

# Giving speakers of Creole a voice

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What do you do in a life-threatening emergency if you don't speak English? If you only speak Creole?

Will it help to dial 911?

Yes, police and Haitian community leaders say. Even if nobody at the emergency center speaks Creole.

Broward is becoming increasingly diverse, but not so diverse that there aren't lingering communication problems between Haitians and local government. Now comes a step toward bridging the gap.

Police and Haitian community leaders have produced a video, in Creole and English, that advises Haitians on how to deal with police, 911 and code enforcement. It will be unveiled at a town hall meeting Tuesday.

Minority Development & Empowerment, Inc., a nonprofit corporation that provides translation, immigration information, housing and other services to Haitian immigrants, worked with police in putting together the tapes and the town hall forum.

"Anything to make the population

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