

# City of Miami

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John Timoney  
Chief of Police  
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Dear Chief Timoney:

At the November 18, 2008 regular meeting of the Civilian Investigative Panel, the below referenced proposed revisions to the Departmental Orders were considered and resolved as indicated.

MPD D.O. 9 Chapter 4 @ 4.4.11.3: Revision should be made to require officers and the MPD to report attempted motor vehicle thefts as motor vehicle thefts consistent with UCR standards and state law. Your response to our recommendation in April of this year concerning this subject matter appears to have struck the language about attempted motor vehicle thefts from the language in the Order, addressing that subject in a summary paragraph in the Official Bulletin. That direction however expires with the publication of the Orders.

The CIP therefore recommends that the subparagraph be revised to read as follows:

**4.4.11.3 Auto Theft Reporting Procedures:** Auto theft reports **will not** be taken over the phone. *Officers are reminded that an obvious attempt to steal a motor vehicle is to be reported on a signal 22.* Overdue rental vehicles will be reported on a signal **54**.  
(Italics added.)

D.O. 11 Chapter 18, Limited English Proficiency: The CIP also took notice of the addition of this Order as a most positive measure in assuring that citizens or visitors who are limited as to their ability to speak English receive the same quality police service as is received by others. The MPD is to be commended for this policy and the service rendered as a result.

In addition to the above, there were eighteen (18) other revisions delivered to the CIP during the period of October 22 through November 7, 2008. The CIP found no need to make specific recommendations to these revisions because issues addressed fell into one or more of the following categories: (1) not likely to be the subject of complaints coming before the Panel; (2) deemed improvements to the existing Orders; or (3) administrative directives clearly within the prerogative of MPD management to address.

Your timely response to the issues herein referenced is anticipated.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the issues addressed above, please refer them to the undersigned at 305-579-2444 or via e-mail to [srichardson@miamigov.com](mailto:srichardson@miamigov.com).

Sincerely,



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C: Pedro Hernandez, City Manager  
Hon. Members of the City Commission