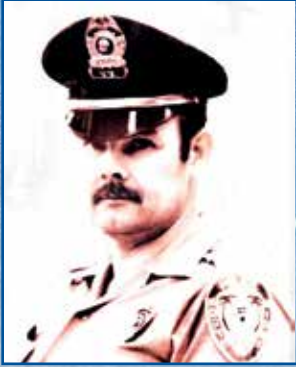
## ORGANIZATION CHART





# FALLEN OFFICERS' MEMORIAL

WE ARE DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE  
LEGACY OF OUR THREE FALLEN HEROES.



**Carl Wallace Mertes**  
END OF WATCH  
November 5, 1980



**Steven Ernest Bauer**  
END OF WATCH  
January 3, 1992



**Lynette Hodge**  
END OF WATCH  
November 16, 1993



**IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO SERVED**

Riderless Horse Ceremony  
conducted by Sergeant Torres and Equine Kashmir



# 30x30 INITIATIVE

The 30x30 initiative is a groundbreaking effort aimed at improving the representation, leadership, and overall experience and well-being of women in police agencies across the United States and beyond. It is a collaborative initiative with the goal of increasing the number of women in police recruit classes to 30% by the year 2030. This ambitious project stems from research and growing awareness of the gender disparities in law enforcement, and seeks to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within police departments across the United States. 30x30 is working with policing agencies to improve recruiting practices and establish community partnerships so that agencies truly reflect the communities they serve.

Currently, women make up less than 14% of sworn officers, 3% of police leadership, and 20% of recruits in state and local law enforcement agencies. The under-representation of women in policing undermines public safety. Research shows women officers use less force and less excessive force, are named in fewer complaints and lawsuits, are perceived by communities as being more honest and compassionate, see better outcomes for crime victims, and make fewer discretionary arrests.



We are proud to share that the North Miami Police Department has joined the 30x30 initiative and is currently comprised of 24% women holding various ranks. We will continue to strive to achieve the goal of 30% by 2030, which could have a transformative effect on our policing strategies, workplace culture, and public perceptions of law enforcement.



## CHARACTER ONE TEAM PLANNING



- Through proactive crime prevention and investigative initiatives, to include having conducted 31,000 micro hotspot checks, our agency continued to reduce the fear of crime and improve the quality of life in the City, achieving a Part I Crime reduction of 13%.
- Achieved a 41% reduction in violent crime, resulting in the lowest number of Homicides, Sexual Battery, and Aggravated Assaults since 1979.
- The North Miami Police department handled over 72,000 calls for service.
- Accomplished a historic milestone as the first time in over 48 years, the police department recorded zero homicides in the City.
- In an effort to increase traffic safety, officers conducted thousands of traffic stops, and issued over 8,000 citations.
- Maintained our commitment to building community trust through transparency and engagement by participating in countless community events, including H.O.A. Meetings, Town Hall Meetings, National Night Out, and F.A.C.T. Festival.
- Providing sworn and civilian personnel with state-of-the-art equipment such as the latest Taser and Body Worn Cameras and practical training to include de-escalation tactics and proportionality considerations.
- Established a Strategic Management Plan Committee. This committee is comprised of police department employees, both sworn and non-sworn, from all ranks and various units, as well as community members. The Committee held sessions and identified the ideal organizational priorities and goals.







From left to right: Officer Juan Gallardo. Officer Rolando Batista, K-9 Bogey, Sergeant Orestes Torres. Officers Carlos Madrid and Omar Quintero.

- NMPD led the charge in establishing the South Florida Leadership Academy. This academy is comprised of 9 agencies, who collaborate in order to provide advanced leadership training to their supervisory personnel. Quarterly sessions were held this past year, hosting nearly 200 attendees.
- NMPD Enrolled in the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Collaborative Reform Initiative (CRI). This initiative will assist NMPD in identifying and implementing organizational improvements and reforms through training, consultation, peer-based learning, analysis, and in-depth assessments.
- After receiving nominations from various police agencies in the county, a North Miami Police Officer was recognized as the recipient of the Police Benevolent Association Rookie of the Year Award.
- The Jennifer Hudson Show recognized Chief Gause and Sergeant Numa-Richard for their contributions during the delivery of a baby while on patrol.



From left to right: Sergeant Orestes Torres, Sergeant Tamara Numa-Richard, Chief Cherise G. Gause, Commander Sergio Ramirez, and Major Raymond Maycock

## THE FOLLOWING PROMOTIONS OCCURRED IN 2024

Major Raymond Maycock  
Commander Rocio Torres  
Commander Sergio Ramirez  
Sergeant Tamara Numa-Richard  
Sergeant Orestes Torres  
Sergeant Webster Blemur  
Sergeant Duhamel Jeanite





## COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Unit handles both emergency and non-emergency calls for service, ensuring the appropriate deployment of police personnel and resources. Effective police dispatching involves following verbal and written instructions, entering data and service requests into our computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system, and communicating information to and from police staff using telecommunications equipment. This role requires quick decision-making and the ability to multi-task, often in high-pressure situations. Additionally, all police communications operators are certified in CPR and are trained to provide lifesaving directions over the phone. The dispatchers at the North Miami Police Department served as a lifeline for more than 72,000 service calls. The Communications Unit operates in a fast-paced environment, dedicated to providing exceptional customer service. Their commitment to core values—Respect, Integrity, Professionalism, Courage, Unity, and Empathy—ensures that they are available to assist callers 24/7, 365 days a year. This relentless dedication enables them to effectively respond to the needs of the community, reinforcing their role as a vital resource in emergency situations.

## PROPERTY

The Property Unit is charged with the secure management of all items entrusted to the Police Department. This unit efficiently oversees the handling of found, recovered, surrendered, and evidentiary property, which encompasses crime scene evidence, personal belongings of detainees, and lost or found items. In the past year, over 7,100 pieces of property and evidence were impounded. Additionally, the Property Unit is responsible for distributing officers' uniforms and equipment, along with the emergency office

supplies necessary for the smooth daily operations of the police department.

## RECORDS

The Records Unit is tasked with the efficient management, retention, maintenance, and distribution of all data and documents generated by the department. They ensure that police report records are accurate and accessible, in accordance with state law, while also processing over 15,000 police reports and 6,800 citations. The unit compiles statistical data on crimes and calls for service, which is submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for inclusion in the National Uniform Crime Report. Additionally, the Records Unit provides services by supplying copies of accident reports, incident reports, and crime reports. In 2024, the unit successfully transitioned all reporting systems to the Florida Incident-Based Reporting System (FIBRS) and the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

## ACCREDITATION

The North Miami Police Department is preparing for its re-accreditation, which takes place every three years. A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will visit our agency to evaluate all facets of our policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services. Police accreditation is a voluntary process through which law enforcement agencies undergo a comprehensive external review to ensure compliance with established professional standards. Attaining accreditation reflects a commitment to excellence and adherence to best practices within the law enforcement community.





## TRAINING UNIT

The North Miami Police Training Unit is committed to law enforcement education, with a focus on ensuring that officers are well-prepared, adaptable, and equipped to handle the complexities of modern policing. One of the unit's key accomplishments has been its successful facilitation of the orientation period for new recruits. This critical phase of training serves as the first introduction to the department's values, culture, and operational expectations. In addition to the core training provided to recruits, the North Miami Police Training Unit plays an ongoing role in enhancing the skills of current officers through targeted micro-trainings. The micro-trainings cover a wide range of topics, from updates on case law to tactical de-escalation techniques, ensuring that officers remain sharp and well-informed throughout their careers. A further testament to the unit's dedication to public safety is its leadership in hosting active shooter trainings for neighboring law enforcement agencies. These exercises focus on coordination, communication, and rapid response, ensuring that first responders are well-prepared to work together in high-pressure situations. The unit's role in these trainings has been invaluable in fostering strong partnerships between different public safety agencies in order to continue to make a positive impact on the community at large.

- Adaptability: integration of virtual assisted training and transition to more effective less lethal options
- Transparency: implementation and distribution of a new body camera system to continue to uphold accountability in public interactions
- Coordination, Communication and Rapid Response: Hosted and conducted cross-agency exercises in order to increase rates of success in ensuring the safety of the community.
- In 2024 the North Miami Training Unit has provided over 30 hours Defensive Tactics training; over 100 hours worth of less-lethal practical and virtual Taser trainings; over 100 hours of firearms trainings; 40 hours of carbine rifle course training; 17 FDLE mandated online trainings; over 80 hours of cross-agency Active Attack trainings; orientation trainings for 12 new hires and 2 Sergeants as well as a slew of other initiatives.

## TRAINING RECORDS

PROPERTY



## CRISIS NEGOTIATIONS TEAM

The North Miami Police Department is committed to upholding the highest standards in respecting the sanctity of human life. As such, the Crisis Negotiations Team consists of highly trained police negotiators who play a vital role in resolving high-stakes situations through effective communication and de-escalation techniques. This team is deployed in various scenarios, including hostage or crises, mental health emergencies, barricaded subjects, and warrant service alongside the S.W.A.T. team, where they establish communication, build rapport, and strive for non-violent resolutions. The negotiators engage in monthly training with other law enforcement agencies, including the S.W.A.T. team, specializing in de-escalation strategies to defuse tense situations. All members are part of the Florida Association of Hostage Negotiators.

## INVESTIGATIVE SECTION



The Investigative Section is a vital component of the North Miami Police Department. It is comprised of the General Investigative Unit (GIU), Crime Suppression Unit (CSU), Crime Scene Technicians (CST), Crisis Intervention Specialist and Crime Analyst. The Investigative Section is responsible for investigating crimes committed against persons and/or property. These crimes range from robberies, batteries, aggravated assaults, homicides, fraud, thefts and criminal mischief. Detectives also investigate death and missing persons cases.

GIU detectives are highly trained police officers who collect victim, witness, and subject statements. To aid their investigations, detectives also collect various forms of evidence. They weigh the statements and evidence obtained against each other to identify suspects and connect them to the crime. Detectives adhere to constitutional, federal, state and local laws, pertaining to but not limited to search and seizure, interview and interrogation, line-ups, and arrest situations. The detective utilizes his/her interview skills to parse through the suspect's story to affect an arrest and obtain a conviction.

Our highly skilled Crime Scene Technicians are responsible for collecting physical evidence left at crime scenes. All crimes have victims and sometimes victims lack the resources to adequately deal with the results of the crime, which is where the Crisis Intervention Specialist comes into play to aid the victim's recovery. Unfortunately, there

are crimes that are beyond the scope of Patrol and General Investigators. These are usually violent crimes involving gangs, narcotics, and weapons. These crimes are addressed by the Crime Suppression Unit. And finally, to prevent crimes from occurring, we turn to our Crime Analyst.

### CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATIONS

Every crime scene tells a story. Crime Scene Technicians (CST) help recreate that story. They pay close attention to all the details. Crime Scene Technicians are tasked with the collection, processing and analysis of physical evidence from crime scenes. Their responsibilities include photographing crime scenes and recovering different forms of physical evidence such as latent fingerprints, DNA, firearms evidence, trace and fiber evidence, tire and footwear impressions and other pieces of crucial evidence. All of these evidentiary items are used by GIU Detectives to solve cases and bring criminals to justice. The work of CST is crucial in the successful prosecution of the criminals arrested. To uphold their high standards of expertise, our Crime Scene Technicians participate in continuous training to stay updated on the latest developments in forensic technology and techniques. In addition to helping solve cases, our Crime Scene Technicians assist with many of the department community events such as the Citizens Police Academy, National Night Out and career days at local schools.





## CRIME SUPPRESSION UNIT

The Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) is made up of highly trained and self-driven detectives. CSU investigates street crimes, gangs, and apprehends violent felons. During the year, CSU made hundreds of arrests and recovered numerous drugs and firearms. CSU regularly engages in proactive details to not only enforce laws, but to deter crime. Members of the CSU participate in task forces with other city, state, and federal agencies to combat crime outside of North Miami that has the potential to impact the City as well as crime occurring inside the City of North Miami.

## CRIME ANALYST

The Crime Analyst is essential in generating data to assist the Uniform Patrol Section in the prevention of crime. The data that the analyst generates also helps detect patterns of crimes that lead to the apprehension of offenders. Furthermore, the data assists detectives with developing subjects of crimes. The crime analyst is an integral part of North Miami Police Department's crime prevention and criminal apprehension efforts.

## EVIDENCE TEAM WORK

FORENSICS

## CRISIS INTERVENTION SPECIALIST

The Crisis Intervention Specialist aids with the physical and emotional needs of individuals and their families after falling victim to violent crimes such as child abuse, child sexual abuse, and domestic violence. The Crisis Intervention Specialist provides intervention at the time of crisis, immediate and short-term counseling, emergency shelter placement of victims, and criminal justice advocacy.

Working collaboratively to arrest criminal offenders, all members of the Investigative Section seek to enhance the public safety of residents, business owners and visitors of the City of North Miami.



**S.W.A.T.**  
**PROTECT**  
**PATROL**

## UNIFORM PATROL

The Uniform Patrol Section serves as the backbone of the Police Department, serving as the agency's largest and most active section. With a significant number of the department's personnel assigned to it, Uniform Patrol operates 24/7 spread across three shifts: Day, Afternoon, and Midnight. Each shift is led by a Shift Commander and supported by a team of three dedicated Sergeants, ensuring seamless oversight and coordination. These Commanders report to the Uniform Patrol Major, who reports to the Assistant Chief of Field Operations Division. Supplementing the work of sworn officers, Public Service Aides (PSAs) contribute significantly by handling non-emergency calls that do not require the presence of an armed officer. This collaborative structure allowed the Patrol Section to respond to an impressive 72,000 calls for service this past year.

Uniform Patrol officers are often the first to respond to incidents, showcasing their versatility and readiness in addressing a wide range of situations

—from minor disputes to serious crimes. They embody the philosophy of Community-Oriented Policing, a proactive approach that emphasizes collaboration with residents to create safer neighborhoods. This approach focuses on four key principles:

1. Building trust and meaningful relationships within the community.
2. Identifying and responding to community-specific concerns.
3. Adopting problem-solving methods to address recurring issues.
4. Maintaining high visibility to enhance public safety.

The Patrol Section's efforts extend beyond traditional law enforcement. Officers immerse themselves in the community, striving to serve as both guardians and partners. Their visible presence deters crime and reassures residents, contributing to a sense of security and well-being. Through





their commitment to service and innovation, Uniform Patrol officers play an essential role in building a community that is not only safer but also more united and resilient.

## S.W.A.T.

The Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) Team was established in 1992. This elite team consists of highly skilled and dedicated sworn personnel tasked with managing high-risk situations and critical incidents, such as hostage situations, barricaded individuals, and executing high-risk search warrants. To maintain their expertise, S.W.A.T. members undergo regular training, participating in specialized courses, workshops, and simulations to stay current with the latest tactics, equipment, and procedures. The S.W.A.T. team is an important component of public safety, providing a specialized response to the most dangerous and complex situations, exemplifying the highest standards of police skill and training.

In addition to their independent operations, the S.W.A.T. team works closely with the Aventura Police Department S.W.A.T. Team and the North Miami Beach Police Department Special Response Team (S.R.T.).

## K-9 UNIT

The North Miami Police K-9 Unit was established in the 1940s and has become an integral part of the Field Operations Division. This specialized unit is highly effective, with K-9 handlers and their canine partners demonstrating exceptional skills through continuous training. Members of the unit are certified in areas such as criminal apprehension, tracking, area and building searches, as well as narcotics and evidence recovery.

In addition to serving the residents of North Miami, the K-9 Unit frequently assists local, state, and federal agencies through joint task forces and operations. Notably,

North Miami Police Department remains one of the few police agencies in Miami-Dade County to utilize a bloodhound.

The K-9 Unit is a vital component of operations and a source of connection and support within the community. Throughout the year, the unit engages with residents by conducting demonstrations at schools and community events, building trust, and fostering education. Beyond their operational responsibilities, the unit includes an emotional support dog trained to comfort victims of crime, witnesses of traumatic events, and officers on the front lines, highlighting the importance of compassion in challenging times.

Emotional support dogs are invaluable in addressing the emotional challenges officers face in demanding and high-stress situations. They offer companionship, reduce stress, and promote emotional resilience, helping officers manage the psychological impact of their work and fostering well-being within the department.

## DRONE UNIT

Our Drone Unit consists of highly trained unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) police drone pilots. Their training includes mastering flight techniques, understanding relevant laws and regulations, and developing skills in using advanced technologies like thermal imaging and high-resolution cameras. Police drones are used for various law enforcement purposes, including surveillance, search and rescue, assessing dangerous situations, and monitoring public events. Police drones are equipped with advanced technology, such as thermal imaging and high-resolution cameras, and can be instrumental in locating people with disabilities who may be lost or in distress. The aerial perspective allows for a quicker and more comprehensive search. The North Miami Police Department's drone unit played a crucial role in providing security for various City events throughout the year, being utilized on numerous occasions.



## COMMUNITY POLICING SECTION

The Community Policing Section is an element of the Department's Field Operations Division. The Community Policing Section is comprised of several units and details; Community Oriented Policing Unit, Marine Patrol Unit, Traffic Safety Unit, and the Mounted Patrol Detail.

### COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING UNIT (COPS)

COPS officers, in addition to their regular patrol duties, address crime trends identified through analysis and respond to residents' requests. They frequently implement Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) strategies to reduce crime, enhance quality of life, and foster community partnerships.

To support these efforts, COPS officers often use bicycles, which make them more approachable and help strengthen connections between law enforcement and the community.

Officers assigned to the Community Oriented Policing Unit receive specialized training to enhance their ability to build relationships, solve problems, and enforce laws effectively. They are also certified to conduct residential and commercial security surveys.

### TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT

The Traffic Safety Unit is committed to protecting lives and property by preventing vehicular

accidents. This is accomplished through a combination of proactive safety strategies, public education, and strict enforcement of traffic laws at the state, county, and municipal levels. The unit focuses on addressing unsafe driving behaviors, improving road conditions, and holding individuals accountable for violations to create a safer driving environment for everyone.

Throughout the year, the unit participated in several important community events, including:

- Miami Dolphins Cancer Challenge (February): A fundraising event supporting cancer research.
- Autism Caravan (April): A campaign to raise awareness for autism.
- DUI Checkpoint (May): A focused operation to reduce impaired driving and ensure public safety.
- Multi-agency THI Training (August): Specialized training for traffic homicide investigators.
- Gold Ribbon Parade (September): An event promoting childhood cancer awareness.
- Thanksgiving Parade (November): The unit is responsible for the planning and organizing of police resources to ensure public safety at the event.





## MARINE PATROL UNIT

The Marine Patrol is dedicated to ensuring safety on the waterways by enforcing boating laws, preventing accidents, and responding to emergencies. In addition to regular patrols, the unit focuses on educating boaters about safe practices, conducting safety checks, and promoting environmental awareness. The Marine Patrol works closely with other agencies during search and rescue operations, providing a quick and effective response to those in need. The unit also participates in task force operations, such as "Operation Labor Day Watch," to enhance boater safety during peak periods. Their efforts help maintain a safe, enjoyable boating experience while safeguarding valuable water resources.



## MOUNTED PATROL DETAIL

The Mounted Patrol provides a visible presence in key areas, assisting with crowd control, traffic management, and community engagement. Beyond these responsibilities, the unit also plays a vital role in patrolling parks, recreational areas, shopping plazas, and public events, ensuring safety and maintaining order. Their presence often fosters positive interactions with the public, building stronger community relations and promoting a sense of security. Additionally, the unique mobility of mounted officers allows them to access areas that are difficult to reach by other means, enhancing their ability to respond quickly and effectively to various situations. A significant accomplishment of the unit is the recent

# INTEGRITY



# TRUST STRENGTH DUTY

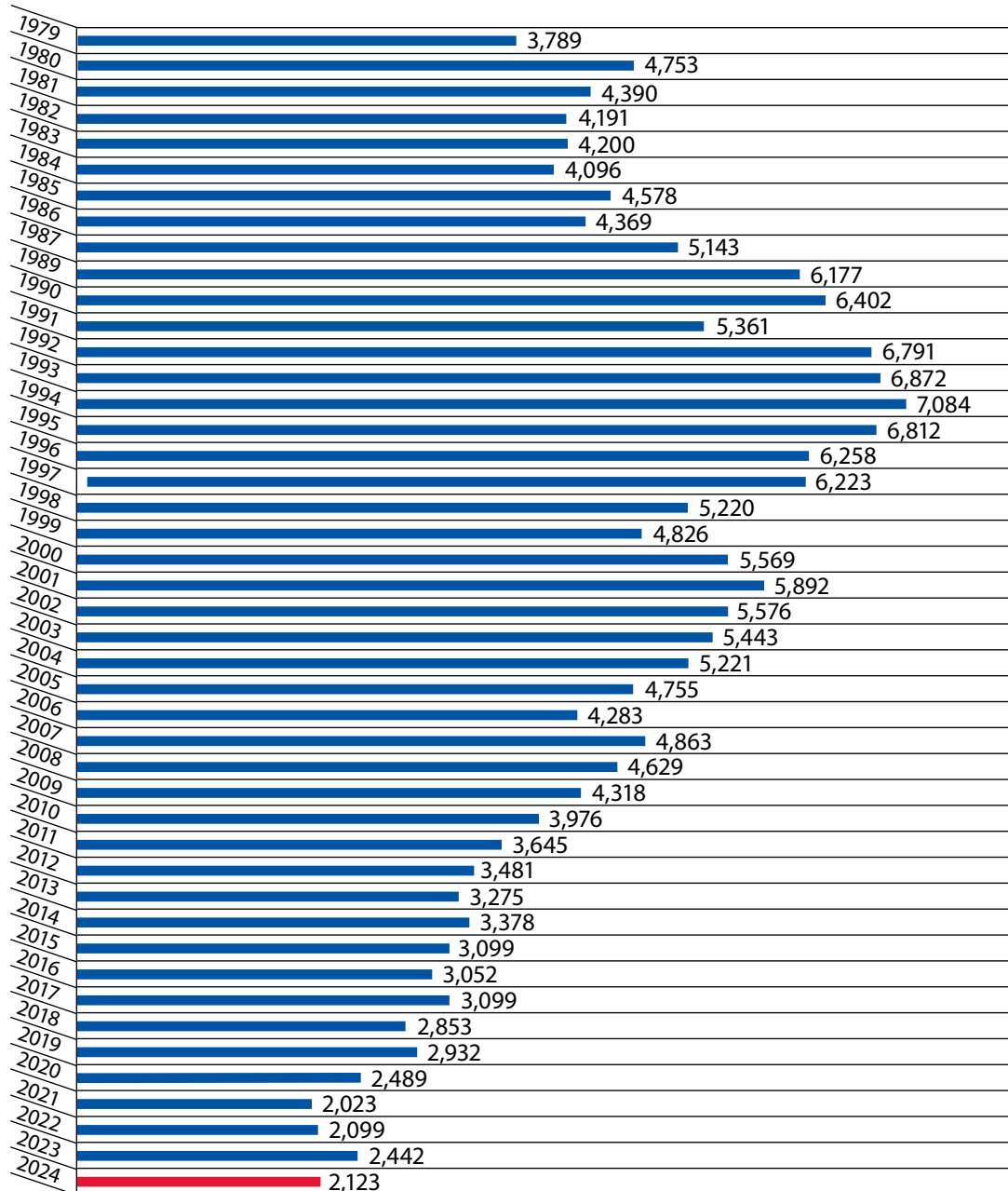
addition of three new mounted officers, who graduated from mounted school on December 16, 2024, further expanding the patrol's capacity to serve and protect the community.

## HONOR GUARD UNIT

The North Miami Police Department Honor Guard Unit is a distinguished team of sworn law enforcement officers drawn from various divisions, who serve as the official representatives of the department at a wide array of ceremonial events. As ambassadors of the police department, these officers embody the core values of the organization, including professionalism, integrity, and respect.

The Honor Guard members play a vital role in upholding the traditions of law enforcement, participating in events such as memorial services, parades, and civic ceremonies. Their presence serves as a tribute to the dedicated service of officers, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. They also stand as a symbol of respect for the families of fallen officers and for the community they serve.

## PART 1 CRIMES: 1979 - 2024



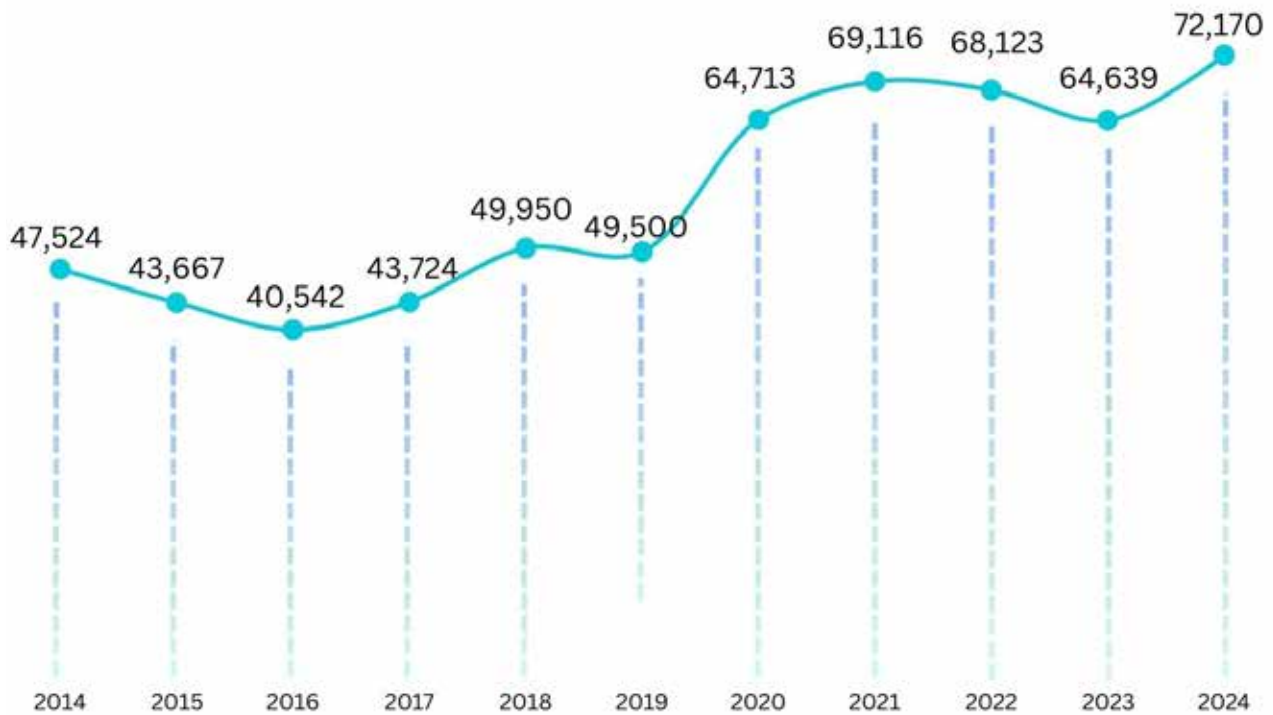
## PART 1 INDEX CRIMES COMPARISON 2023 - 2024

Part 1 Index Crime	2023	2024	% Change
HOMICIDE	4	0	-100%
SEX BATTERY	40	11	-73%
ROBBERY	102	101	-1%
AGG. ASSAULT	251	116	-54%
BURGLARY	173	163	-6%
SHOPLIFTING	398	368	-8%
VEHICLE BURGLARY	522	540	3%
THEFT	633	567	-10%
GRAND THEFT AUTO	319	257	-19%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,442</b>	<b>2,123</b>	<b>-13%</b>

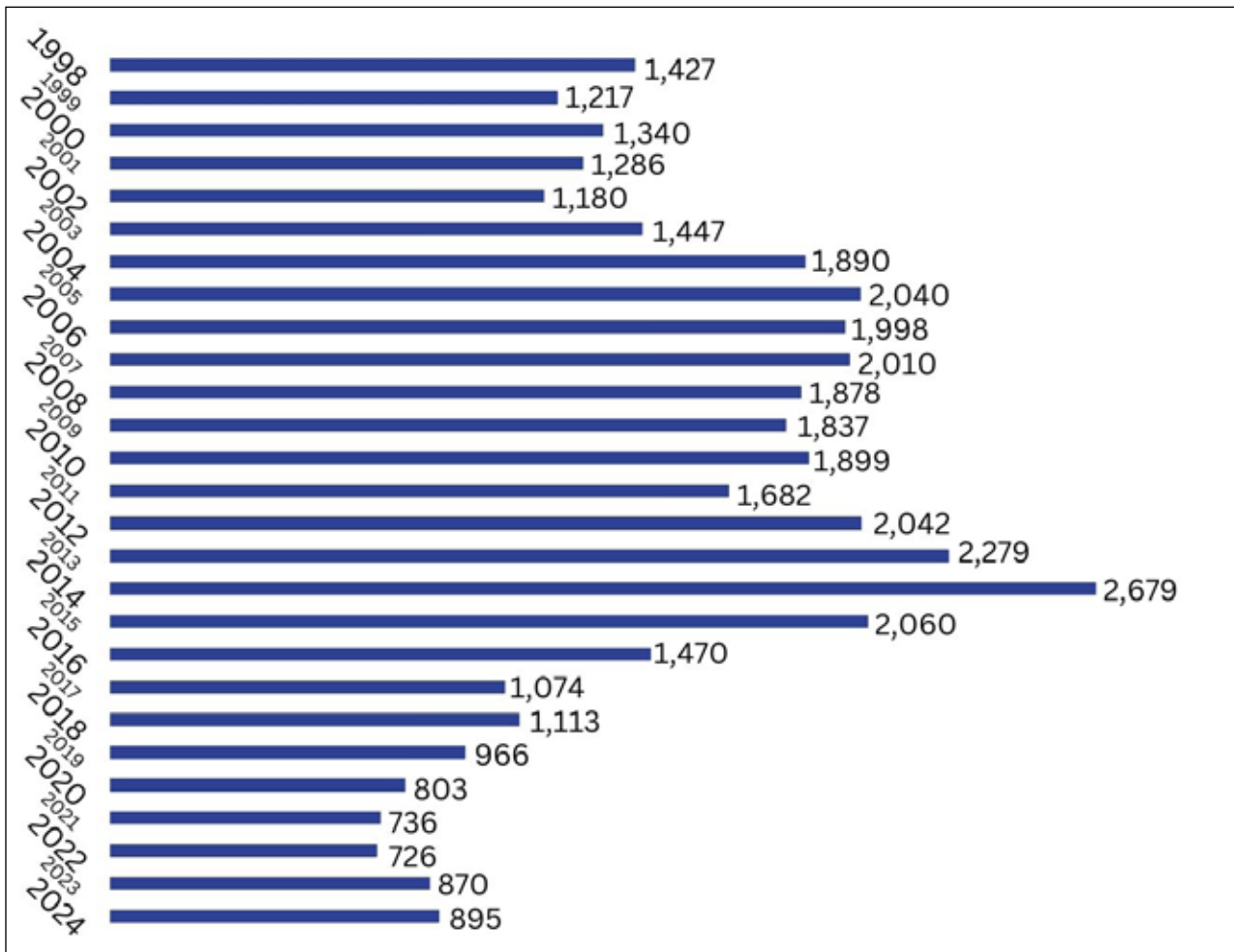


# MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT

## CALLS FOR SERVICE 2014-2024



## TOTAL ARRESTS BY YEAR





## AUTISM AWARENESS & ACCEPTANCE CARAVAN



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual North Miami Police Department's Autism Acceptance and Awareness Police and Fire Caravan was a remarkable event that brought together over 70 police motorcycles and 27 police and fire agencies to raise awareness about autism spectrum disorder, a developmental condition that affects 1 in 36 children. This is the largest event of its kind in all of South Florida. This event not only served as a show of support for the autism community, but also created a unique opportunity for engagement between law enforcement officers and children on the spectrum. Officers visited specialized autism schools, where the caravan

became a powerful learning experience for both the students and the officers. For the children, it was an exciting chance to interact with first responders in a supportive, non-threatening environment, fostering a sense of trust and connection. Meanwhile, the officers gained valuable insight into the specific needs and challenges of children with autism, enhancing their understanding and compassion. The event highlighted the importance of community, empathy, and inclusiveness, demonstrating how public service can be both educational and impactful for everyone involved.







## SUPPORTING CHILDHOOD CANCER

North Miami was the first police agency to permanently keep their car wrapped in gold and joins the Mystic Force Foundation at events throughout the year to bring joy and happiness to kids battling cancer. The initiative was started by Silvia Vanni in an effort to bring more awareness to childhood cancer and the dire need for support and increased funding for childhood cancer research. Every year this initiative grows larger and is the only initiative of it's kind in the world, proving that South Florida is a true leader in the fight against childhood cancer.

The Mystic Force Foundation was founded in 2008 by Dr. Steven & Silvia Vanni after their then 4-year

old son, Salvatore, was diagnosed with Stage IV Neuroblastoma Cancer. Salvatore lost his battle with cancer in 2011 but his legacy continues to change the lives of all children battling this devastating disease.

The North Miami Police Department strives to Make a Positive Impact through Respect, Integrity, Courage, Empathy, Unity, and Professionalism.

The department partners with the Mystic Force Foundation to bring joy and happiness to children battling cancer through the granting of wishes, providing exciting police car rides and boat rides for the children.







## SHOP WITH A COP

Every December, the North Miami Police Department partners with local stores like T.J. Maxx & Walmart to host our annual **“Shop with a Cop”** event in which our local kids are paired with a North Miami Police Officer to experience a holiday shopping extravaganza.



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

**National Night Out** is a community policing, awareness-raising event, celebrated annually on the first Tuesday in August that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.



## CAREER DAYS





## COPS AND KIDS FISHING

North Miami Police Department hosts an annual **Cops and Kids Fishing** event in which police officers share their skill sets in fishing. Kids are taught the importance of "Catch and release" while bonding and learning.



## LET IT SNOW

The North Miami Police Department is dedicated to "Making a Positive Impact" in our community, and that often is achieved by providing our community with unique experiences like bringing snow to North Miami. The **Let It Snow** event is a FREE event achieved through the assistance of our local business partners.



## 5,000 ROLE MODELS

The **5,000 Role Models** program aims to inspire young men, cultivating pride and confidence as they navigate various life challenges. The involvement of the North Miami Police Department strengthens the bond between law enforcement and the community, showcasing positive role modeling and leadership. Overall, this initiative empowers youth and promotes constructive values.





The South Florida Leadership Academy is comprised of nine agencies that collaborate to provide advanced leadership training to their supervisory personnel.

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