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Matthew Boyd, Retired Chief of Police, City of Miami Gardens
Board Member

Chief Matthew Boyd is the first Chief of Police for the City of Miami Gardens Police Department. The City of Miami Gardens was incorporated on May 13, 2003, as the 33rd municipality in Miami-Dade County, and at that time had a population of over 107,600 residents. The City of Miami Gardens is the county's third largest municipality after the City of Miami and the City of Hialeah.

Prior to Miami Gardens, Chief Boyd was employed with the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) from 1982 thru 2006. During his tenure with MDPD, he held various positions and assignments. His previous experiences in Senior Management included Police Major in charge of the Miami Gardens District, Police Major in charge of the Warrants Bureau, Commander of the Multi Agency Gang Task Force (MAGTAF), Police Lieutenant in charge of the Career Criminal Section and Police Lieutenant in charge of the Criminal Street Gang Section. Furthermore, during his tenure with MDPD, Chief Boyd in a uniform capacity, first served in the Northside District and later as the Community Oriented Policing Sergeant assigned to the Carol City District. He also served as a Police Sergeant in charge of Vice Investigations.

Chief Boyd has over 32 years of law enforcement experience. He is the architect of the Miami Gardens Police Department, creating the Department from the ground up. Within one year of the Department's creation he was able to initiate the Miami Gardens Police Department's first communications dispatch center. Also, within the same one-year time frame, he was able to create an investigations bureau that handled homicides, robberies and all other major crimes, there-by building a full-service police department within one year. He initiated the first arrest for the Department as well.

The Miami Gardens Police Department initially consisted of 150 sworn officers and 36 civilian personnel. By January, 2014, the Department had grown to 216 sworn officers and 56 civilian personnel. Prior to the creation of the Miami Gardens Police Department, Miami Gardens was ranked as the 13th most violent city in the nation per 100,000 capita according to the FBI crime statistics in 2006. The FBI crime statistics for the year 2014, the year that Chief Boyd retired, Miami Gardens was ranked as the 61st most violent city in the nation per 100,000 capita. In 2012, Chief Boyd was asked to travel to the Caribbean Country of Saint Maarten to help initiate the Country's first Community Oriented Policing Unit, in which within one year of inception, had over a 12% reduction in crime.

Throughout Chief Boyd's career he has received countless awards and accolades. From 2010 thru 2012 Chief Boyd served as the President of the Miami Dade Chiefs of Police Association. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Public Administration and is a 2006 graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Chief Boyd is also a 2010 graduate of the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute in Tallahassee, Florida. He has been a native of Miami for most of his life and is married to his wife Sandra. Chief Boyd retired from the Miami Gardens Police Department on January 10, 2014.