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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee Members

FROM: Jimmy Morales, City Manager

DATE: July 15, 2020

SUBJECT: Monthly Crime Update from the MBPD (Agenda Item #10 -R9X from 02/14/18 Commission Meeting Referral)

ANALYSIS:

Commissioner Gongora has requested the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee discuss crime in Miami Beach on a monthly basis. The below is a comparison of Part 1 UCR Crimes for the period from January 1, 2019 – May 31, 2019 as compared to January 1, 2020 – May 31, 2020.

UCR Part 1 Comparison

Period Covered: January 1st - May 31st

Part 1 Crime	2019	2020	% Change
Homicide	3	1	-66.7%
Rape	36	24	-33.33%
Robbery	105	84	-20.00%
Total Violent Crimes	384	260	-32.29%

Total Part 1	
2019	3288
2020	2377
Total	-27.71%

	2019	2020	% Change
Burglary	311	169	-45.66%
Larceny	2,421	1,779	-26.52%
Auto Theft	172	169	-1.74%
Total Non-Violent Crimes	2,904	2,117	-27.10%

The COVID-19 pandemic and associated emergency orders continue to have a tremendous impact on many factors that contribute to the crime trends in the City of Miami Beach. The overall trend has been downward due to the closed businesses and curfew. It is expected that as businesses, restaurants, and venues in the Entertainment District start to re-open that an uptick will most likely occur.

The MBPD is facing significant challenges in the current tumultuous political climate as well as the pandemic. Police resources are being deployed on many competing priorities. These include:

- Enforcement of the emergency orders mandates to include wearing a mask and social distancing,
- Preparing for potential civil unrest / protests and protecting Miami Beach citizens and property,

- Managing the re-opening of Ocean Drive amidst the hostile and aggressive attitude held towards a large segment of the population towards the police,
- Facilitating the orderly flow of traffic for the City's food giveaways,
- Provide personnel to assist with the senior citizen checks on welfare,
- Assisting Code Enforcement with implementing the emergency order business restrictions.
- Working with the Housing and Community Development's homeless outreach team to encourage the homeless population to accept shelter,
- Taking enforcement action while trying to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to the MBPD workforce.

CONCLUSION:

The Miami Beach Police Department will continue to strive to fulfil its mission of addressing crime and community concerns during this historic pandemic and work towards ensuring the safety and well-being of the citizens and visitors to the City Of Miami Beach.

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a "Residents Right to Know item, Pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?

Yes

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No