

# The Miami-Dade Police Department

is responsible for the safety and security of over 2 million residents in a land area of almost 2,000 square miles, employing more than 5,000 personnel, with a sworn staff of approximately 3,100 officers. As a law enforcement agency, the Miami-Dade Police Department has a reputation as an innovative leader in the field. As such, the Department is eager to meet new challenges and is ranked as one of America's most progressive law enforcement agencies.

The Citizens' Volunteer Program is an extension of a tradition, which precedes the existence of structured police forces. This program embraces the concept that opportunities should be provided to concerned individuals to serve as administrative personnel for police services and as a result, free up police officers' time to accomplish their primary goal: the protection and well-being of Miami-Dade County Citizens.



The Citizens' Volunteer Program has been created in an effort to provide an opportunity for citizen involvement in areas other than the reserve officer's role.

**Volunteers may work in all of the major areas of the Department, for example:**

District Stations  
General Investigations Units  
Central Records Bureau  
Community Affairs Bureau  
Video Services Section  
Fitness Center  
Training Bureau  
Domestic Crimes Bureau  
Property & Evidence Bureau

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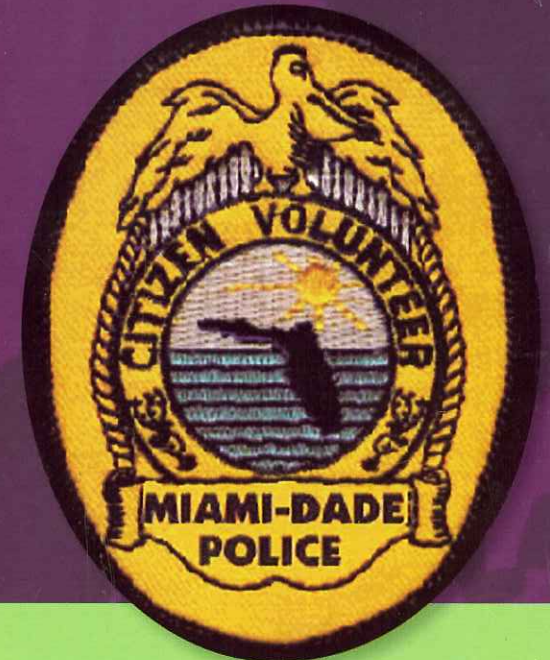
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*Miami-Dade County provides equal access and equal opportunity employment and services, and does not discriminate on the basis of handicap.*

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# Citizens' Volunteer Program

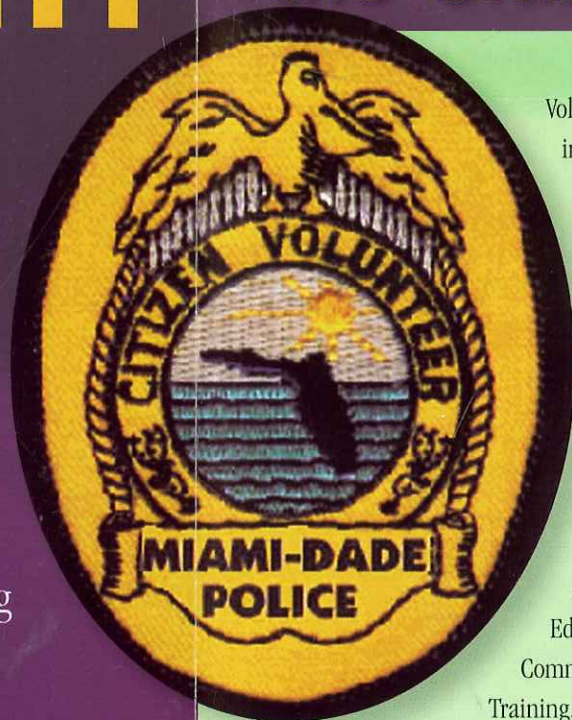


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# Join

## the Citizens' Volunteer Program

*If you have a desire to help your community* and are 18 years of age, the Miami-Dade Police Department invites you to join the Citizens' Volunteer Program. We offer a variety of interesting assignments in various locations throughout the County. We will accommodate your schedule. You can volunteer to serve during the day, at night, or during weekends. Furthermore, we can use your present skills or train you in new skills.



Volunteers play an important role in many departmental special events. These include the annual Police Memorial Ceremony, Mobile Helicopter Display, Crime Prevention Display Vehicle, the DUI Mobile Education Center Display, Special Events Response Training, the annual March of Dimes/WalkAmerica event, the annual Drug Abuse Resistance Education Fitness Fundraiser, Community Emergency Response Training, Evidence Room Inventory, and many others.

If you can make a commitment of just six hours a week, we can provide you with the opportunity to serve your community in a meaningful way, participate in interesting events, develop new skills, meet interesting and talented people, and interact closely with police officers and enjoy yourself while doing so.

Volunteers are eligible to use departmental fitness centers and cafeteria.

*Serve your community in a meaningful way.*

While volunteers are not covered by or entitled to injury, illness or death benefits provided to County employees, those volunteers age 55 and older are eligible for insurance coverage provided by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for accidents, personal liability, and excess automobile liability.

### All volunteers must

be residents of Miami-Dade County, be at least 18 years of age, and enjoy good health. Applicants must satisfactorily pass a background check, are expected to work a minimum of six hours weekly, and provide their own transportation. The following people are **ineligible** to participate:

- Persons currently employed as a guard, private detective, security officer, patrolman, County employee, or other similar occupation.
- Persons with a conflict of interest.
- Persons unable to perform the job due to a physical or mental handicap.
- Persons convicted of a felony or misdemeanor; however, certain misdemeanors may be waived.