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Miami Beach Police Appoints First African-American Deputy Chief -- Twenty-year Veteran Lauretta Hill Joins Miami Beach from Arlington, Texas --

Miami Beach, FL -- Miami Beach Police Chief Daniel Oates appoints Lauretta Hill to the position of Deputy Chief of Police of the Miami Beach Police Department. As Deputy Chief, Hill will be second in command and become the highest-ranking African-American in the history of the department.

"Her experience, integrity, professionalism and impressive body of work make her an exceptional choice. Lauretta comes to us from a well-respected and progressive police department. We are extremely fortunate that she has agreed to join us," said Miami Beach Police Chief Daniel Oates.

Chief Hill is a 20-year veteran of the Arlington Police Department, in Arlington, Texas, where she is serving as Assistant Chief of Police. The Arlington Police Department has approximately 829 sworn and non-sworn personal with a budget of \$87 million. She is responsible for approximately 300 sworn and non-sworn personnel and oversees a budget of \$22 million.

Prior to this post, Hill rose through the ranks garnering diverse responsibilities and accolades having served as Sergeant (Personnel/Recruiting & Hostage Negotiation Unit), Lieutenant (Patrol, Internal Affairs, Training and Homeland Security and Special Events), and Deputy Chief of Police of Patrol and of Operations Support. As commander of Arlington's North Division, with 120,000 residents, officers under her command achieved significant crime reductions by applying community policing techniques and engagement efforts.

Additionally, Chief Hill has extensive experience with ensuring safe and secure major events having coordinated overall security operations for Super Bowl XLV, the 2011 World Series and the 2010 NBA All-Star Game by working with local, regional, state and

federal law enforcement agencies. She also worked with private partners throughout the region and nation to ensure they had connectivity with law enforcement.

Chief Hill earned a Master's of Liberal Arts from Texas Christian University and Bachelors in Criminology/Criminal Justice from University of Texas. She is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police.

Chief Hill will join the Miami Beach Police Department in early August.

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