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**YOUTH CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
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Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County's School Services Midyear Report

(August-December 2007):

Served 19,113 students via presentations, assemblies, events, and club meetings.

Conducted 173 youth crime prevention presentations on various safety topics.

Conducted 76 YCW of Miami-Dade trainings & meetings.

Provided youth crime prevention services to 65 MDCPS schools via requests.

The MDCPS School Board presented Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County with a proclamation at the January School Board Meeting in recognition for being named as the National Crime Prevention Council "Crime Prevention Program of the Year 2007". We wholeheartedly thank MDCPS School Board Member Ana Rivas-Logan for spearheading the proclamation resolution and the MDPCS School Board Members for their voting approval of the resolution. Numerous YCW school advisors and student representatives were in attendance from the following schools: Thena Crowder Elementary, Edison Park Elementary, Gulfstream Elementary, Lakeview Elementary, Carol City Middle, Rockway Middle, and Ronald Reagan/Doral Senior High. We thank them all for their participation. It was a great honor to be recognized by the MDCPS School Board who play an integral part in our capability to serve the Miami-Dade schools in youth crime prevention education.

"Insert Cybersafety, Delete Cyberbullying" is the theme for this year's YCW Poster Contest. We are asking the MDCPS students to develop action plans that will better help in keeping us safe online and prevent cyberbullying. Students will illustrate their innovative ideas and viewpoints on a poster. All MDCPS students are eligible to enter the contest. The contest opened on January 14 and closes on February 15. If you have inquiries on the contest, please feel free to contact us.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Division of Student Services hosted a "It Takes You...For Students To Succeed" Mini-Conference on Friday, February 1. This year's conference focused on providing school-site student services professionals with ideas, programs, and activities that address the personal/social, academic, career, community, and health development areas of our students. YCW of Miami-Dade County participated in that endeavor by conducting workshops titled "Succeeding in Youth Crime Prevention" which focused on our youth crime prevention educational services and their factors in curbing school crime. We thank the MDCPS Division of Student Services for once again inviting us to partake in the mini-conference.

MDCPS Regional Center V Student Services Administration invited YCW of Miami-Dade County to present at their General Student Services Workshop on Wednesday, January 23. The workshop title was “Conflict Resolution/Tolerance & Let Peace Begin With Me”. The workshop was attended by T.R.U.S.T. counselors, school social workers, and career specialists. YCW Miami-Dade County conducted a detailed presentation on youth crime watch services that included information on orchestrating student-led peace campaigns in the MDCPS schools.

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Carol City Middle School’s YCW school program (club) coordinated an elaborate Youth Crime Watch Parade & Event on Friday, January 11. The title of the parade/event was “S.T.A.C. (Students Together Against Crime)”. Carol City feeder pattern students and faculty along with law enforcement & crime prevention representatives marched through the neighboring streets of Carol City Middle by demonstrating their safety spirit and voicing youth crime prevention messages. McGruff the Crime Dog even led the parade! Participants included: Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, MDCPS School Police, City of Miami Gardens, Miami-Dade County Commissioner’s Office, City of North Miami Beach, City of Miami Gardens Police Dept., MDCPS Regional Center One, Carol City Feeder Pattern Schools, Carol City Middle Career Development Program, 5000 Role Models, Miami Heat Marching Band, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Target Stores, McDonalds, and 99 Jamz. Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara Jordan and MDCPS School Board Member Dr. Wilbert “Tee” Holloway were in attendance and also presented. YCW School Advisor Donovan Cherry and his YCW student delegation did a masterful job in orchestrating the event. Kudos also goes out to Principal Nelson Izquierdo of Carol City Middle for not only his administrative support but for also walking the entire parade!

Redland Middle School’s YCW School Program (club) marched in a Martin Luther King Parade on Saturday, January 19 from Homestead to Florida City. They kept on marching to the right community service beat by also participating in the Homestead Rodeo Parade on Friday, January 26. They walked a total of 5 miles in both parades and voiced out violence prevention messages during the marches. They conduct YCW Club Meetings every two weeks on Friday mornings from 8:30 a.m.– 9:40 a.m. YCW Student Member Melanie Ortega was selected as Redland Middle School’s Student of the Month. Two of Redland Middle’s YCW student members have been elected to the ESAC committee of the school. Gratitude goes out to veteran YCW School Advisor Dave Moss for effectively managing the school’s YCW program for the last nine years.

E.W.F. Stirrup Elementary’s YCW school program (club) were primarily responsible in advertising a successful YCW Bullying Prevention school-wide campaign. The campaign was launched by having YCW of Miami-Dade School Coordinators conduct Bullying Prevention classroom presentations. The Bullying Prevention education and skills were reinforced by a school-wide viewing of the video “Respect: It Starts With You”. We thank YCW School Advisors Yolanda Perez , Leesa Roig, Jannett Lopez and their YCW student members.

**YCW at Youth-Oriented Community Events
December 2007 & January 2008**

Richmond Heights' 2nd Annual "March Against Crime" Event & Rally on Saturday, December 1 (McGruff the Crime Dog appearance)

MDPD Cutler Ridge District "Safety Educational Fun Day" at South Dade Primary Learning Center on Wednesday, December 5 (CCW/YCW Materials Exhibit Booth and McGruff the Crime Dog appearance)

Dr. Marta Perez's Holiday Book Drive 2007 Event at Jorge Mas Canosa Youth Center on Thursday, December 6 (McGruff/Scruff Holiday Safety presentation and McGruff safety bookmarks distribution)

Cutler Ridge's "Culture Landing Community" Safety Event on Saturday, January 26 (CCW/YCW Materials Exhibit Booth and McGruff the Crime Dog appearance)

YCW School Assemblies & Events- February & March 2008

- * *YCW Introduction (Reporting Crimes) Presentation in YCW Club Meeting at Westview Middle on Thursday, February 14 at 2:00 p.m.*
- * *Anger Management & School Violence classroom presentation at Robert Morgan Educational Center on Thursday, February 14 at 9:00 a.m.*
- * *YCW Introduction (Reporting Crimes) Presentation in YCW Club Meeting at Highland Oaks Middle on Wednesday, February 20 at 8:30 a.m.*
- * *Drug Prevention classroom presentation at Robert Morgan Educational Center on Wednesday, February 20 at 1:00 p.m.*
- * *YCW FCAT Motivational Presentation including McGruff the Crime Dog for Eugenia B. Thomas K-8 Center's FCAT Rally School Event at J.C. Bermudez Park on Friday, February 22 at 9:00 a.m.*
- * *YCW Stranger Danger Assembly including McGruff The Crime Dog at Springview Elementary on Monday, February 25 at 8:45 a.m.*
- * *YCW FCAT Motivational Presentation including McGruff The Crime Dog for FCAT Rally School Event at Biscayne Gardens Elementary on Thursday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m.*

- * *YCW FCAT Motivational Presentation including McGruff The Crime Dog for FCAT Rally School Event at Henry Flagler Elementary on Friday, March 7 at 1:00 p.m.*
- * *YCW FCAT Motivational Presentation including McGruff The Crime Dog for FCAT Rally School Event at Edison Park Elementary on Monday, March 10 at 12:00 p.m.*
- * *Stranger Danger classroom presentations for Career Day Event at E.W.F. Stirrup Elementary on Thursday, March 13 at 9:00 a.m.*
- * *YCW Anger Management Assembly including McGruff the Crime Dog at F.S. Tucker Elementary on Wednesday, March 26 at 1:15 p.m.*
- * *Bullying Prevention classroom presentations including McGruff the Crime Dog for Career Day Event at Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center on Thursday, March 27 at 8:30 a.m.*
- * *Personal Safety classroom presentations for Career Day Event at F.C. Martin K-8 Center on Thursday, March 27 at 8:00 a.m.*

Does not include YCW School Advisor Trainings/Meetings and other YCW Meetings with school representatives. Schedules are subject to change and more YCW school events will be scheduled via school requests.

YCW Weekly Award Recipients- *December 2007 & January 2008*

**YCW School of the Week *December 3-7*
Orchard Villa Elementary**

**YCW Administrator of the Week *December 10-14*
Dr. Rudolph Crew of Miami-Dade County Public Schools**

**YCW Advisor of the Week *December 17-21*
Dave Moss of Redland Middle**

**YCW School of the Week *January 7-11*
Carol City Middle**

**YCW Advisor of the Week *January 14-18*
Donavan Cherry of Carol City Middle**

**YCW School of the Week *January 21-25*
William H. Turner Technical Arts Senior High**

YCW School of the Week January 28-February 1
Westview Middle

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