



VILLAGE OF PINECREST

Press Release

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Model for uniform safety protocols for private and public schools launched in two Miami-Dade County municipalities

Pinecrest, Fla. – The Police Departments from the Village of Pinecrest and the City of North Miami teamed up with Miami-Dade Schools Police Department and the Archdiocese of Miami to create a model for uniform lockdown and evacuation protocols in public and private schools.

Representatives from each of these entities worked together for a year to develop the pilot program as part of the Independent School Safety Coalition (ISSC). The model will be introduced to school districts nationwide via national safety and education conferences in the upcoming year.

The coalition is part of the In School Safety Working Group, which came from the Miami-Dade County Joint Round Table on Youth Safety headed by Mayor Carlos Gimenez and Miami-Dade Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho.

First responders, within the participating jurisdictions, now have one cohesive plan of action regardless of whether the school is private or public. All private schools in both municipalities have developed evacuation plans and adopted lockdown procedures modeled after Miami-Dade County Public Schools' protocols.

Representatives from each school will receive certificates of participation in the unified lockdown and evacuation protocol program at their respective municipality's March council meeting. Media is welcome to attend.

The Village of Pinecrest will give private school representatives certificates of participation at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18th in the Pinecrest Municipal Center, 12645 Pinecrest Parkway.

The City of North Miami will give private school representatives certificates of participation at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25th in the City Hall Council Chambers, 776 NE 125th Street.

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