

MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Subject:

UNVEILING OF AUTISM POLICE CAR

Tomorrow, **Tuesday, August 25, 2020** Chief Jorge R. Colina will unveil our newly Miami Police Autism Vehicle and will present Autism Speaks with \$7,520 in proceeds collected during the sale of our Autism badges.

The unveiling will take place at **2:00 p.m. outside in front of the Miami Police Headquarters located at 400 N.W. 2 Avenue.**

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental condition that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges. ASD is reported to occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups and is prevalent in about one (1) in fifty-nine (59) children in the United States. Recent studies have indicated that ASD is more prevalent in boys (1 in 42) as compared to girls (1 in 189).

The Miami Police Department partnered with Autism Speaks, and the first ever Miami Police Department Autism Awareness Badge was designed and created. Autism Speaks is an organization dedicated to promoting solutions across the spectrum and throughout the life span for the needs of individuals with ASD and their families. April is World Autism Awareness Month; therefore, sworn members of the Miami Police Department showed their support by purchasing and wearing this special Autism badge.

A special thanks to Enrique Santos who donated the funds for the wrapping of the police vehicle in support of Autism.

Face masks and social distancing will be required.

Media is invited and encouraged to attend.

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Jorge R. Colina, Chief of Police

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