



## RESOLUTION # 2025-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE WEST MIAMI CRIME WATCH UNIT WITHIN THE WEST MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT; DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF POLICE, IN COORDINATION WITH CITY ADMINISTRATION, TO LEAD AND IMPLEMENT COMMUNITY-BASED CRIME PREVENTION EFFORTS; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the safety and security of the residents and businesses of the City of West Miami is of paramount importance to the City Commission and the West Miami Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, proactive crime prevention strategies, combined with strong community partnerships, enhance public safety and deter criminal activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Miami Police Department is uniquely positioned to lead a Crime Watch Unit that fosters direct engagement between law enforcement and the community, strengthening trust and cooperation in crime prevention efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission recognizes the dedication and professionalism of the West Miami Police Department and seeks to further empower its officers in their mission to keep our city safe; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a Crime Watch Unit will provide residents and businesses with a program through which they can collaborate with law enforcement in identifying and reporting suspicious activities, preventing crime, and promoting neighborhood safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City of West Miami hereby establishes the West Miami Crime Watch Unit within the West Miami Police Department, recognizing its vital role in fostering community-police partnerships to enhance public safety.

**Section 2.** The Chief of Police, in coordination with City Administration, is directed to lead the efforts of the Crime Watch Unit, including but not limited to:

- a) Developing a comprehensive crime prevention program that engages residents and business owners in crime watch initiatives.
- b) Conducting community outreach, educational sessions, and training for volunteers who wish to participate in crime watch efforts.

- c) Coordinating with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to ensure best practices and resources are utilized in crime prevention efforts.
- d) Providing periodic updates to the City Commission on the effectiveness and progress of the Crime Watch Unit.

**Section 3.** The West Miami Police Department shall be responsible for organizing community meetings, distributing crime prevention materials, and fostering relationships with city residents to ensure a strong and active Crime Watch presence across the city.

**Section 4.** The City Commission fully supports and empowers the West Miami Police Department in its mission to lead and implement this initiative, ensuring that officers have the tools, training, and resources necessary to protect the community effectively.

**Section 5.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

APPROVED:

  
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 ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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 ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC  
 CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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 DEXTER W. LEHTINEN, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

This Resolution was offered by Commissioner Blanes, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Milian Orbis. The vote was as follows:

<b>MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON</b>	<u>Y</u>
<b>VICE-MAYOR NATALIE MILIAN ORBIS</b>	<u>Y</u>
<b>COMMISSIONER IVAN CHAVEZ, JR.</b>	<u>Y</u>
<b>COMMISSIONER JUAN M. BLANES</b>	<u>Y</u>
<b>COMMISSIONER LUCIANO L. SUAREZ</b>	<u>Y</u>