The **FACTS** about Public Safety in Miami Springs

MIAMI SPRINGS IS A SAFE COMMUNITY IN WHICH TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY, THANKS TO THE HARD WORKING AND EFFECTIVE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

FACT:

There have been <u>no homicides in Miami Springs since 2010</u> when there was one homicide reported.

FACT:

Residential burglaries have decreased from 66 in 2010 to 54 in 2014, <u>an 18% decrease.</u>

FACT:

Commercial burglaries have decreased from 39 in 2010 to 25 in 2014, <u>a 36% decrease.</u>

FACT:

Rapes/sexual batteries have decreased from 5 in 2010 to 3 in 2014, <u>a 40% decrease.</u>

FACT:

Police response time for 2014 was 2.88 minutes. (The U.S. Department of Justice considers 4 minutes a "good response time" while other sources say 10-12 minutes is an average response time nation-wide.)

FACT:

Class I Violent offenses decreased from 89 in 2013 to 84 in 2014, <u>a 5.9% decrease.</u>

FACT:

The Police budget has increased from $5.3 million in 2010-11 to almost $6 million for 2014-15. <u>That's a 13% increase</u>. In 2014 the City spent <u>41 cents of every dollar</u> on police protection!

(Source: MSPD Statistical Reports December 2010, 2013 and 2014)

FACT:

Since 2010 the City has maintained an average of 3 officers per 1K in population (Law Enforcement agencies consider 2.7 an acceptable level). In 2010 and 2014 the population was 13,809 and 14,067, respectively, with a total uniformed staff of 43 in 2010 and 42 in 2014.

(Source: State of Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research)

"The Miami Springs Police Department has had an average response time of under 2.5 minutes in the first part of 2015. We have been able to maintain a response time of well under 3 minutes while having one less officer due to a resignation and experiencing an increase in calls for service of 738 calls as compared to the first part of 2014. A recent call from one of our concerned citizens regarding a suspicious car, and our quick response time, resulted in the arrest of 3 individuals that had been responsible for several burglaries in the eastern portion of the city. This type of assistance from our citizens and the hard work and dedication of our officers is what makes Miami Springs stand out as one of the safest cities in Miami-Dade County."

- Miami Springs Chief of Police Armando Guzman

...Crime stats are low, and police want to keep it that way. "Burglaries are down," said (former) Police Chief Pete Baan. "In fact, 2012 was our slowest year for burglaries in five years. We're down 26% from the prior year.

"Springs Police Target Crime Prevention, Safety"
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