



CLERK OF THE BOARD

2007 JUL 19 PM 2: 56

CLERK, CIRCUIT OF COUNTY COURTS
DADE COUNTY, FLA.
#1

Miami Dade Aviation Department
P. O. Box 025504
Miami, FL 33102 – 5504

OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE NO. 07-01

Effective: July, 2007

August 3, 2007

SUBJECT: Interfaith Meditation Room Use

PURPOSE: To establish a procedure allowing the use of the Miami Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) Interfaith Meditation Room at Miami International Airport (MIA).

I. AUTHORITY:

Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 25-1(30), MDAD Rules and Regulations.

II. POLICY:

Use of Meditation Room - MDAD will allow the use of its Interfaith Meditation Room for religious and/or secular services, group discussions, meditation and studies.

III. GUIDELINES:

A. Services

The room set aside by MDAD for interfaith meditation is for the purpose of quiet meditation or prayer. Worship services and religious or secular studies/discussions may be scheduled in the Room on a limited basis with the approval of MDAD. Services, discussions and/or studies for each organization will be limited to two times in each seven day period.

The request to use the Room must be made in writing through MDAD's Terminal Operations Division at least one week prior to the event advising the name of the organization, type of event, and the name of the person officiating. In recognition of the past and ongoing services that clergy and others have provided to MIA's passengers, those individuals holding long standing requests are asked to update them every six months through the Terminal Operations Division.

If the needs of Aviation arise, for example, a security alert, the Department reserves the right to cancel a pre-planned event at any time. Proselytizing shall be permitted only within the Interfaith Meditation Room during scheduled services, discussions, and/or studies.

B. Meditation Room Furnishings and Fixtures

All furnishings, fixtures, and equipment in the Room are and shall remain the property of MDAD. Furnishings, equipment, and materials such as pictures, books, brochures, etc., brought into the Room must be approved by MDAD prior to use and/or storage in the Room.

C. Parking

MDAD will provide courtesy parking to a person leading a discussion group, meditation, and/or religious or secular services through the validation of his/her parking ticket. The name of the person providing the service must be submitted at the time the reservation to use the Room is made, per Section III. A. "Services".

The parking ticket will be validated at the Landside Operations Office located on the ground level of the Dolphin garage. The Landside Operations Office is open 24 hours daily. This convenience will be extended only while a person is officiating in a discussion, service, study, etc., in the Room. Any person utilizing this privilege while not acting in an official capacity will have this courtesy revoked.

D. Safety and Security

Safety and security is everyone's responsibility at MIA. All persons leading a discussion group and/or conducting services must obtain an MDAD issued White ID Badge. This person/s may need to participate in disaster drills and may be called upon to assist in actual disasters.

REVOCATON: N/A

CROSS REFERENCES: None



José Abreu - Aviation Director

DATE: 6/20/07

