

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
ANTI-CRIME COMMITTEE
February 28, 2018**

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY
Fernando Arguelles	E												Mayor Valdés-Fauli
Rachel Lauzurique	P												Mayor Valdés-Fauli
Jeff Sullivan	E												Vice Mayor Keon
Vicky Busot	P												Vice Mayor Keon
Maria Cruz	P												Commissioner Lago
Manuel Vadillo	E												Commissioner Lago
John Daly	P												Commissioner Mena
Robert Cambo	P												Commissioner Mena
Helen Sonenreich	A												Commissioner Quesada
Aaron Glasser	E												Commissioner Quesada
Aurelio Durana	P												City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
John Caballero	P												City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Vince Damian	P												Police Chief Hudak

*P = PRESENT A = ABSENT E = EXCUSED * = NO MEETING ** = SPECIAL MEETING*

Staff:

Frank Fernandez, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Safety
Edward Hudak, Chief of Police
Jason Plemmons, Recording Secretary

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cruz called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 31, 2018 were approved upon motion by Ms. Lauzurique, seconded by Mr. Damian, and carried.

ITEM 3 – UPDATE ON POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRING

Chief Hudak provided an update on recruitment efforts. The current focus is on recruiting NSAs and Communications Operators. Chief Hudak discussed the weekly meetings held with Background Investigations for status of all persons going through the process.

Ms. Cruz asked about the Assistant Police Chief Vacancy. Mr. Durana inquired about the ability to fill the Assistant Chief Position with an external candidate. Chief Hudak discussed collective bargaining requirements for promotions and the ability for Assistant Chief positions to be filled with external candidates.

Chief Hudak discussed the vacant Major position, which will be filled with an internal candidate. The Communications Director position was also discussed.

ITEM 4 – SCHOOL SAFETY

Chair Cruz discussed the Anti-Crime Committee's involvement with School Safety, and the responsibility of the Schools advisory board.

Chief Hudak discussed the 2009 murder at Coral Gables High School, and how it was handled by Police. Active Shooter situations and how they are handled was discussed. Chief Hudak discussed how the School Board Police and the Coral Gables Police are working together. When a call to 911 is made from the school, it does not go to the School Board Police, but to the jurisdiction of the school's location. Mr. Damian inquired about primary responsibility for school safety.

Chief Hudak discussed bullet proof vests and armor plates which attach to the vests. Mr. Caballero inquired about officers using discretion when addressing an active shooter situation, as the danger of "friendly fire" had to be considered.

Ms. Lauzurique asked about ways of identifying a potential threat before it escalates to the level of becoming an active shooter. Chief Hudak discussed how Tasers became common in law enforcement use. Mr. Damian discussed Justice Scalia's opinion of the 2nd Amendment Rights.

ITEM 5 – CHIEF'S UPDATE/GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chief Hudak discussed Carnival on the Mile, which would be occurring March 2nd through March 4th.

Mr. Durana discussed the Next Door app for neighborhoods.

There being no further business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.