



# CITY OF DORAL

## Office of the City Manager

### Letter to Council

LTC No.: 111-2017

To: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Edward A. Rojas, City Manager

Date: October 10, 2017

Subject: **Residential Burglary Task Force**

This Letter to Council (LTC) is to inform the Mayor and City Council-members of the Doral Police Department's proactive response to recent residential burglaries.

During the past months, the City of Doral has experienced an increase in the number of residential burglaries. The homes that have been burglarized are usually unoccupied or vacant homes. The most common modus operandi that these subjects utilized is entering through unlocked and by prying rear sliding doors. The most recent crime analysis and information gathered by investigators appears to indicate an increase of these crimes occurring mostly on Fridays and Saturdays between 7 p.m. and 2 a.m.

The DPD has unveiled a combined burglary task force consisting of the Crime Suppression Team (CST), selected patrol officers, bicycle patrol officers and K-9 officers to address these incidents. The intent of this operation is to proactively detect and/or deter any criminal activity within the targeted locations and identify subject's involved. Patrol officers will also proactively patrol residential areas to enhance the work being conducted by the burglary task force.

Since the inception of the burglary task force on October 5<sup>th</sup>, the task force has conducted 86 field interview stops, 34 traffic stops, 19 occupied vehicle checks and made three (3) arrests including one for loitering and prowling in one of the recently affected residential communities. Additionally, the Criminal Investigations Section continues working on viable leads and physical evidence results gleaned from their investigative work.

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The Neighborhood Resource Unit continues to disseminate the most recent residential burglary methods, suggest the implementation of glass detector alarm systems, and to refrain from posting any information on social media implying going on vacation and leaving their homes unsupervised through their regular Homeowner Association (HOA) meetings. The DPD remains committed to ensuring public safety and are dedicated to a safer and stronger community.

If you should have any questions about this program, please do not hesitate to contact the City Manager's Office or Donald De Lucca, Police Chief.

c: Albert P. Childress, Deputy City Manager  
Donald W. De Lucca, Chief of Police