



FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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FLPD PREPARES TO EXPAND OUR GUN INTELLIGENCE UNIT TO COMBAT VIOLENT CRIME

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) is proud to announce the reorganization of the Rapid Offender Control Unit into the newly expanded Gun Intelligence Unit (GIU). These changes will take effect on Sunday, September 29th. This strategic restructuring is aimed at consolidating resources and enhancing efforts to address gun violence by increasing manpower dedicated to solving and preventing violent crime throughout the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The Gun Intelligence Unit, consisting of 10 detectives, 3 sergeants and an administrative aide, will collaborate closely with the Violent Crimes Unit and the Homicide Unit. Members of the unit will be tasked with responding to active crime scenes, assisting in follow-up investigations related to shootings and homicides, and identifying critical evidence to support these cases. The unit will additionally be responsible for investigating leads generated through the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) utilized by the police department.

These reorganization efforts are a part of our ongoing commitment to further combat and investigate gun violence and reflect our comprehensive approach to reducing violent crime in the City of Fort Lauderdale. The upcoming expansion of the ShotSpotter detection area coupled with the enhanced utilization of NIBIN's forensic capabilities will strengthen our ability to keep our community safe.

The restructuring of the Gun Intelligence Unit aligns with FLPD's mission to provide a safe and orderly environment for the residents and visitors of the City of Fort Lauderdale. For information or to report a crime in Fort Lauderdale, contact 954-764-HELP (4357). To share information anonymously about gun-related incidents or crime, please contact Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS (8477).

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