

MIAMI BEACH

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee Members

FROM: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager

DATE: June 21, 2023

SUBJECT: **DISCUSS THE EFFORTS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO COMBAT ILLEGAL DRUG DEALING IN THE CITY.**

HISTORY:

Commissioner Meiner placed a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (PSNQLC) on the November 16, 2022 Commission Meeting agenda to discuss the efforts of the Police Department to combat illegal drug dealing.

The item was heard at the April 18, 2023 PSNQLC meeting as per the Chair, the item titled Discussion Regarding Drug Sales Along the Beachwalk was combined with this item. Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez was added as the co-sponsor. The Committee requested the item return to the June PSNQLC meeting.

ANALYSIS

The following report provides statistical data regarding narcotics arrests generated in the City of Miami Beach, Citywide and within the Art Deco Cultural District from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

2022 CITYWIDE NARCOTICS ARRESTS DATA:

- A total of 789 individuals were arrested on narcotics-related charges.
- 32% of all citywide arrests were narcotics related. The month of March was the highest month observed, with 117 arrests.
- A total of 4,604 individuals were arrested citywide on all charges.

2022 ADCD NARCOTICS ARRESTS DATA:

- A total of 328 individuals were arrested on narcotic-related charges.
- 25% of all ADCD arrests were narcotics related. The month of March was the highest month observed, with 50 arrests.
- A total of 1,325 individuals were arrested in the ADCD on all charges.

In 2022, the ADCD accounted for 42% (328 arrests) of the total citywide narcotics-related arrests.

There are active and ongoing investigations with local, state and federal agencies that cannot be discussed. Doing so would compromise the integrity of the investigative efforts.

CONCLUSION:

The Police Department remains committed to combatting narcotics-related offenses and utilizing all available resources, including using uniformed and undercover officers to reduce drug-related crimes effectively.

Applicable Area

Citywide

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

No

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

ATTACHMENTS:

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