

## Miami-Dade County Schools Police Department

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is one of just a few districts in the state to employ a law enforcement agency. The Miami-Dade Schools Police Department (M-DSPD) is the seventh largest law enforcement agency in the county, with a sworn budgeted strength of 160 police officers. The Department provides a full complement of law enforcement services to the District, 24-hours a day. M-DSPD utilizes a wide range of strategies and initiatives to ensure a safe learning environment for the students and staff of the District. M-DSPD personnel work closely with school site administrators, mental health professionals, local law enforcement, faith based and community leaders and other stakeholders to implement the District's overarching safety plan. A summary of some of these programs and strategies has been developed for your review. Additional information about M-DCPD may be found at <http://police.dadeschools.net/>.

Over the past four years, M-DSPD has reported a steady decline in crime, Serious Targeted Incidents (STI), and youth arrests, particularly arrests of minorities. Graphs and charts to the Department of Education (DOE), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) have been attached. One such category of graphs/charts is the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) graph/chart which captures a decrease in both the Violent Index Crime and Non-Violent Index Crime counts from **2007-2011**. This data is submitted to the FBI and FDLE. A second graph/chart is the STI Index per 1000 Students report, which is used as an internal instrument within the Department, with data being reported to the DOE. This report also illustrates a decrease from **2007-2011** in the STI counts.