

**Memorandum of Understanding
between
Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Miami, Florida
and the
Doral Police Department**

The Department of Veterans Affairs Police Service is granted police authority to charge and arrest for violations of federal statutes as implemented per 38 United States Code, Section 902 of the Code of Regulations. Therefore, all crimes committed in violation of federal statutes will be under the sole jurisdiction of the Department of Veterans Affairs Police Service. All crimes committed on VA properties in violation of Florida Revised Statutes and the Florida Motor Vehicle code will be under the jurisdiction and responsibility of the state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies.

The Department of Justice has determined that premises leased by the VA for medical clinics are under the law enforcement jurisdiction of VA as that phrase is used in the federal statutes, this determination rests upon the proviso that VA is the leaseholder of space, coupled with possession and control of the space.

The effects of VA's jurisdiction over directly leased space for outpatient clinic functions are:

- (1) VA Regulations, "Rules and Regulations Governing Security, Law Enforcement and Standard of Conduct on Department of Veterans Affairs Property" are applicable in such spaces.
- (2) In addition to VA Regulations being in effect at VA leased spaces, other Federal laws, and the laws of the State and the municipality in which a leased space is located, are also in effect due to the proprietary, jurisdictional status of leased properties.
- (3) VA police officers employed at or assigned to a VA leased outpatient clinic shall enforce Federal laws and VA Regulations in accordance with published Veterans Health Administration (VHA) policies and procedures. Local police are empowered to enter such spaces to enforce criminal laws of the state or municipality due to the certain absence of exclusive Federal jurisdiction.


As with all Federal installations, we remain responsible for the negligent acts or omissions of its employees and the Department of Veterans Affairs Police Service will remain Federal employees for all purposes. The Miami Veterans Affairs Police Service has in the past enjoyed working in partnership with the **Doral Police Department**, and we look forward to maintaining that same spirit of teamwork in future challenges.

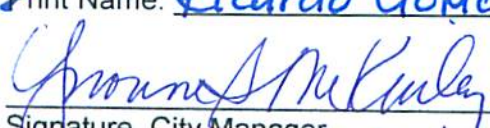
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