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Students from the future Class of 2013 march down in front the steps of the new Police College and Law Enforcement Magnet High School. These students will be able to focus their studies in Law, Criminal Justice and Forensic Science.

Miami Police College and Law Enforcement school opens

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City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, Miami Police Chief John F. Timoney, Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho and guests celebrated Ribbon Cutting/Dedication of the new state-of-the-art City of Miami Police College and Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial High School. Hundreds, from all branches of criminal justice along with other distinguished guests, attended the joyous occasion.

"Something that was all but a dream a few years ago has become a reality," said Mayor Manny Diaz. "This building will forever stand as a testament to the faith in the power of our community to improve

the lives of our youth and serve as a model of democracy to our neighbors across and throughout the hemisphere. During these times of strained budgets, it is imperative that we collaborate and leverage our collective resources to make ambitious projects like these feasible."

The College is located at the Northwest corner of Northwest Third Street and Northwest Second Avenue. The first of its kind in the world, this project will embody a new concept in international law enforcement with a distinct identity, amid the context of Downtown Miami. It was developed to prominently integrate an international law enforcement training center with a public high school in a free-standing, four-story 112,264 square feet annex to the existing

Headquarters.

"Seeing everything finally come together yesterday was truly inspiring. To see the children actually on-site, right along side our police recruits was quite a sight," said Miami Police Chief, John F. Timoney. "This endeavor is the first of its kind not only in the Nation, but in the World...and it's officially off and running; A very proud moment indeed."

The state-of-the-art structure, will feature two separate entities, the Miami Police Academy and a senior high school. The high school will focus on training students in law studies, homeland security and forensic sciences. The Academy will feature three schools: first, the School for Basic
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Law Enforcement for the training of police recruits; second, the School for Professional Development and third; The Institute for Democratic Policing. The Institute will provide training for police managers with a special focus on Latin America and the Caribbean.

Main spaces for the College will consist of training and administrative areas, dormitories, locker rooms, an indoor firing range, and classrooms. Additionally, there will be a flexible space designed as an Emergency Operation Center for the Miami Fire Department. The high school component will provide classrooms, labs, a dining area, a mock

courtroom and locker rooms for 500 students, in addition to administrative spaces for staff. Both the Academy and the High School will share a 200-seat auditorium, a gymnasium and a media center. The total cost of the project is \$35,400,000. The funding sources came from the Homeland Defense Neighborhood Improvement Bond,

School Board of Miami-Dade County, Impact Fees and Sunshine State Financing Commission.