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Pinecrest Police to conduct an active shooter drill in Gulliver Preparatory Academy to exercise recent adoption of uniform lockdown and evacuation protocol in all Pinecrest schools

Pinecrest, Fla. – The Pinecrest Police Department will conduct an active threat limited functional drill in Gulliver Preparatory Academy, 6575 N Kendall Drive, to prepare for potential active threats on school grounds Saturday, May 17th from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Media is welcome to attend. Media representatives should call or email media contact to confirm attendance and must be on school grounds by 7:00 a.m. to be escorted to media staging area.

The drill will take place in cafeteria and open ground space outside of cafeteria.

The goal of the exercise is to ensure a coordinated response to any given situation that may threaten the safety of students and staff in any of Pinecrest's public or private schools. An active threat can range from an armed subject to a civil disturbance or other life threatening situation.

All public and private schools in Pinecrest adopted a uniform lockdown and evacuation protocol in March. 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.

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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.

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