

City of Miami



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Ms. Shirley E. Richardson
Executive Director
Civilian Investigative Panel
155 South Miami Ave., Penthouse 1-B
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Dear Ms. Richardson:

Thank you for your letter dated July 2, 2008, regarding the recommendation of the Civilian Investigative Panel against the implementation of the proposed change to Departmental Order 14, Chapter 1. Specifically the CIP was concerned about the proposed option for pin-on name tapes.

The Miami Police Department appreciates the credit that it was given during the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) summit in Miami “whereby Miami officers wore distinctively stenciled ID numbers on their protective gear and reportedly had identification sewn to their trousers...in stark comparison to other agencies...”

Notwithstanding the above referenced change, the Miami Police Department continues to require that its uniformed officers display their name on their uniform at all times. Any officer who removes the name tape or tag from his or her uniform will be in violation of the Departmental Orders. We are unaware of any allegations of uniformed officers removing their name tape or tag from their uniform while acting in the course and scope of their employment. Therefore, since you have offered a solution in search of a problem, the Miami Police Department has determined that it will not change the Departmental Order.

Very truly yours,

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On behalf of the Miami Police Department

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