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Miami Celebrates Dedication of New Police College and Law Enforcement Magnet High School

City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, Miami Police Chief John F. Timoney and Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho will hold a **Ribbon Cutting/Dedication on Monday, October 19, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., in front of Miami Police Headquarters (400 N.W. 2nd Avenue) for the City of Miami Police College and Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial High School.** Expected to attend are over 100 invitees from all branches of criminal justice along with other distinguished guests.

The College is located adjacent to Miami Police Headquarters, at the northwest corner of NW 3rd Street and NW 2nd Avenue. The first of its kind in the world, this project will embody a new concept in international law enforcement with a distinct identity, amid the context of Downtown Miami. It was developed to prominently integrate an international law enforcement training center with a public high school in a free-standing, four-story 112,264 square feet annex to the existing Headquarters. This state-of-the art structure, recipient of the American Institute of Architect's Design Award, will feature two separate entities, the Miami Police Academy and a senior high school. The high school will place academic emphasis on law studies, homeland security and forensic sciences. The Academy will feature three schools: first, the School for Basic Law Enforcement for the training of police recruits; second, the School for Professional Development and third; The Institute for Democratic Policing. The Institute will provide training for police managers with a special focus on Latin America and the Caribbean.

Main spaces for the College will consist of training and administrative areas, dormitories, locker rooms, an indoor firing range, and classrooms. Additionally, there will be a flexible space designed as an Emergency Operation Center for the Miami Fire Department. The high school component of approximately 46,132 square feet, will provide classrooms, labs, a dining area, a mock courtroom, and locker rooms for 500 students, in addition to administrative spaces for staff. Both the Academy and the High School will share a 200-seat auditorium, a gymnasium and a media center. The total cost of the project is \$35,400,000. The funding sources came from the Homeland Defense Neighborhood Improvement Bond, School Board of Miami-Dade County, Impact Fees and Sunshine State Financing Commission.

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