

City of Miami



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John F. Timoney, Chief of Police
Miami Police Department
400 NE 2nd Avenue
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Dear Chief Timoney:

During its meeting of February 19, 2008, the Civilian Investigative Panel (CIP) voted to make the following recommendation to the Miami Police Department (MPD): That there be a complete review of the written directives (Departmental Orders and Standard Operating Procedures) of the MPD and revisions made to ensure clarity and consistency regarding the ability of sworn police officers to work off-duty as bodyguards and or personal security escorts. Further, the Panel recommends that the department consider the following when making revisions:

- Provide and require completion of approved specialized training as prerequisite for performing such duties;
- Delineate criteria to be met if functioning as such while in plainclothes or uniform (if permitted); and
- Provide limitations as to the ability to function in such a capacity outside the corporate boundaries of the City of Miami.

Please provide follow up to this office regarding these recommendations.

Sincerely,

Shirley E. Richardson

C: Pedro Hernandez, City Manager
Panel Members