

NEWS RELEASE

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Subject: OPERATION WALKWISE

Miami-Dade County ranks in the top 25 counties in the state for traffic crashes resulting in serious and/or fatal injuries to pedestrians and bicyclists.

In an effort to protect the safety of these most vulnerable road users, the Miami Police Department will conduct High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) details during the period of May 18, 2021 through June 30, 2021. The selected areas are S.W. 27th Avenue, from West Flagler Street to South Dixie Highway and SW 17th Avenue to Brickell Avenue on SW 8th Street. These areas are over-represented in traffic crashes resulting in serious and/or fatal injuries to pedestrians and bicyclists.

HVE details are funded through a contract with the University of South Florida Center for Urban Transportation Research in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Florida Department of Transportation's focused initiative to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. The goal of this enforcement effort is to increase awareness of and compliance with traffic laws that protect the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. Enforcement efforts will focus primarily on education to drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

Remember:

Drivers need to obey speed limits, never drive impaired, and always watch for pedestrians and bicyclists. Bicyclists need to obey traffic laws, ride in the direction of traffic, and use lights when riding at night. Pedestrians should always cross in crosswalks or at intersections, obey pedestrian signals, and make sure you are visible to drivers when walking at night.



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