



CITY OF DORAL

Office of the City Manager

Letter to Council

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To: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Edward A. Rojas, City Manager

Date: November 30, 2017

Subject: Puerto Rico Relief Effort Event (December 14th, 2017)

This letter to Council is to inform the Mayor and City Council of the Doral Police Department Neighborhood Resource Unit's (NRU) continued community policing efforts in serving our community stakeholders.

Because of the devastation of Hurricane Maria thousands of Puerto Ricans have poured into Florida. More than 27,000 have arrived through Port Everglades and the Miami and Orlando airports alone since Oct. 3, according to the governor's office. Some will stay temporarily, until power and water are largely restored across the island; but many, are coming to the State to rebuild their lives. Some recent estimates indicate that the State of Florida has seen an increase of over 150,000 Puerto Ricans moving or settling into the State. Many of these citizens require assistance after being displaced from their homes as a result of Hurricane Maria.

On December 14, 2017, the City of Doral will be setting up several assistance stations to assist those who have fled from Puerto Rico due to the devastation of Hurricane Maria. The location for the event will be at Miami Dade College West campus (3800 N.W. 115 Avenue), from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Several organizations will participate, providing valuable information regarding school, college, medical, legal and other information to the displaced Puerto Rican population in Miami-Dade County.

The following organizations will participate in the event:

- Miami Dade College
- Department of Children and Family
- Miami Dade Public School

Leon Medical Center
Sanchez Vadillo LLP Attorneys at Law

The DPD will be promoting the event through our social media and flyer distribution. Through the NRU's community policing efforts and other community policing programs, the City of Doral has generated goodwill and loyalty among its residents and developed effective working relationships with both residents and business owners. Through participation in these initiatives and other programs, residents come to possess a true understanding of the added value of a professionally managed, community-focused police department and of their own roles in helping to maintain a high quality of life in their communities.

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c: Albert P. Childress, Deputy City Manager
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