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Press Release

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## **Cities of Miami Beach and Miami Host the 2024 National Homeland Security Conference**

*— Professionals from around the country come together to exchange ideas and learn about new innovations in keeping our communities safe —*

**Miami Beach, FL** – The 19<sup>th</sup> annual **National Homeland Security Conference** (NHSC) will be hosted jointly by the City of Miami Beach, the City of Miami and the National Homeland Security Association on **July 22 – 25** at the **Miami Beach Convention Center**. Previously known as the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Conference, the event got its start in 2007 in Miami at the Intercontinental Hotel and was attended by fewer than 250 people. Nearly 20 years later, the conference has grown to an expected 1,800 participants.

The NHSC brings together professionals in homeland security, law enforcement, fire rescue, EMS and emergency management including officials in all levels of government agencies, nonprofit agencies, business owners, universities and decision makers. The focus of the conference is to learn about emerging trends in homeland security, public safety and emergency management as well as to experience new equipment and technology available to support their mission.

Although the conference is only open to registered attendees, **media is invited to attend the Asset Display** on Wednesday, July 24 at the Miami Beach Convention Center and a **Demonstration of South Florida public safety regional assets in action** on Wednesday, July 24 at PortMiami. Details can be found below.

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### **Wednesday, July 24**

#### **Asset Display, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

The Asset Display will be on Convention Center Drive between 18 and 19 streets (west side of Miami Beach Convention Center). The display will showcase first responders' apparatus and equipment from the Southeast Florida region.

Note: The bus lane east of the median on Convention Center Drive will be closed between 18 and 19 streets from 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.

#### **South Florida Public Safety Regional Assets in Action Exercise/Demonstration, 6:15 p.m., expected to last 40 minutes**

In Biscayne Bay between Cruise Terminal J at PortMiami and Bayfront Park  
Join the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County public safety agencies along with U.S. Customs and Border Protection as they perform a demonstration showcasing an active threat response

incident in Biscayne Bay between Bayfront Park and Cruise Port Terminal J at PortMiami. Special response teams will be taking part to demonstrate land, water and air capabilities.

Note: Simulated gun fire, explosions, and use of a helicopter are part of this demonstration.

**Media Instructions:** Media viewing area will be set up at PortMiami Cruise Terminal J.

For additional details, visit [www.nationalhomelandsecurity.org](http://www.nationalhomelandsecurity.org).

For additional information on emergency preparedness information, visit:

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#### **About the Miami/Fort Lauderdale Urban Areas Security Initiative**

The Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Program assists high-threat, high-density Urban Areas in efforts to build and sustain the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. The UASI program is intended to provide financial assistance to address the unique multi-discipline planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density Urban Areas, and to assist these areas in building and sustaining capabilities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism using the Whole Community approach.