

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **MIAMI CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN TIMONEY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF PERF**

(June 19, 2007, Washington, D.C.)--Miami Chief of Police John F. Timoney has been elected president of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), a Washington, D.C.-based membership organization of progressive police executives from the largest city, county and state law enforcement agencies.

Chief Timoney, whose two-year term will begin on July 1, will succeed Los Angeles Chief of Police William J. Bratton as PERF president.

"I have had the highest respect for John Timoney's leadership abilities since the mid-1990s, when he was my second-in-command at the New York City Police Department," Chief Bratton said. "As first deputy commissioner in New York, John helped reorganize the department and merge it with the Transit and Housing Police Departments-a massive undertaking. More importantly, John is known for his rock-steady commitment to integrity, minimizing the use of force, and democratic policing. In addition, he is a leading expert on counter-terrorism. PERF is fortunate to have the benefit of John's wisdom and experience."

"John Timoney has been a powerful voice for policing," said PERF Executive Director Chuck Wexler. "From the importance of strong race relations to reducing police use of force and many other issues, he has been an outspoken leader."

Chief Timoney's career in policing began in 1969, when he joined the ranks of the NYPD as a rookie officer in the South Bronx. He quickly moved up through the ranks, holding positions in narcotics, organized crime, and analysis and planning units. He was the youngest person ever to hold the "four-star" position of Chief of Department. In 1998, he left New York to take the top position as Commissioner of the Philadelphia Police Department, where he focused on increasing officers' professionalism and morale. In 2003 he was named chief of police in Miami, where he implemented a comprehensive use-of-force policy that resulted in a dramatic reduction in police-involved shootings. Chief Timoney also has begun efforts to create a City of Miami Institute for Democratic Policing-a facility for Central and South American leaders to learn how to incorporate democratic principles in their police agencies.

Chief Timoney holds two master's degrees and is a strong advocate of formal education for police officers. He has received more than 65 police department medals and other honors.

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