

About the Miami Beach Police Department (MBPD)

The Miami Beach Police Department (MBPD) is a world-renowned law enforcement agency dedicated to pursuing excellence by actively addressing the most pressing challenges to our community. As Miami Beach continues to attract more visitors from local and international areas, the Police Department aims to maintain a balance between the needs of residents and the influx of visitors to the city.

MBPD works hard to prevent crime, enhance public safety and support crime victims. The department's top priority is to ensure the safety and quality of life of residents, visitors and tourists.

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The Miami Beach Police Department's Hate Crime Prevention and Resource Awareness Campaign Overview

The Miami Beach Police Department (MBPD) recognizes that the LGBTQIA+ community is acutely vulnerable to unprovoked acts of violence. As a result, the department launched the Miami Beach Police Department's Hate Crime Prevention and Resource Awareness Campaign. The objective is to proactively address the increasing trend of hate crimes, particularly those targeting the LGBTQIA+ community, through a comprehensive strategy.

The ultimate aim is to improve public safety and enhance the quality of life for everyone living, working and visiting the City of Miami Beach.

The campaign consists of multiple initiatives designed to foster concrete ways to prevent bias-based harassment and abuse. Initiatives include educational programming, community collaboration and prevention efforts.

Stop the Hate. Don't be a Victim.

The Miami Beach Police Department's Hate Crime Prevention and Resource Awareness Campaign includes the "Stop the Hate. Don't be a Victim." program, which is part of its educational component.

This eight-week interactive program is designed for vulnerable populations including, but not limited to the LGBTQIA+ community, to reduce their chances of becoming victims of bias-motivated crimes.

During the program, participants will be trained by instructors from the Miami Beach Police Department's Training Unit. They will participate in various training segments, such as scenario-based situations, active shooter incidents, fraud/dating applications, transgender interactions, firearm protocols, self-defense tactics and other topics.

Classes will be held Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Miami Beach Police Department's Training Room.

The program is free, and all course materials will be provided.





Stop the Hate. Don't be a Victim. Program Curriculum

- 1 Week #1 – Introduction:**

The Miami Beach Police Department's Command Staff will welcome participants and offer an overview of the department, its mission, goals, special initiatives and challenges. The Department's LGBTQIA+ Liaison will also provide an overview of the LGBTQIA+ initiatives, including the "Safe Place" and "Stop the Hate. Don't be a Victim." programs.
- 2 Week #2 – Identify Theft & Fraud - Social Media Dating Applications:**

During this session, participants will learn to identify and detect warning signs for possible fraud or identity theft. Participants will also learn how to respond appropriately to prevent and mitigate identity theft. Furthermore, instructors will go over the underreporting of bias-motivated crimes.
- 3 Week #3 – Diversity Training on Gender Identity and Gender Expression:**

This session will focus on the critical elements of biological sex, gender identity, and gender expression. During this session, participants will review statistics, terminology and resources and discuss how to be a trans ally.
- 4 Week #4 – Self Defense & Defensive Tactics:**

The objective of this lesson is to teach participants how not to be a victim. More specifically, it will teach participants how to proactively disrupt an attacker's plan preemptively and with the proper mindset.
- 5 Week #5 – Active Shooter Training & Presentation:**

This session will help participants understand the history, statistics, response and prevention practices associated with an active shooter/attack incident. This session will also include a presentation on the Pulse nightclub shooting.
- 6 Week #6 – De-Escalation Training:**

This session will help recognize nonverbal, verbal and physical cues and act precisely to diffuse escalating situations via the department's state-of-the-art virtual reality training simulator.
- 7 Week #7 – Firearms Instruction & Practice:**

The firearms block of instruction familiarizes participants with firearms, including the nomenclature, care and maintenance. During this session, participants will go to the MBPD shooting range, where they will receive an introduction to shooting fundamentals.
- 8 Week #8 – Conclusion:**

During this final session, participants will reflect on what they learned during the program and receive a Certificate of Completion.

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