## School Safety / Coverage Sustainment Operational Plan

## **Situation**

As of August 20, 2018, all public schools require an assigned police officer for security, throughout the entire time the school is in session. This is no different for all public schools within the City of Coral Gables. The requirement is based on The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act 2018 (MSDHSPS Act). The Act provides many provisions to include an assigned sworn police officer in every public school, within the State of Florida. Schools have become a target for gun violence. Schools need better and more security to keep students, faculty, and administrators safe and maintain a feeling of a safe learning environment

## **Mission**

The Mission of the Coral Gables Police Department is to provide for the safety of all persons within our public schools by having a sworn officer assigned to each of the public schools where Miami Dade School Police has requested our assistance. The City of Coral Gables has eight public schools that fall under the Miami Dade County Public Schools jurisdiction. At this time, the mission includes assignments to public schools, which Coral Gables Police Officers have not been assigned to in the past. At this time, the total is five schools assigned to the Coral Gables Police Department. The plan is to maintain the mission for approximately two years, until the Miami-Dade School Board Police can come up to a full complement of officer that will cover all of their schools. One of the five schools is the International Studies Preparatory Academy, due to maternity leave. This was a last minute request by the Miami Dade Schools Police. It goes without saying that threat of gun violence in schools necessitates attention across the spectrum of emergency management to enhance safety, address emerging issues, prevent violent situations, and mitigate circumstances in the event of an active shooter incident. The mission is to assist Miami Dade School Police with this temporary operation.

## **Action Plan**

The below table shows all public schools within our city. Each school will have a sworn officer either from the Youth Resource Unit (YRU) or a Coral Gables Officer on overtime, or a Miami-Dade School Board Police Officer (SBP). SBP has provided overtime funding for two schools they are unable to cover, due to their personnel shortage. The two schools are Henry S. West Laboratory School and International Studies Preparatory Academy. The Youth Resource Unit Sergeant has prepared two overtime list of officers based on their seniority. One list will be used to cover the assignments for the aforementioned schools. The second list will be compiled from officers' daily availability, in an effort to cover last minute leave situations, with the other schools. Both lists of officers will be paid from the special fund.

The YRU will cover four schools and the Miami-Dade School Board Police will cover the rest of the public schools. At this time, we have a YRU Detective assigned to Coral Gables Senior High School, only to assist SBP, due to the school's large population. This officer will also be used as

a floater so the other three YRU Officers can take a meal break throughout the day or if one of the three is in training or has some other type of leave. If two or more YRU Detectives are on leave, then the second list for overtime will be used.

The City of Coral Gables has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the MDCPS. The MOU is to provide Coral Gables Police Department Officers to four of the public schools, within the City of Coral Gables. The Special fund will also be used temporarily for ISPA and for last minute, unplanned coverage to a school. The MOU also states the Coral Gables Police Officers are not responsible for conducting criminal investigations relating to acts that occur at MDCPS school sites. All criminal investigations are the sole responsibility of MDSPD.

Miami-Dade County Public School	Agency Assigned	
Coral Gables Preparatory Academy-Elementary Campus	CGPD (MOU)	
Coral Gables Preparatory Academy-Middle School Campus	CGPD (MOU)	
Coral Gables Senior High School	MDSBPD	
George Washington Carver Elementary School	CGPD (MOU)	
George Washington Carver Middle School	MDSBPD	
International Studies Preparatory Academy (ISPA)	CGPD (Temporarily)	
Ponce De Leon Middle School	MDSBPD	
Henry S. West Laboratory School (West Lab)	CGPD (MOU)	

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