

Abstract

The Department will utilize these funds to coordinate operational initiatives aimed at increasing public safety and crime prevention/reduction strategies. The operational plans to be implemented have many components but have placed primary emphasis on the goal of providing a community culture of safety by:

- Providing a safe environment for holiday shoppers and citizens throughout the City by implementing the “Grinch Buster Program”. The goal of this program will be to reduce robberies, thefts, and auto thefts by 10% during this time period as compared to 2010.
- The Investigations Division, in conjunction with the Operations Division, will conduct twenty three (23) “All Out” initiatives utilizing funding received from this allocation. The Department has created the “All Out” initiative as a way of saturating problem areas using a multifaceted approach. During the initiative personnel from the Investigations and Operations Divisions work together to address a particular area for issues ranging from violent crime to quality of life problems. The goal of this initiative will be to reduce violent crime by 3% and property crimes by 10%.
- The Department will also utilize funding to defray the cost of protracted and complex investigations. These investigations include gang prosecutions and homicide cases which require officers to work various amounts of hours and coordinate their activities with outside agencies in order to obtain successful prosecutions. Many times these cases would not come to fruition without the funding necessary to sustain them and allow personnel to dedicate resources that ordinarily may not be available due to budgetary restraints. By dedicating financial resources to these types of cases, the Department will strive to maintain a high closure rate that is at or higher than the national average for violent crimes. These closure rates will be a direct reflection of the efforts and financial resources expended to investigate these types of complex cases.
- The Operations Division will utilize the funding to proactively address criminal activity with emphasis on juvenile related crime. The Division will implement enforcement initiatives targeting truants and juvenile offenders in addition to special details targeting traffic enforcement and high visibility patrol. The goal of this initiative will be to increase the number of truants returned and a reduction in juvenile related crime.
- The Community Enrichment Team will conduct targeted enforcement based on bi-weekly statistical meetings which identify crime trends and patterns. CET will attempt to increase citizen participation in crime watch endeavors throughout the City of Miami Gardens. Community interaction and inclusion has been one of the main goals of the Miami Gardens Police Department since taking over police duties from Miami-Dade County. Since taking over policing duties, a trust has developed between the

Police Department and the Community which has led to a 21% crime drop in the past two (2) years. The goal of this initiative is to decrease crime by 5% in every Law Beat in the City of Miami Gardens and to sign up 100 new Crime Watch members throughout the City of Miami Gardens.