

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO ENSURE THAT, WITHIN THE NEXT 6 MONTHS, ALL FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL COMPLETE AN ASSAULT AND ABUSE TRAINING COURSE DESIGNED TO FAMILIARIZE EMERGENCY RESPONDERS WITH THE UNIQUE PATIENT CARE CONSIDERATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS INHERENT IN SITUATIONS INVOLVING INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND ABUSE; AND DIRECTING THAT ALL FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL HIRED AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION ALSO COMPLETE THE AFOREMENTIONED ASSAULT AND ABUSE TRAINING WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF THEIR INITIAL HIRE; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENSURE THAT FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL COMPLETE A DIFFERENT, BUT EQUALLY APPLICABLE, ASSAULT AND ABUSE TRAINING EVERY 2 YEARS THEREAFTER.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents, visitors, and emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, incidents of sexual assault and abuse require emergency responders to provide sensitive, informed, and trauma-informed patient care to survivors; and

WHEREAS, providing training to familiarize Fire Department personnel with the unique considerations involved in responding to sexual assault and abuse incidents will improve patient care, build trust with the community, improve communication with sexual assault victims, and enhance the professional readiness of emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach recognizes the importance of ongoing professional development to ensure that emergency responders consistently increase and enhance their knowledge and skills in addressing the unique challenges posed by these incidents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, hereby directs the City Administration to ensure that, within the next 6 months, all Fire Department personnel complete an assault and abuse training course designed to familiarize emergency responders with the unique patient care considerations and characteristics inherent in situations involving incidents of sexual assault and abuse; and directing that all Fire Department personnel hired after implementation of this Resolution also complete the aforementioned assault and abuse training within 6 months of their initial hire; and further, directing the Administration to ensure that Fire Department personnel complete a different, but equally applicable, assault and abuse training every 2 years thereafter.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

11/24/2025

Date