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Sent: Saturday, June 30, 2018 4:37:22 AM
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Subject: Fw: Open Carry Incident in Miami Beach

I wanted to bring your attention to the below email reference the Miami Beach incident.

Respectfully,
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From: Camargo-Guerra, Anna <ACAMARGO@hialeahfl.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 6:11 AM
To: Julian Guerra (PD)
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From: Velazquez, Sergio
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 3:16 PM
To: POLICE ALL SWORN PERSONNEL
Subject: FW: Open Carry Incident in Miami Beach

FYI

From: MDCACP President [mailto:dadechiefsinfo@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 9:51 PM
Subject: Open Carry Incident in Miami Beach

On Sunday morning, June 24, Miami Beach patrol officers responded at 1000 hours to a report of several men who were visibly armed on a pier at a park in the southernmost part of the Miami Beach. Responding officers eventually detained six males who were openly carrying handguns at that location. Their weapons were removed from their possession while our officers investigated the situation.

Our officers eventually determined the following: The six men involved are all apparent members of a gun advocacy group. They were clearly testing our Department's response to their act of openly carrying their weapons. They claimed to be fishing and were in possession of proper fishing licenses and fishing equipment. Florida Statute 790.053 prohibits the open carry of weapons. However, Florida Statute 790.25 provides for a lawful exception to the prohibition in 790.053. This exception provides that open carry of a weapon is permitted for "a person engaged in fishing, camping, or lawful hunting or going to or returning from a fishing, camping or lawful hunting expedition."

The weapons were returned to these six individuals, and they eventually left Miami Beach. They captured the encounter with our officers on video cameras. The videos have been played on social media, and there has been active commentary about the event and our officers' response. We have also been contacted by a gun advocacy group's attorney, a public records request has been made, and we suspect that litigation may follow. Despite claims to the contrary, our Department did not receive any notice of this group's intentions in advance of their sudden appearance in our city on Sunday.

I pass this on as an FYI because what happened in Miami Beach could happen elsewhere. Note also MDPD's "Legal Tip of the Day" from yesterday, below.

Thanks.

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