

C7 AH 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.

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: February 3, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The sponsor of this item requests that the Administration be prepared to address the fiscal impact of this proposed measure, if any, at the City Commission meeting.

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?

(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:

See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a “Residents Right to Know” item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?

No

Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?

No

Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying? No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

City Attorney

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Assault Training for Fire Department Personnel. (Rosen Gonzalez) CA

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

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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

11/21/2025

Date