



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Commission
FROM: Mike Palma, Chairman
DATE: March 12, 2018
SUBJECT: Request for partnership in Tourist Oriented Policing Services – TOPS program

Ocean Drive businesses have supported the concept of Off-Duty Policing, which has proven to be successful in providing a Police presence on Ocean Drive, the top tourist destination in South Florida.

This destination is in the public domain and across from acres of Public Park and Beach making public safety a critical priority and concern for businesses and residents of the community. As such ODA is recommending a \$10 per hour increase for this detail from \$65 to \$75. In this way we are ensured to fill the spots with a cohesive team.

An **Ocean Drive Tourist Oriented Policing Services (TOPS) Program** would combine the support of local businesses and the City to emphasize public safety for guests and locals in this high traffic area. The upcoming months (April-August) represent the highest density of tourism in the year. Hence, TOPS officers will target the following issues which create the greatest threat to our customer's experience:

- Drug dealing
- Prostitution
- Illegal vendors
- Excessive Car noise
- Panhandling
- Theft
- Assault
- Vagrancy
- Solicitation
- fraud

This TOPS program is based on an 18-week term with 3 officers paid by business participants and 1 officer plus 1 sergeant paid by the City of Miami Beach. The 18 weeks would be from April 20th – August 31st. We have been working closely with the Chief's office on this program and feel confident that this program has the support of the department.

The project would be active on every **Friday, Saturday from 9pm until 5am and Sunday from 6 pm until 3 am**. It would cover the 8th-11th block of Ocean Drive. This cohesive effort would provide a visible and consistent presence on the west side of Ocean Drive.

The total hours weekly for the scheduled program and costs –

8 hours per day x 3 days per week = total hours 24 hours

3 officers x 24 hours= 72 hours x \$75 per hour = \$5,400 weekly x 18=\$97,200

1 officer x 24 hours = 24 hours x \$75 per hour = \$1,800 weekly x 18=\$32,000

1 sergeant x 24 hours = 24 hours x \$82 per hour = \$1,968 weekly x 18=\$35,424

The businesses are requesting that the City support the collaborative effort and fund the position of one Officer and Sergeant for the 18-week program.

Participating Primary Businesses:

Wet Willies , Fat Tuesday , Mango's Tropical Café , Ocean's Ten , Clevelander