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## City of Miami Beach Sends Help to Hurricane-ravaged Areas of Florida

— Miami Beach first responders will provide public safety assistance to one of the hardest-hit counties in the state —

**Miami Beach, FL** – The City of Miami Beach sent a team of first responders today to Florida’s hard-hit Hillsborough County following the devastation caused by Hurricanes Helene and Milton in recent weeks.

“Supporting our neighbors during this critical time is essential – people are in dire need and Miami Beach is ready to help,” said Miami Beach Mayor Steven Meiner. “We’ve sent valuable resources and personnel to ensure we provide the aid that’s needed now.”

Officers from the Miami Beach Police Department were deployed to Hillsborough County, which includes Tampa. The county suffered severe flooding and other damage from the two major hurricanes that struck Florida less than two weeks apart. Another contingent of Miami Beach police personnel completed a deployment on Oct. 8 in the nearby Gulf Coast City of Treasure Island in Pinellas County.

The Miami Beach team will assist local public safety agencies with recovery operations, traffic control, crime deterrence as well as other duties as needed under a regional relief task force made up of personnel from Coral Gables, Miami and Miami Beach through the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police, Florida Police Chiefs Association and Florida Division of Emergency Management.

The Miami Beach contingent includes 13 police officers, four sergeants, a lieutenant and captain, who departed Monday, Oct. 14. The team also includes a victim advocate and K-9 along with an employee of the department’s Property and Evidence unit, a fuel truck operator as well as two maintenance mechanics and two maintenance workers from the city’s Facilities and Fleet Management Department. The team is equipped with a Miami Beach Police Mobile Command vehicle.

Team members are expected to remain in the area for one week but may be extended or replaced by the regional task force.

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