



**CASE  
CLOSED**

**Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust**  
**Investigative Report**

Date: 9/26/19

Investigator: Susannah Nesmith  
Complainant: Anonymous

Case No.: PI19-37  
Subject/Case Name: MDRF Chief Andy Alvarez

Date Opened: 9/6/19

Date Submitted: September 12, 2019

**Allegation(s):**

It was alleged that MDRF Chief Andy Alvarez parked his personal vehicle inside an MDRF facility at the Port of Miami while he and his family went on a vacation cruise thus avoiding the costs of parking at the Port facility.

**Relevant Law:**

Sec. 2-11.1 (g) Exploitation of official position prohibited. No person included in the terms defined in subsection (b)(1) through (6) and (b)(13) shall use or attempt to use his or her official position to secure special privileges or exemptions for himself or herself or others except as may be specifically permitted by other ordinances and resolutions previously ordained or adopted or hereafter to be ordained or adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.

**Investigation:**

Chief Alvarez gave a sworn statement on Sept. 12, 2019. He said that on the day his family was to depart on a cruise, he drove them to his father-in-law's house in Virginia Gardens where they picked up his father-in-law before driving to the Port of Miami. At the Port, his father-in-law took Alvarez's vehicle and drove back to his own home, where it stayed while Alvarez and his family were on the cruise. At the end of the cruise, Alvarez said he ordered an Uber to take himself and his family to his father-in-law's home, where he picked up his personal vehicle. Alvarez provided the documents listed below, to prove his account of his vacation.

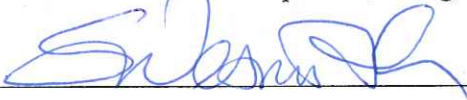
**Documents/Exhibit Review:**

A copy of the "trip details" record of an Uber ride on April 28, 2019 from an address at the Port) to his father-in-law's address in Virginia Gardens. (Paper file)

A copy of the cruise itinerary for himself, his wife and his two children. It shows the cruise left Miami on April 21, 2019 and returned on April 28, 2019. (Digital file)

**Conclusion:**

After consultation with the Ethics Advocate it was determined that since Chief Alvarez had credible evidence to dispute the allegation that this matter would be closed with no further action.



COE Investigator Susannah Nesmith

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Approved by:



Michael Murawski, Advocate



José Arrojo, Executive Director