

City of Miami



PEDRO G. HERNANDEZ, P.E.
City Manager

Ms. Shirley E. Richardson
Executive Director
Civilian Investigative Panel
155 South Miami Ave., Penthouse 1-B
Miami, Florida 33130

November 4, 2008

Dear Ms. Richardson:

Thank you for your letter dated April 3, 2008, regarding the recommendation of the Civilian Investigative Panel to revise Departmental Order 9 Chapter 4 Section 4.4.11.3 to require officers and the MPD to report attempted motor vehicle thefts as motor vehicle thefts consistent with UCR standards and state law.

After receiving your letter I reviewed the Departmental Orders, the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook and discussed this matter with the Chief and others involved in the reporting process. My review of the City's reporting process for stolen motor vehicles indicated that the "de facto" policy was to treat vehicles with obvious signs of theft (i.e. broken steering column) as an attempted auto theft notwithstanding the written policy. It was determined that the written policy was contrary to the procedures utilized by the patrol officers and needed to be changed.

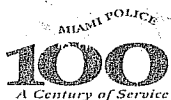
The matter was brought to the attention of the Policy Review Committee and it was determined that the Departmental Order should be revised. Accordingly, the Chief authorized a change to the Departmental Order and has instructed that the change be published in the Official Bulletin. (Please see attached memorandum and copy of Official Bulletin dated November 4, 2008.)

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Very truly yours,

George K. Wysong III
Assistant City Attorney
On behalf of the Miami Police Department

C: Pedro G. Hernandez, City Manager



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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Adam L. Burden, II
Assistant Chief
Administration Division

DATE:


OCT 30 2008

FILE:

PUB 4-1

SUBJECT: Material for the Official
General Bulletin

FROM:


John F. Timoney
Chief of Police

REFERENCES:

ENCLOSURES:

As you may recall, the above referenced matter was brought up by Assistant City Attorney George K. Wysong III at the Chief's meeting of October 14, 2008. Mr. Wysong brought the issue to our attention after receiving a letter from the Civilian Investigative Panel that recommended a change to the departmental orders so that they are not in conflict with UCR reporting standards. We agreed to change the departmental order because it is not consistent with current Miami Police practices and could create confusion.

Since a majority of the voting members of the Policy Review Committee were present at the meeting, including Deputy Chief Fernandez, you (Assistant Chief Burden), Assistant Chief Cannon and ACA George K. Wysong III, and all were in agreement with the change, I have decided to treat the meeting as an ad-hoc Policy Review Committee meeting.

Therefore, please publish the following information in the Official/General Bulletin:

(RC) **Revision to Departmental Order 9, Chapter 4:**

The below listed change in procedure has been made to the Investigations Unit Departmental Order (D.O. 9 Chapter 4). This directive is effective immediately:

4.4.11.3 Auto Theft Reporting Procedures: Auto theft reports will not be taken over the telephone. ~~Only a vehicle, which is actually stolen, will be reported on a signal 22. Any attempt to steal a vehicle, where the perpetrator is unsuccessful and the vehicle sustains damage, (i.e., broken windows, damaged steering column) will be reported on a signal 28.~~ Overdue rental vehicles will be reported on a signal 54.

Officers are reminded that an obvious attempt to steal a motor vehicle is to be reported on a signal 22. Your immediate attention to this matter is appreciated given the importance of this change in policy.

GKW

c: George K. Wysong III, Assistant City Attorney/ Police Legal Advisor
Deputy Chief Frank G. Fernandez, Chairman, Policy Review Committee



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POLICE DEPARTMENT
John F. Timoney, Chief of Police
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1. Staff Duty Assignments:

This Week: Major Roy Brown from Tuesday, November 4, 2008, 0800-1700 hours, through Tuesday November 11, 2008 (Car 24, Cellular 305-218-4066).

Next Week: Major Jorge Gomez from Tuesday, November 11, 2008, 1900-0300 hours, through Tuesday November 18, 2008 (Car 10, Cellular 786-277-9411).

(RC) 2. 2009 LEO Awards:

The Leo Foundation (Law Enforcement Officers Charitable Foundation, Inc.) is currently accepting nominations for its 2009 awards program. Candidates will be considered in the following categories:

Leo Uniform Services Award:

This award recognizes the law enforcement officer who performs in an outstanding or exemplary manner in a uniform patrol position. Eligible candidates are those officers whose job function is devoted to uniform patrol and its related activities.

Leo Investigative Services Award:

This award recognizes the law enforcement officer who performs in an outstanding or exemplary manner in an investigative position. Eligible candidates are those officers whose job function is devoted to investigations and its related activities.

Leo Crime Prevention/Community Policing Award:

This award recognizes the law enforcement officer who performs in an outstanding or exemplary manner in a crime prevention and/or community policing assignment. Eligible officers may be assigned to work in uniform or plain clothes and includes such positions as school resource officer, crime prevention officer, neighborhood watch officer, etc.

Leo Specialized Services Award:

This award recognizes the law enforcement officer who performs in an outstanding or exemplary manner in the provision of specialized law enforcement services. Eligible candidates are assigned to specialized units either on a full-time or part-time basis.

(RC) 2. 2009 LEO Awards (Continued):

Such units include, but are not limited to canine, marine patrol, motors, aviation, scuba, special response, DARE, and bomb disposal.

Leo Safety Award:

This award recognizes the law enforcement officer, or civilian employee who either develops or implements programs that enhance public safety, or engages in an enforcement activity that provides a safer environment for our citizens and communities. Examples of eligible candidates are sworn officers who are assigned to traffic or school safety programs.

Leo Support Services Award:

This award recognizes the law enforcement officers, or civilian employee who provides outstanding and exemplary support to a law enforcement agency in achieving its mission. Eligible candidates are assigned to the support services function of the agency to include, but not limited to communications, crime scene/forensic services, records and identification, planning and research, training and media relations.

Entry forms and instructions are available in PIO. Nominations must be submitted to Napier Velazquez, Public Relations Specialist, no later than **December 1, 2008.**

(RC) 3. Basic Investigation Course:

This course will teach students the knowledge and skills to conduct basic law enforcement investigations. The topics covered will include:

- Role of the investigator
- Procedures on conducting an investigation
- Interview and interrogation techniques
- Sources of information
- Photo lineups and on scene show-ups
- Search and seizure laws
- Search and arrest warrant procedures
- Managing crime scenes and forensic resources
- Forensic video enhancements
- Judicial perspective for courtroom presentation
- Investigative response to acts of terrorism

For further information, you may contact Officer Steven Machado at (305) 579-6624 or email at steven.machado@miami-police.org.

DATE: April 20-23, 2009
TIME: 0800 – 1700 hours

(RC) 3. Basic Investigation Course (Continued):

LOCATION: Miami Police Training Center
400 N.W. 2 Ave., Room 327
Miami, Florida 33128
FEE: None-Region XIV funded
ATTIRE: Business (No T-Shirts, jeans, shorts, tennis shoes
and/or sandals)

Those interested should send an RF19, through channels, to the Training Unit. If you have any further questions, please contact Officer Steven Machado at (305) 579-6624 or email at Steven.Machado@miami-police.org.

(RC) 4. Revision to Departmental Order 9, Chapter 4:

The below listed change in procedure has been made to the Investigations Unit Departmental Order (D.O. 9 Chapter 4). This directive is effective immediately:

1.4.11.3 Auto Theft Reporting Procedures: Auto theft reports **will not** be taken over the telephone. ~~Only a vehicle, which is actually stolen, will be reported on a signal 22. Any attempt to steal a vehicle, where the perpetrator is unsuccessful, and the vehicle sustains damage, (i.e., broken windows, damaged steering column) will be reported on a signal 28.~~ Overdue rental vehicles will be reported on a signal **54**.

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(RC) 5. Opening for Neighborhood Resource Officers in Model City:

All officers must meet the following criteria prior to submitting an application. Anyone who is still on a probationary status will not be allowed to submit an application or interview for any specialized unit or detail:

- Non-probationary status
- Tenure with a minimum of two years uniform patrol before an officer can apply for an opening in a specialized unit or detail
- Above average performance evaluations and attendance record
- No more than two missed courts within a 12 month period
- No more than two preventable accidents within a 12 month period
- Applicant's Internal Affairs Profile will be reviewed as part of the application and review process
- Be mature, enthusiastic, highly self-motivated, with above average writing skills
- Must be willing to work flexible hours, to include all shifts, weekends, holidays, and be available for recall during off-duty hours
- Must possess strict disciplinary ethics

(RC) 5. Opening for Neighborhood Resource Officers in Model City (Continued):

Interested applicants must submit a Personnel Transfer Request Form, RF#224, to Commander Bernard Johnson, no later than ten (10) days from the date of this publication. For further information, call Commander Bernard Johnson at (305) 795-2313.

Adam L. Burden, II
Assistant Chief
Administration Division