



**LATE IRVING A. FOURCAND**  
**Former Director, Protocol and International Affairs Division**



Mr. Irving Fourcand was Director of Protocol and International Affairs Division, Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) from 2001 to July 2018. He was responsible for overseeing programs that served the needs of traveling diplomats and other dignitaries. MDAD's Protocol and International Affairs Division serves as departmental liaison for the U.S. Secret Service, the U.S. Department of State, the Florida State Department, the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Southern Command, and the White House Protocol office, among many others. This Protocol Division holds the distinction of being the first and only protocol and diplomatic liaison office operating at any airport in the nation, including Washington, D.C.

In 1993, Mr. Fourcand was appointed Aviation Coordinator for the first Summit of the Americas, held in Miami in December 1994. He was responsible for the coordination of all details and logistics pertaining to the arrival, reception and departures of 34 heads of state from the Americas. The success of the Summit brought forth the creation of a number of international business initiatives, such as the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) and other major world events. Since then, MDAD's Protocol Division has provided strong collaborative efforts and support to all other nations in the Americas that held the subsequent Summits.

Mr. Fourcand joined the Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) in 1980 as an international operations specialist, and through the years held succession of positions, including International Operations Supervisor, Airport Protocol Officer, and Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director. In 1997, he became Associate Director of Protocol and International Affairs while serving as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director. His responsibilities encompassed the formulation of agenda for international aviation visitors at Miami International Airport, serving as liaison to the International Affairs Committee of the Florida Department of State and several other similar initiatives. He was also responsible for the creation of the International Sister Airport Program for MDAD. From 2001 to 2006, he took on the duties of Manager of the Customer Service Division.

He was instrumental in the creation of several departmental customer service initiatives and programs, including the development and implementation of a Volunteer Information Program (VIP). VIP is a full-time volunteer program at Miami International Airport consisting of individuals recruited throughout the South Florida community who assist customers in the Terminal and occasionally for functions held in the Greater Miami metropolitan area.

Mr. Fourcand also represented MDAD on several task forces and committees, such as Sister Cities International and Diplomacy International, whose objectives and goals are to promote stronger collaboration and goodwill between our community and our foreign trade partners, and to develop trade and cultural opportunities between Miami-Dade County and other nations.

Mr. Fourcand earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture from Florida International University in 1981. He also obtained a Baccalaureate degree in International Studies from the Ecole Blaise Pascal in Paris, France. He was fluent in French, English, Spanish, Haitian Creole and Italian languages.