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## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Eric Carpenter, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Rick Clements, Chief of Police

DATE: October 29, 2020

SUBJECT: TOPS Quality of Life / ADCD Detail

This memo is submitted to provide you information on the Miami Beach Police Department's summary of the enforcement efforts in the Art Deco Cultural District as a result of the recent staffing configuration.

The Department has completed a comprehensive review of staffing allocations department wide. It was determined that additional resources would be needed in the Art Deco Cultural District (ADCD) to enhance public safety. Our previous staffing allocation for the District was 15 officers per day divided over three shifts. The new allocation began Monday, September 14th. On weekdays we have approximately 25 to 27 police officers per day. On weekends that number increases to an average of 35 police officers per day. The ADCD assignments include ATV's, golf carts, and bicycles.

In addition to the staffing reallocation, the Department is reimplementing the TOPS Quality of Life detail. Personnel on this detail will focus on street level crime enforcement to include narcotics sales/possession, public consumption of alcohol or marijuana, conducting business without a license, disorderly conduct, unlawful assembly and various breaches of peace. Enforcement efforts will also include resources assigned to the detection and enforcement of violations of the CMB Code of Conduct for business operators on Ocean Drive and provide homeless outreach services to persons requesting assistance. The detail will run two nights a week from 6:00 p.m. to midnight.

When the curfew is eventually lifted, the police department will also continue to support a requirement to have off-duty officers at each establishment that serves alcohol past midnight. Establishments that fall into this category will be required to hire an off-duty officer in compliance with the City Ordinance. Clubs and dance halls will also be required to have a minimum of two off-duty officers. This number can be increased based on the location's occupancy variable.

In conjunction with the off-duty effort, the MBPD hope to create a de-escalation training program/presentation for each establishment within the Art Deco Cultural District that serves alcohol. This will provide an opportunity to directly discuss the expectations of these establishments as it pertains to de-escalation strategies and aimed specifically at those that are tasked with security responsibilities at the venue.

In closing, here are a few additional recommendations we believe would be a benefit to the ADCD. They are:

- Maintain ambient music from 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.
- Mandatory training for all clubs and security personnel
- No two clubs should abbot each other

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