

# **EXHIBIT A**

## **City of North Miami Beach Safety First Initiative**

**To enhance public safety in North Miami Beach through a coordinated effort between the North Miami Beach Police Department (NMBPD) and neighborhood crime watch committees, leveraging proactive community engagement and strategic resource development to strengthen trust and neighborhood stability.**

Preamble: The City of North Miami Beach is a diverse and dynamic coastal community known for its residential neighborhoods, thriving commercial corridors, and strong civic engagement. In recent months, there has been a noticeable increase in safety concerns affecting key segments of our community, including our Jewish residents, our Haitian community, and other vulnerable populations across the City. These concerns, which include both targeted incidents and broader quality-of-life issues, have heightened the need for a proactive, coordinated response. The Mayor and City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach recognize the importance of acting decisively and strategically to reinforce safety, stability, and public confidence for all residents.

This Safety First Initiative reflects the City's commitment to proactive policing, community partnership, and responsible stewardship of public resources. By strengthening collaboration between law enforcement and the community and investing in sustainable public safety strategies, North Miami Beach will continue to build a secure environment where families, businesses, and visitors can thrive.

### **I. Police Department Mandates**

The North Miami Beach Police Department plays a critical role in ensuring public safety by enforcing laws, preventing crime, and fostering a sense of security within the community. Through strong community partnerships and strategic resource development, NMBPD serves as the foundation of the City's public safety framework. The following mandates focus on deepening community trust and expanding funding opportunities to strengthen long-term crime reduction efforts.

#### **1. Community Policing:**

Community policing is a strategy of law enforcement that emphasizes building strong relationships between the police and the community to enhance trust, cooperation, and public safety. It involves proactive problem-solving, meaningful engagement, and collaboration to address crime and quality-of-life concerns.

Accordingly, NMBPD shall:

- Prepare and implement a schedule of monthly community policing activities to be executed throughout the City, including outreach to residents and businesses in collaboration with the Neighborhood Watch Program. The purpose of these activities

shall be to familiarize the community with the various divisions, personnel, and services of NMBPD.

- No later than April of each year, submit through the City Manager a proposed budget to support monthly community policing initiatives.
- Ensure that the officer or officers assigned to liaise with Neighborhood Watch Programs attend monthly meetings of each program to gather community feedback and concerns.
- Provide to the City Commission, through the City Manager, a quarterly report summarizing feedback gathered over the previous ninety (90) days and detailing all community policing activities conducted.

## 2. Grant Writing & Funding Acquisition:

Securing external funding is essential to expanding law enforcement capabilities without placing additional strain on the City's general fund. Strategic grant acquisition strengthens technology, training, equipment, and community programs that enhance public safety outcomes.

Accordingly, NMBPD shall:

- At the discretion of the City Manager, hire and maintain either a full-time grant writer or procure a qualified consultant dedicated to identifying and applying for federal, state, and private grant opportunities for the Department.
- Actively pursue grants to enhance department resources, officer training, crime prevention initiatives, and community engagement programs.
- Provide to the City Commission, through the City Manager, a quarterly report identifying grants applied for, grants awarded, funding received, and the intended use of all awarded funds.

## **The Role of the Police Department in Public Safety**

The North Miami Beach Police Department remains central to the safety and well-being of the City. Through consistent engagement, visible presence, and responsible stewardship of resources, NMBPD reinforces public confidence and strengthens neighborhood stability. By prioritizing community policing and sustainable funding strategies, the Department positions itself to meet both present and future public safety challenges.

## **II. Neighborhood Watch Program**

Resident and business participation is essential in every community across the City to ensure a safer and more secure North Miami Beach. Active collaboration between residents, business

owners, and law enforcement strengthens vigilance, deters criminal activity, and reinforces neighborhood unity.

1. Community Involvement & Awareness:

- Expand the Neighborhood Watch Program to ensure representation in every district.
- Establish and formally organize Neighborhood Watch Programs in Washington Park.
- Establish and formally organize Neighborhood Watch Programs in Uleta.
- Establish and formally organize Neighborhood Watch Programs in Highland Village.
- Establish and formally organize Neighborhood Watch Programs in Eastern Shores.
- Organize quarterly safety workshops with NMBPD.
- Establish a neighborhood crime alert system using text and email notifications.
- Engaging residents in crime prevention strengthens neighborhoods and fosters shared responsibility for public safety.

2. Collaborative Patrol Initiatives:

- Coordinate Neighborhood Watch members to report suspicious activity.
- Work with NMBPD to organize community-supported safety initiatives.
- Implement a Business Crime Watch Program for local merchants.

3. Community vigilance serves as a powerful deterrent and enhances collective safety.

**Conclusion:**

The Safety First Initiative reinforces North Miami Beach's commitment to community-centered policing and strategic investment in public safety. By focusing on meaningful engagement and sustainable funding, the City strengthens its ability to protect residents, support businesses, and ensure continued progress for generations to come.