

# *SCHOOL SAFETY*

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# UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL THREATS

## LAW

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- Any person who communicates a threat to kill, do great bodily injury, conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism in a way that another person could view it commits a felony of the second degree under statute 836.10. The communication does not need to be sent directly to another person to be considered a threat. If any person can see the message, it is a threat.
- What can we all do to mitigate?
  - Engage in conversation with your child about their school life
  - Become informed about the social media they use
  - Discuss current events and relevant legislation

# MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC SAFETY ACT

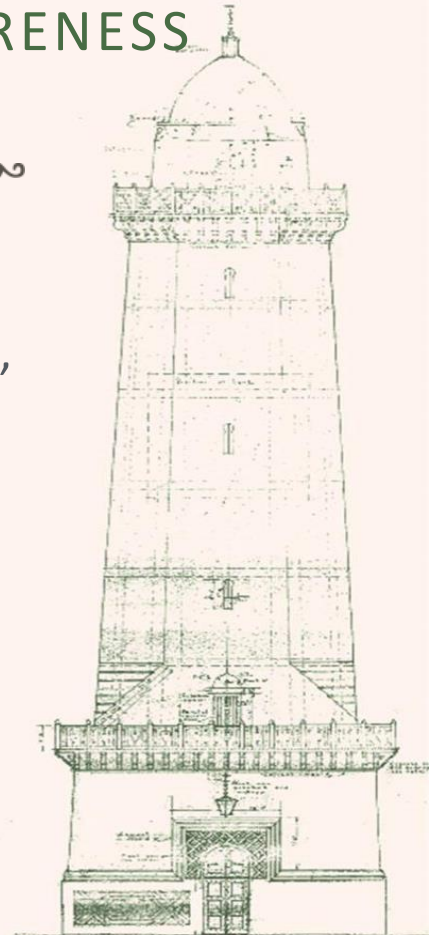
- Created Office of Safe Schools within the Florida Department of Education
- FortifyFL – mobile suspicious activity reporting tool
  - FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.
- Requires SRO at each public school
- Safety assessments for public schools
- Behavioral Threat Assessment has been standardized
  - Model threat policies and best practices promulgated



# CURRENT SCHOOL THREAT AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

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The #ItsNoJoke awareness campaign is aimed at addressing school threats made by students in Florida, as these threats can result in felony charges. The campaign further seeks to educate youth and parents that threats of violence include statements made anywhere online. Making threats, even if it is in jest, can have serious consequences. Youth, parents, and teachers are also encouraged to report any and all threats they see or hear. They can notify law enforcement or report a threat anonymously through Florida's FortifyFL App.



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION / OFFICE OF SAFE SCHOOLS

- The Office of Safe Schools serves as a central repository for best practices, training standards and compliance oversight in all matters regarding school safety and security.
- Primary goals of the office: Prevention, Intervention, and Emergency Preparedness Planning
- <https://www.fldoe.org/safe-schools/best-practices.shtml>

# MIAMI DADE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITHIN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- Note: MDPS uses the term “ACTIVE ASSAILANT” no longer uses “shooter” terminology
- Schools have access to Threat Assessment Teams
- Counseling/mental health programs
- Students have id / visitors must obtain pass to enter campus
- Early warning protocols for treating students with concerning behavior
- Panic alarms in place
- Hard corners designated
- Parent/student reunification plans
- Sworn officers at all K-12 schools (SROS)
- Training / lock downs / active assailant/ emergency procedures
- Single point of entry established
- Exterior doors and classrooms are locked
- Miami Dade Schools Police Dept. has access to cameras placed within the school campus

# CGPD YOUTH RESOURCE DETECTIVES

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- Youth Resource Detectives remain active and vigilant throughout the school year. They are assigned multiple schools throughout the City and act as liaison, in all respects, to the needs of that school
- (1) one YRU Sergeant and (4) four Detectives assigned to the unit
- Goal is to prevent and control delinquent and criminal behavior of youths by maintaining programs and strategies for intervention
- YRU spearheading conversations with students and parents to encourage them to provide information when indicators are observed

# DET. PAOLA AZCUY

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- CORAL GABLES PREP ACADEMY 2 LOCATIONS (105 MINORCA AVE K-8<sup>th</sup> grade public/ 39 ZAMORA AVE middle campus)
- BANYAN DAY PRE SCHOOL (340 PALERMO AVE) 14 months to Kinder
- CRYSTAL ACADEMY 107 ANTILLA PRIMARY SCHOOL/110 PHOENETIA
- ST PHILLIPS EPISCOPAL 1121 ANDALUSIA
  - 1 CGPD



# DET. NESTOR CHAVEZ



- GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER ELEM. 238 GRAND AVE
  - SRO on campus
- GRANADA DAY SCHOOL 950 UNIVERSITY DRIVE (PRESCHOOL INFANT)
- PONCE DE LEON MIDDLE SCHOOL 5801 AUGUSTO
  - SRO/SECURITY
- RIVIERA DAY SCHOOL PREK-5<sup>TH</sup> AND PREP SCHOOL / 6800 NERVIA ST
  - CGPD Off Duty Ofc.
- KLA SCHOOLS CORAL GABLES 4573 PONCE DE LEON (INFANT TO 4YEAR OLDS)
- TEMPLE JUDEA 5500 Granada Blvd
  - CGPD Off Duty

# DET. ANTONIO MIGUELEZ



- ST THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2701 INDIAN MOUND
  - CGPD off duty officers
- THE GROWING PLACE PRE SCHOOL 536 CORAL WAY  
(preschool, kinder, Elem) United Methodist Church
- INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 414 VELARDE/3930 S. LEJEUNE RD (Preschool)
- CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH 450 BIRD RD
  - SRO on campus
- CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER 3010 DE SOTO BLVD (2YR OLD through kindergarten)

# DET. DANIEL SOTOLONGO



- WEST LAB ELEMENTARY 5300 CARILLO ST (k-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)
  - SRO on campus
- ST THOMAS EPISCOPAL PARISH SCHOOL 5530 N KENDALL DR
  - CGPD Off duty on campus
- SOMERSET GABLES ACADEMY 624 ANASTASIA AVE (K-5)
  - CGPD off duty on campus
- GULLIVER 12595 RED RD
  - CGPD off duty on campus
  - Security guards
- INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PREP ACADEMY 1570 MADRUGA (GRADES 9-12)
  - Security guards
  - SRO on campus
- UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI CANTERBURY PRE SCHOOL 1150 STANFORD DR
  - UM police panic buttons

# PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER



PIO Ofc. K. Denham has performed several school safety assessments and has provided instruction on active assailant and threat assessments

- Temple Judea School 5500 Granada Blvd
- St. Theresa Catholic School 2701 Indian Mound Trail
- St. Thomas Episcopal Parish School 5692 N Kendall Drive
- Gulliver Prep Coral Gables Campus 12595 Red Road
- Riviera Day School Coral Gables Campus 6800 Nervia Street
- First United Methodist Church and the Growing Place Early Childhood Center 536 Coral Way
- KLA Schools of Coral Gables 4573 Ponce De Leon
- St. Marks Lutheran Church Preschool 3930 Le Jeune Road
- Early Childhood at Coral Gables Congregational 3010 De Soto Blvd
- Vanguard Children’s Academy 924 Ponce De Leon Blvd
- Child Care Center at Riviera Presbyterian Church 5275 Sunset Drive
- University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences
- International Studies Preparatory Academy – public school - instructed with PTA 1570 Madruga Ave

# UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION



- UPD has acquired breaching tools for supervisors to include: sledge hammer, halligan, and bolt cutters.
- Training is in the works on proper use of these tools
- UPD SWAT is trained in a variety of breaching techniques, inclusive of explosive, hydraulic and electric powered methods of gaining entry

# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

## THREAT ASSESSMENT

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- CGPD and University of Miami detectives actively engage in threat assessment investigations when made aware of concerning behavior. Investigations are typically multi-jurisdictional and may require collaborative efforts between CGPD, the Miami-Dade Police Department's Homeland Security Bureau (HSB), and other municipalities.
- *Historical Examples:*
  - High School Student observed on Social Media with a pink gun
  - University student who posted on social media with air soft rifle
  - University student who sent threat to shoot email to a university affiliate
  - Elementary student who brought a knife to school claiming self defense

# SPECIALIZED ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



- Plans are in place for the first two weeks of school as well as the last week of school
  - Collaboration between MDSB, UM, CGPD Fire, Parking, SED, UPD, and Off Duty coordinators at several schools throughout the City
  - Goal high visibility in close proximity to campuses, enforcement and education efforts for drivers and pedestrians
  - Plans involve up to 25 officer assignments during school commencement and dismissal. Plans also incorporate the use of NSAs/NTLs.
  - Year Round – MOTORS and BIKE patrol assigned to Coral Gables Prep, CG High, and Carver Elementary to assist with pedestrian traffic and to establish presence

# TECHNOLOGY

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- SaferWatch App (report crime in real time)
- “If you see something, send something”
- Mobile panic button solution
- SaferWatch 911
- Helps call takers/dispatchers obtain as much real time information gathered from citizen’s mobile devices