



## VILLAGE OF PINECREST

Press Release

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

*Pinecrest Police awarded second place and \$18,000 toward safety equipment in Florida's 2013 DUI Challenge*

**Pinecrest, Fla.** – The Pinecrest Police Department was awarded second place in the State of Florida's 2013 DUI Challenge for agencies of similar size. The department was also awarded over \$18,000 in traffic safety equipment because of its police officers resolve in identifying impaired drivers. The equipment includes a laser speed measuring device as well as LED electronic flares and LED flashlights for all patrol officers.

Pinecrest Police made 86 DUI arrests in 2013, potentially preventing 86 tragedies. There were eight alcohol-related accidents in 2013 and eight so far this year. DUI enforcement is dangerous, complex and takes a team effort.

Police Chief Samuel Ceballos, Jr. has been instrumental in allowing his officers to receive advance training in impaired driver detection. He has also allowed the department's Drug Recognition Enforcement (DRE) program officers to attend numerous DUI checkpoints and training to gain valuable experience.

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