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Florida International University has grown from its beginning days, back in the 1970’s, when there was nothing but airplane runways and a few buildings. With the growing pains of starting a new university, also came many important staffing positions that the university required. One of the most important positions is the Director/Chief of Police of the university. Florida International University has had six chiefs of police since its origin. Each chief has left his mark on the way the department was handled and has been run operationally.

On December 1, 2011 Florida International University swore in its sixth police chief, Alexander D. Casas. The swearing in ceremony took place inside the new police station. There were many dignitaries who attended the event from FIU, like President Rosenberg. and others. Various police agencies around Dade County sent their chiefs, majors and command staff to the swearing in. Prominent leaders of the community were also in attendance. Miami Dade County Police Director Loftus spoke about losing a valuable person.

Tips on Staying Safe This Holiday

- When shopping go with a friend.
- Know where you park your car and park in a well lighted space.
- Keep all packages inside of the trunk, not in the back seat.
- Keep all receipts of purchases.
- Make sure that you get your credit card back after purchasing items.
- Consolidate packages.
- Women should wear their purses across their body.
- Make sure to lock car doors.

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THINK PINK!

In an effort to raise awareness and show support for breast cancer victims, some of the FIU police officers wore pink badges throughout the month of October. According to the United Nations World Health Organization, around 500,000 people worldwide die from breast cancer every year. 2,747,459 is the number of women diagnosed currently with breast cancer. Men are also affected by this malignancy.

Susan Goodman, later Susan Goodman Komen, was born in 1943 in Peoria, Illinois. She was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 33. She died of the disease at age 36 in 1980. Komen's younger sister, Nancy Goodman Brinker, who believed that Susan's outcome might have been better if patients knew more about cancer and its treatment, promised her sister that she would do everything she could to end breast cancer. To fulfill that promise, Brinker founded the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in Komen's memory in 1982.

The duties of an honor guard are to professionally represent their department during times usually associated with great mourning. Florida International University uses these dedicated officers to assist at police officer funerals and other dignitary events and parades. The Florida International University honor guard is composed of three officers from the department; Ofc. F. Torres, Ofc. Z. Servello, and Ofc. Guzman.

FIU police train and qualify three times a year with their weapons. They must maintain a quality of proficiency with each weapon the department issues.

The university police recently issued tasers to all its police officers. This new non-lethal weapon is just another tool to have to stop a disturbance from escalating. Miami-Dade Police Department assisted with the training. Officers were exposed to the effect of the laser by subjecting themselves to the electrical shock of the laser.

TRAINING FIU POLICE OFFICERS