



CITY OF DORAL

Office of the City Manager

Letter to Council

LTC No. 135-2017

To: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Edward A. Rojas, City Manager

Date: November 29, 2017

Subject: City of Doral Traffic Enforcement Initiative

This letter to Council is to inform the Mayor and City Council of the Doral Police Department's Traffic Enforcement initiative which commenced on Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

Since the start of the recovery and clean up phase of Hurricane Irma, the City of Doral experienced a significant increase in debris carrying commercial vehicles traveling through the City while on the way to the Miami-Dade County Solid Waste Recycling Center, Covanta Energy, and the Medley Landfill. Many of these commercial vehicles were new to the debris removal business and unaware or indifferent of the various requirements or prohibitions regarding commercial vehicles. No Thru Truck Zones and debris falling from commercial vehicles littering the roadway were of particular concern.

It was determined that commercial vehicles were in violation of Florida State Statutes (F.S.S.) within the City. Prior to commencing issuing citations, the DPD informed the public through various social media platforms and public announcements. The enforcement initiative was focused on N.W. 97th Avenue between N.W. 41st and 58th Streets and commenced on Thursday, November 16, 2017, and concluded on Tuesday, November 21, 2017. The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers were assisted by one motorcycle patrol officer.

The objective of this initiative was to ensure compliance with: F.S.S. 316.074, Obedience to Traffic Control Device (No Thru Trucks) Signs; F.S.S. 316.610, Safety Inspection of Vehicles (functional equipment); and F.S.S. 316.520 (2), Loads on Vehicles (Covering and Securing). It is the duty of every owner and driver, severally, of any vehicle hauling, on any public road or highway open to the public, dirt, sand, gravel, or other similar aggregate or trash, garbage, or any similar material that could fall or blow from the vehicle, to prevent such materials from falling, blowing, or in any way escaping from such vehicle. Covering and securing the load with a close-fitting tarpaulin or other appropriate cover or a

load securing device meeting the requirements to reasonably ensure that cargo will not shift upon or fall from the vehicle is required. During the enforcement initiative a total of 77 citations and 23 warnings were issued to operators of commercial vehicles.

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