



## COMMUNITY-POLICE RELATIONS FOUNDATION

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COMMUNITY & LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATIONS

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### Summer Newsletter 2022

In this month's newsletter, you will learn more about National Night Out, ongoing community engagement and upcoming events. We invite you to participate in upcoming events and get to know our community law enforcement officers.

#### Mission Moment

On August 12th, the [Citizens' Crime Watch](#) (CCW) hosted its 47th Annual Awards Dinner and recognized CPR Foundation members and Chairman and CEO Al Eskanazy as Citizens Involvement of the Year award. The event honored and recognized residents, students, school advisors, principals, and law enforcement officers.

The event is held annually and is well-attended by local government and law enforcement leaders, Crime Watch group members and neighborhood officers.

CPRF is honored to have received this award. We have established many partnerships in an effort to bring together community and our law enforcement partners with the goal of keeping our communities safe.



Pictured (Left to Right): CCW Executive Director Vivian Hain, CPRF Chairman and CEO Al Eskanazy, and Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

## CPRF Supports National Night Out Across America



National Night Out is an annual relationship-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a sense of community.

Annually, millions of citizens take part in National Night Out across a multitude of communities in our nation. Community-Police Relations Foundation (CPRF) sponsored numerous National Night Out events with police departments located throughout Miami-Dade County, New York City and Los Angeles.

CPRF supported various police departments which hosted block parties, festivals, cookouts, and other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits, and much more. Our banner was seen by all.

## CPRF Receives Do The Right Thing Award



On June 15th, Do The Right Thing Miami hosted their Summer Salute Awards Ceremony where CPRF received the annual mentor award.

The event honored students, sponsors, and community partners who contributed to the program's ongoing success.

Since 1990, Do the Right Thing has recognized thousands of students for their exemplary behavior, accomplishments, and good deeds in conjunction with the City of Miami Police Department and other participating law enforcement agencies.



## Second Shift in New York Presents "The Unsung Hero Series"

On Sunday, August 7th, CPRF was represented by Al Eskanazy on the [OnDaBlock Radio Station](#) podcast, Second Shift, in their "Unsung Hero Series". The topic of the live call-in show was human trafficking awareness and CPRF's partnership within Miami-Dade County.



## CPRF Sponsors Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) Weekend in New York City



Pictured (Left to Right):

Town of Hempstead Councilman Anthony D'Esposito,  
Vice President Zachary Grunther, Director of Events  
Kevin Bernstein, Nassau County Police Commissioner  
Patrick Ryder, CPRF Chairman and CEO Al Eskanazy,  
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CPRF is a proud sponsor of the annual LEO Weekend in New York City. LEO Weekend (Foundation) works with the families of injured and fallen law enforcement officers, providing all-expenses-paid weekend getaways and other family-friendly events.

CPRF also helped to purchase a new 15-passenger vehicle that will be utilized for the families of injured and fallen officers. The van will be used for transporting families to and from medical appointments, gravesite visits, community events and special requests. Members of law enforcement will donate their time to drive the van.

## Project Thank-A-Cop Hosted a Mental Health Awareness Event Featuring CPRF

On Thursday, August 25th, New York City Police Department hosted "A Night of Hope, Health and Understanding" which featured a discussion about CPRF's law enforcement mental health initiative.

Our collaboration with Boulder Crest Foundation, a PTG (post-traumatic growth) mental wellness initiative to facilitate mental health programs for police officers, spouses and first responders was shared. CPRF spoke of their last 20 months providing services to over 1,800 police officers in 37 police departments throughout Miami-Dade County. We continue to receive positive feedback from officers and department chiefs.

Studies have shown that due to the traumatic experiences on the job, police officers are more at risk for stress disorders. Due to the stigma associated with mental health disorders, police officers are more likely to hide their symptoms and are less likely to seek treatment. Depression is the leading cause of suicide among police officers. Having a program that is proactive can not only potentially save their lives but also protect the public from potentially unsafe policing.

A Night of  
**Hope, Health and Understanding**  
Focusing on  
**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS**

THURSDAY, August 25  
6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

**Tickets \$80.00 ea.**  
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Wine, Beer, Soda  
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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



### June 7: CPRF attended Nassau County Police Explorers Recognition Awards Ceremony

CPRF was in attendance at the annual ceremony that recognizes current Nassau County Police Explorers for their volunteer work in the community.

The Nassau County Police Exploring program is comprised of young adults who are exploring the field of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities.



### June 25: CPRF sponsored Phoenix Life Gala in memory of Surfside Collapse

CPRF attended the inaugural gala to help raise awareness and provide resources to law enforcement, first responders, victims of trauma, veterans and their families in need of mental health.

Pictured (Left to Right):

CPRF COO Grace Ugalde-Wolpert and South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Liliam Lopez





**July 9: CPRF sponsors ice cream truck for Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) Back-to-School distribution**

CPRF in partnership with MDCPS, Neighbors 4 Neighbors and Miami Police Athletic League distributed food, ice cream, toys, clothing, and backpacks with school supplies to 600 needy youth in Homestead, FL.



**July 28: CPRF sponsored Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police golf tournament and dinner.**

CPRF was represented by a foursome of staff. The event recognized law enforcement agents for their acts of kindness and bravery.

The Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police is a premier member organization that promotes efficient law enforcement services through the cooperation and coordination of all law enforcement agencies throughout Miami-Dade County.



**August 1: CPRF sponsors Plantation Stars baseball uniforms**

Plantation Stars is a youth travel Baseball program in Broward County coached by full-time law enforcement officers. The CPRF logo is on the sleeve of each uniform.



**August 1-30: CPRF provides City of Miami, North Miami Beach, New York City, and Long Beach Police Departments with Back-to-School backpacks and school supplies.**

Police departments hosted community events with food, music, and lots of giveaways.

Education is the first step to overcoming poverty. Studies show that children having school supplies of their own can improve grades, creativity, attitudes towards learning, behavior, poor relationships, and self-image. For this reason, CPRF supports law enforcement agencies in their effort to donate back-to-school supplies for students in our most vulnerable communities.





**August 12: CPRF sponsors Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) Police Officers Department Meeting.** The annual meeting celebrates and honors MDCPS police officers for their service and dedication. The event includes lunch, gift cards, and awards.



**August 13: CPRF sponsors Mother's Fighting for Justice (MFFJ) Back-to-School supply drive in Miami.** MFFJ hosted a drive to provide needy students the supplies needed to kick off the 2022-2023 school year. Our law enforcement partners attended to help distribute backpacks.



**August 15: CPRF sponsors North Miami Beach Police Department semi-annual staff recognition luncheon.** CPRF attended the luncheon to recognize police officers from the Department who have exemplified service and bravery.



**August 20: CPRF joined law enforcement to sponsor Miez Ebenezer Miami Church food distribution.** The community event included food distribution, lunch boxes, kids activities and a concert. The event was attended by City of Miami Commissioner District 4 Manolo Reyes, local law enforcement and local families in need.



## August 21: CPRF supports Next Level Faith Center Church Family & Friend's Day

CPRF sponsored the Church's community day that entailed food distribution, kids activities and fun for the family. Law enforcement was on-hand to celebrate with the congregation and community members.

*CPRF participates in events that enhance relations between law enforcement and the communities they serve.*

## Highlight

Community-Police Relations Foundation is happy to announce the elevation of our social media platforms. Follow us to stay updated on our events, how you can get involved, and more. CPRF is excited to share all the new content coming your way. Connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) @cprfcharity.

## Upcoming Events

- **September 2:** Mothers Fighting For Justice food and care package distribution (Miami, FL)
- **September 10:** HANDY, Inc (foster youth program) Homecoming Dance (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)
- **September 17:** Miami Police Department Wounded Warriors Softball Game (Miami, FL)
- **September 30:** Blue Moments of Silence Unity Night (Davie, FL)
- **October 1:** North Miami Beach Police Department Domestic Violence Walk (North Miami Beach, FL)
- **October 4:** National Night Out City of Miami (Miami, FL)
- **October 4:** North Bay Village community fun with law enforcement (North Bay Village, FL)
- **October 7-10:** LEO Weekend Miami, supporting families of fallen officers (Key Biscayne, FL)
- **October 7-10:** National Faith and Blue Weekend (North Miami, FL)
- **October 15:** Paddle with First Responders and community (Key Biscayne, FL)
- **November 5:** South Florida community and PBA Pig Cook-Off Competition (Doral, FL)

Events are constantly being added. We invite our members to join and actively participate in these many events to get to know our law enforcement officers and the communities that we are helping them to support, protect and serve.

## Donate

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