

Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: TO INFORM THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT THE CITY OF MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD) REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM THE MIAMI-DADE SCHOOLS POLICE DEPARTMENT BY INVOKING MUTUAL AID. THIS ACTION IS PART OF AN OVERALL EFFORT BY MPD TO ASSEMBLE THE NECESSARY LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES TO ENSURE THAT THE FREE TRADE AREAS OF THE AMERICAS CONFERENCE WILL BE A SAFE AND PEACEFUL EVENT

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

In December 1994, Miami hosted the Summit of the Americas. This event resulted in an agreement to unite the economies of the Western Hemisphere into a single free trade agreement. The heads of state and government of the 34 democracies in the region agreed to construct a Free Trade Areas of the Americas (FTAA), in which barriers to trade and investment would be progressively eliminated.

The City of Miami will be hosting FTAA Ministerial meetings from November 16 - 21, 2003, in downtown Miami. Although this event is expected to be a catalyst for positive economic stimulation in the South Florida area, it will be one of the most demanding challenges for the entire local law enforcement community in recent history.

In order to ensure a safe and peaceful event, the Miami Police Department (MPD) has invoked Mutual Aid of its law enforcement partners throughout South Florida. This is necessary as the personnel resources needed far exceed those MPD can provide. A specific request for assistance has been made of local police agencies, including the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department. The attached letter from Chief John Timoney is provided for your review.

The Miami-Dade County Public School District is in the process of identifying needs and contingencies wherein we can provide and maintain a safe and secure learning environment, while simultaneously responding to the needs of our responding law enforcement partners in Miami-Dade County.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive the information on the overall effort to assemble the necessary law enforcement resources to ensure that the FTAA Conference will be a safe and peaceful event.

City of Miami

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Chief of Police



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City Manager

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Chief Pete Cuccaro
Miami-Dade Public Schools Police Department
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Miami, Florida 33127

Dear Chief Cuccaro:

The City of Miami will be hosting the Free Trade Area of the America's Ministerial meetings from November 15th through November 21st in Downtown Miami. As you are aware, this event will be one of the most demanding challenges to face the South Florida law enforcement community in recent history.

The law enforcement resources that will be required to ensure a safe and peaceful event will exceed what the Miami Police Department will be able to offer. South Florida law enforcement agencies have a long history and tradition of working together for the well being of the citizens of Miami-Dade County. I am requesting the assistance of the Miami-Dade Public Schools Police Department in providing one Field Force of uniformed officers.

I would appreciate any assistance your department may be able to provide us and I look forward to working with you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Major Thomas J. Roell or Captain Thomas W. Cannon, at (305) 579-6181.

Sincerely,

John F. Timoney
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Chief of Police

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