**Committee Assignments - C4  F**

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## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO:        Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM:    Commissioner Steven Meiner
DATE:     July  20, 2022


SUBJECT:  REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL UTILIZATION OF DRONES TO PROVIDE FIRST RESPONDERS WITH RAPID SITUATIONAL AWARENESS FOR 911 EMERGENCY CALLS.

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**ANALYSIS**
Please place on the July 20, 2022 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss the potential utilization of drones, possibly pursuant to a pilot program, for the purpose of providing first responders the capability of acquiring nearly immediate situational awareness, with regard to 911 emergency calls for service anywhere in the City, within a few minutes irrespective of the location or traffic conditions.

Based on recent news reports, Coral Gables became the first police department in the U.S. to deploy drones in certain emergency situations in response to a 911 call. Drone cameras can capture real time video of a crime in progress to assist responding police officers or a burning building to assist firefighters. The ability for first responders to see real time during an emergency can potentially save lives or prevent injury to civilians and first responders. Drones can be cheaper, quicker, and more efficient than helicopters.

As part of the referral, I request that the City Administration and City Attorney's Office be prepared at Committee to address the merits and viability of this initiative, along with any issues or concerns.

If you have any questions about this item, please contact my legislative aide Robert Novo III at RobertNovo@miamibeachfl.gov


**SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA**
N/A

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**
N/A

| **Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?** | **Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?** |
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| Yes | No |

**Legislative Tracking**
Commissioner Steven Meiner


 **ATTACHMENTS:**
        **Description**
 ▯   New Drones Aid First Responders