

**CLEAN AND SAFE MONTHLY REPORT  
JULY 2018  
LIEUTENANT RUSS MAGER**

Arrests:	35
Field Contacts:	53
Traffic Contacts:	139
Citations:	141
Extra Patrols:	1,047

Incident Reports:	132
CAD Reports:	132
Alarms:	10
Walk & Talks:	714
Total Activity:	2,403

**SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS / INCIDENTS**

- 18-10360: Retail Theft-Grand, 417 E. Atlantic Avenue (LF Sportswear). On July 10<sup>th</sup>, officers made contact with employees who advised two heavy-set B/Fs entered the store and stole approximately \$3,500 worth of clothing (skirts, pants, shirts and shorts). One employee observed the B/Fs removing clothing from the hangers and confronted the two suspects. The B/Fs began to scream at the employees while running out of the store.
- 18-10373: Theft from construction site (delayed), 60 SE 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The complainant advised between 1700 hours on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 0630 hours on July 11<sup>th</sup>, an unknown suspect opened Gillman Electric's "gang box" and removed tools. A pair of bolt cutters that did not belong to Gillman Electric was left on the floor and was likely used to cut the bolt to the gang box. Miscellaneous tools were stolen. There is no suspect information, but the complainant believes this was likely an inside job.
- 18-10376: Theft from construction site (delayed), 60 SE 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The complainant (Hyvac Mechanics) advised between 1700 hours on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 0630 hours on July 11<sup>th</sup>, an unknown subject broke the lock to Hyvac Mechanics' "gang box" which contained all of their tools. All of the tools were neatly piled up next to the gang box and it was found that a Dewalt impact drill and a Milwaukee hammer drill were taken. There is no suspect information, but the complainant believes this was likely an inside job.
- 18-10586: Motor Vehicle Theft, SE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue/SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street. On July 15<sup>th</sup>, at 0258 hours, officers responded reference a stolen vehicle. Contact was made with the owner, who advised she had parked her Hyundai Tucson at that intersection on July 14<sup>th</sup>, between 1100 hours and 0230 hours, and the vehicle was no longer there. A Vehicle Theft Affidavit was signed and the vehicle was entered into FCIC/NCIC. Officers located the vehicle in the area on July 18<sup>th</sup>. This case was unfounded.
- 18-10117: Aggravated Assault, 2 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Vagrant Leslie Michelle Bowens was arrested after the Security Ambassadors witnessed her threatening a wheelchair-bound male with a large piece of wood. She was detained until police arrived and was arrested. Bowens made threats that she would go after the victim again when released.
- 18-10660: Burglary to Conveyance & Grand Theft, 840 E. Atlantic Avenue. On July 16<sup>th</sup>, Officer Caceres-Duque responded to Deck 84 regarding a delayed report of three fishing poles stolen from of a boat tied to the dock (total loss of \$1,400). Officer Caceres-Duque was able to review surveillance video, which depicted a B/M ride up on a bicycle, climb onto the boat and take the three fishing poles on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 0408 hours. Officer Caceres-Duque received information that B/M Derrick Andrews may be the suspect for the Deck 84 theft and may also be involved in stealing alcohol from Johnny Brown's. On July 25<sup>th</sup>, Officer Caceres-Duque responded to Farmhouse Kitchen reference a grand theft of a cellphone (18-11116). An employee left her phone and purse on the countertop of the bar. A B/M was seen in the area and shortly thereafter the victim noticed her phone missing. Store surveillance depicts the B/M grab the victim's phone off of the counter and leave the area. Officer Caceres-Duque sent a photo of the suspect to PD personnel and Officer Masi advised the suspect was Derrick

Andrews. Officer Caceres-Duque followed up with the victim, showing her a photo lineup, and later located Andrews as he had just stolen merchandise from Dollar General (18-11135). Officer Caceres-Duque conducted a great interrogation of Andrews and obtained a confession for all of the cases. Andrews also confessed to stealing liquor from Johnny Brown's (unreported). Officer Caceres-Duque followed up with the business with this information and they refused to proceed with criminal charges. Great job by Officer Caceres-Duque!

### **PROBLEM AREAS / CITIZEN COMPLAINTS / VAGRANTS / TRANSIENTS**

- Veteran's Park: Pavilion misuse appeared to have ended for most of the month, but towards the end officers had to eject some vagrants from it. There is now a sign posted stating that it is only to be used with a permit. Extra Patrols: 77, Walk and Talks: 102, Arrests: 13.
- Libby Wesley Park: Officers continue to monitor this park for negative activity. Extra Patrols: 29, Walk and Talks: 13, Arrests: 2.
- Vagrants: Officers continue enforcing quality of life issues regarding vagrants. They continue to make numerous Open Container arrests and Baker Acts have been applied when necessary. Officer Salguero was assigned to address vagrants sleeping and loitering around the old gym building at NE 1<sup>st</sup> Street and NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. After talking to the management company, they decided to install fencing around the location until construction begins on the hotel which is going to be built.
- Traffic: Officers continue to enforce the City's ordinance regarding trucks on the Avenue. Officers continue traffic enforcement due to issues with vehicles stopping on the railroad tracks by conducting traffic selective to educate drivers and pedestrians (concern has increased due to new Brightline train coming through more frequently and at faster speeds and with no horn). Officers are stopping cars that are discharging passengers in the roadway and also educating pedestrians regarding Jaywalking laws. Towards the end of the month, a complaint was received from the DDA about trucks unloading on S. Federal Highway and day shift officers were assigned to conduct documented selective enforcement. Officers continue to monitor traffic issues in the alleyways parallel to E. Atlantic Avenue and working with Lanier Parking for enforcement.
- Valet Parking Queues: Sergeant Quinn attended the DDA townhall meeting regarding the new parking fees downtown. She made the recommendation to add a new zone number for valet queues to help alleviate patrons from parking in queues and paying for time which would go past 5:00 PM.

### **TRAINING / SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

- Sergeant Quinn attended the final SPI training session (July 9<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>)
- Unit officers were tasked with making merchant contacts daily.
- Unit officers completed Risk Protection Order training.
- Officer Jaworski participated in the Intracoastal Cleanup in West Palm Beach with other members of the DBPD Dive Team.

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Officer Brotz and Sergeant Quinn attended Police Explorers' meetings.
- Officer Brotz and Sergeant Quinn attended the Law Enforcement Explorer Academy Bootcamp.
- Officers Schumer, Parzyck, Gordon and Caceres-Duque spent time at the 505 Teen Center.
- Officer Perez volunteered at the library and assisted with restacking books in different sections.
- Sergeant Quinn and Officer Perez attended the Summer Spellebration at the library.

- Officer Caceres-Duque participated with DBPD Honor Guard at UNICO convention on July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Officer Sitz distributed clothes to vagrants and coached them on how to prepare for a job interview

#### **BUSINESS/COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

- Sergeant Baer attended the DDA meetings on July 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Sergeant Baer attended the DDA's restaurant meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Sergeant Quinn attended the DDA Townhall Meeting for Parking Fees on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

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## Clean & Safe Division

**Amanda Skeberis, Clean & Safe Administrator**

### July Monthly Report

#### Operational

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration** – Clean & Safe supported the event by facilitating pressure-cleaning of Atlantic Avenue in preparation for the 80,000+ event attendees, residents, and business owners. The event footprint was thoroughly cleaned prior to the event and lighting assessed for repairs. Clean & Safe also staffed the event with four code officers from 1pm-11pm. During this time, two businesses selling alcohol outside of their approved use without a liquor extension were asked to cease sales. Both businesses complied. An unapproved vendor selling light-up toys was asked to leave and complied. Continuous and routine foot patrols were conducted throughout the event as well as check-ins with Police, Fire, Parks, and Streets. An After-Action Report (AAR) was completed and submitted to Special Events on 07/09. Highlights/concerns from the AAR will be discussed at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> SETAC meeting. Report attached.

**Rolls Royce Unveiling (Worthing Park)** – Clean & Safe supported the event by completing a total site clean-up to include weeding, landscape trimming and mulch installation. Clean & Safe electricians met with the event producer to ensure all electrical outlets and lights were functioning. This included an assessment of the DDA's decorative lights to ensure all were functioning. Through communication with Streets, problematic uplifting pavers around the oak trees were leveled in the week leading up to the event. Through communication with Parks, the trees in Worthing Park were trimmed (this also satisfied Worthing Place Apartments request for such in preparation for hurricane season). Clean & Safe Administrator attended the event and no known issues were reported. Great demonstration of team work across multiple City departments.

**Weekly garage inspections** – With specific requests as to the type of routine maintenance that should be performed and Lanier's hiring of an additional maintenance worker, progress has been observed. Clean & Safe continues to recommend enhancements – new/updated signage, paint work, pressure-cleaning, etc. – be completed over the summer while traffic is reduced. Implementation of the parking program is also sure to increase use of the garages during season, another reason these enhancements should be completed over the summer.

**Robert Federspiel Parking Garage landscape projects** – Clean & Safe solicited the assistance of the landscape division for enhancement plans. On 07/25, Clean & Safe met with the City's Landscape Architect and Inspector regarding current landscape maintenance techniques and the proposed enhancement project. This meeting allowed for both divisions to understand the design and necessary maintenance as well as to discuss any changes. Work is scheduled to begin at the garage during the first week of August. A request to Parks by Clean & Safe to have the trees trimmed on the west side of the garage was also created. This will not only create a maintained



appearance but allow for more natural light in the garage as the overgrowth is blocking wall openings or “windows”.

**Clean & Safe District pressure-cleaning** – the second cleaning of the entire district was completed on 07/19. No complaints/concerns were received during this time.

**110 E Atlantic** – Clean & Safe Sanitation continues to monitor the alleyway issues between Worthing Place (Salt 7 and Park Tavern), Rocco’s Tacos, and the new construction. Rocco’s Tacos was discovered to have been washing their mats in the alleyway, causing improper disposal of grease water into a storm drain Worthing Place just cleaned. Photo documentation of the acts were collected and a code violation 18-114557 issued for “offensive deposits and dumping on property.”

**8 E Atlantic (former Smoke BBQ)** – request to start the project up to first inspection was approved by the Building Inspector. The former trash issues are no longer as the area has been demolished and fenced in. Clean & Safe continues to monitor this area as well as neighboring 32 E Atlantic as both are now active construction sites.

**103 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave** – a violation was previously issued for lack of building maintenance (painting and pressure-cleaning). The property owners quickly came into compliance. Clean & Safe continues efforts to focus on commercial building maintenance, especially those that are unoccupied.

**119 E Atlantic (Tramonti) lighting complaint** – Clean & Safe worked to mitigate a complaint received from Tramonti regarding the newly installed lights from the adjacent 110 Building. Tramonti claimed the lights were too bright, affecting the ambiance of their approved outdoor dining and as such, causing complaints from their customers. Clean & Safe code officers performed due diligence by speaking with Planning & Zoning to understand what was approved on the building plans. Since the sconces in question were approved, Clean & Safe used the rapport previously built with the general contractor for the 110 Building to speak openly with them about the issue. The GC agreed to temporarily turn the lights off until a compromised lighting agreement could be made.

**119 E Atlantic (Tramonti) neighbor complaint** – Tramonti reached out to Clean & Safe once again, this time regarding an issue with neighboring Sazio’s. The late night crowd served by Sazio’s to-go window was observed on video surveillance utilizing Tramonti’s café chairs, uprooting plants and throwing trash on the patio. It was explained to Tramonti that while Sazio’s cannot be held responsible for what customers do, it would be in both parties’ interest to speak about the issues to reach an amicable solution. Tramonti’s manager spoke to Sazio’s owner and relayed the concerns. Clean & Safe will also communicate these concerns with PD and request extra patrols during the late night hours. Tramonti was also encouraged to file a police report for damaged property.





**Sue Curtin/Worthing Place complaint** – at her request, Clean & Safe along with Community Improvement staff met with Worthing Place Apartments resident Sue Curtin regarding a multitude of issues she felt should be addressed. Her complaints have been heard prior to this meeting and in some instances, on more than one occasion by Clean & Safe, Parks, and the DDA. Her issues as well as staff’s response were outlined in a memo. Memo attached.

**5 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (RACKS) complaint** – after receiving a phone call from the general manager regarding a missed garbage pick-up, Clean & Safe sanitation officer called Waste Management to inquire further. He discovered that not only were the cans incorrectly missed for weight purposes, but the business was being charged for service on 10 garbage carts when they only have 6. Sanitation relayed this information to the business and advised they call Waste Management due to the civil nature. In addition, Sanitation reported these issues to Waste Management’s customer service.

**Intern/newsstands** – Summer Intern Waltayvis and Clean & Safe Administrator toured the district and inspected newsstands. Intern Walt created a detailed map and listing of all located newsstands to include photos. Clean & Safe will use this information to determine which newsstands are in unapproved locations and/or poor conditions based on City Ordinance Section 102.41.

**153 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave (Smokin’ Culture)** – Clean & Safe spoke to the general contractor and business associate regarding approved use of space and actual use. In the beginning of July, the business was observed engaging in indoor seating service which is explicitly against their approved use. Flyers were also located downtown advertising a “free beer” up until 3am which is prohibited. This information was shared with the general contractor who does not oversee day to day operations. He advised he would relay this information to the business owner. In a separate meeting, Planning & Zoning, in the presence of Clean & Safe, explained to the GC what would be required on the plans in order to receive approval. This included a clear and defined delineation of customer area from bar/service area (currently customers can approach the bar and request a drink). Once the plans are resubmitted and approved, the sidewalk café permit can be approved.

**DDA Restaurant Meeting** – the Clean & Safe Team was invited to speak regarding cleanliness and beautification. Issues such as dumpsters and enclosure cleanliness, proper grease disposal, mat rinsing, co-mingling, outside storage, and café regulations were discussed.

**Board meetings** – CRA, DDA, Commission, TAC, and SETAC.

**Additional complaints** – political sign on City easement at 900 E Atlantic, sign removed by Clean & Safe; window sign at 1 S Swinton, found to be compliant; window sign/decal at 137 E Atlantic, found to be complaint; additional political signs through Clean & Safe district on City property removed.



## Long Term Projects

**Cigarette litter** – cigarette litter is a major concern plaguing the Clean & Safe district, more specifically downtown. Clean & Safe researched solutions and came across the Sidewalk Buttler. The buttler is a portable cigarette receptacle, 3x3x12 inches in size that can be attached to street poles, signs, or garbage receptacles. The logo can be customized to reflect the City's emblem. Cigarette butts can be recycled 100% at no additional cost. The DDA and Sustainability Office's feedback was solicited, both of which proved positive. Clean & Safe is in the process of obtaining quotes for purchase and assessing optimal locations. The general maintenance team has also begun to conduct weekly cigarette litter abatement at downtown crosswalks on Monday mornings. Memo attached.

Garbage liners – throughout the month, 21 new garbage liners were deployed from Swinton east. Leaking liners, liners without lids and smaller liners were targeted for replacement. Clean & Safe is working on purchasing additional liners prior to this fiscal year's closure. A plan has also been discussed with Clean & Safe and Public Works to maintain the liners.

**170 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Spady Museum)** – while this project is not being carried out or overseen by Clean & Safe, it is occurring within the district. Community Improvement applied for and obtained approximately \$135,000 for landscape improvements to City facilities. The City's landscape architect has created plans which were placed out for bid by the Neighborhood Services Division. Contractors have until mid-August to submit bids.

## Policy

**Clean & Safe new addition** – Randell Straghn joined the Clean & Safe Team this past month, filling the vacant code enforcement officer position. He has jumped right in, taking on tasks and familiarizing himself with downtown businesses.

**Sidewalk café renewals** – were due July 13<sup>th</sup>. Outstanding renewals will be issued violations by Clean & Safe code officers. To date, approximately 8-10 businesses have not renewed.

## Training

**Landscape maintenance and techniques** – hosted by City Landscape Architect and Inspector on 07/25; attended by Clean & Safe general maintenance team and Administrator.

## Follow up/projects

**Treating Atlantic Avenue Palms** – meeting to be scheduled with Assistant Parks Director to further discuss previously submitted acquisition. Landscape Inspector Glover maintains that the Atlantic Avenue palm trees are in immediate need of fertilizer and fungicide.

**Garbage receptacle replacements** – on 07/19, Clean & Safe organized a meeting among various City departments to discuss the proposed relocation of downtown garbage receptacles



from the sidewalks to plant nodes. A PowerPoint presentation was presented. The PowerPoint was also sent to the Sustainability Officer and other department representatives not present for the meeting. All departments involved – Public Works/Streets, Landscape, Irrigation, City Engineer, Sustainability, and the DDA – were in favor of relocating the receptacles. Work is scheduled for the beginning of August. PowerPoint attached.

**Streets** – Streets’ striping trailer is still in the shop for repairs. Once repaired, striping will resume in the NW neighborhood. The trailer is required for larger projects. A smaller restriping job of the public parking spaces in the 1-block of NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue was completed.

**Rodent Prevention Services** – within 24-hours of receiving a complaint from the City Manager’s officer regarding rodents in the Gleason Street area, Eddinger’s Pest Control responded and assessed the area for bait box deployment. Six boxes will be deployed pending receipt of the cost estimate from the vendor.

Reports

**Electricians**

<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>NUMBER SERVICED</i>
GFI replacement	21
GFI covers replacement	8 – metal 7 – accordion
Bulb replacement	42 – 175 8 – 150
Ballast replacement	4 - ballast 1 – LED ballast 1 – rebuilt ballast
Junction box replacement	4
Yellow globe replacement	0
Glass globe replacement	0
Other	5 – capacitors 1 – photocell

**Downtown light pole installation** – this project, which involved replacing light poles on Atlantic Avenue from E 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to E 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, is complete. The installation process took approximately 5 months to complete, averaging 2 poles replaced per week (there are approximately 8 poles per block). Rainy weather and the bucket truck being out of service for maintenance caused some delays. The cost for completing the electrical work in-house rather than by an outside contractor was approximately \$8,000. The quote received from an outside vendor for the entire project (electrical, pole installation, paver work, etc.) was approximately \$80,000. Not only was the decision to keep this work in-house cost effective, it allowed the





Clean & Safe electricians who have a vested interest in the safety, appearance and overall impact on the district to complete the task according to their high standards. See below references.

**Decorative light pole lower banner pole arms** – given to Brandano, the DDA’s light vendor. They plan to install them on the poles to better secure the banners and provide an overall more aesthetically pleasing look. Zip ties are used currently.

**Atlantic Crossing/City electric panel** – City panel previously located on the Atlantic Crossing site (615 E Atlantic) was relocated to the alleyway across the street. Clean & Safe electricians noticed lighting outages in the area but could not investigate as they did not have a key to the panel box. A meeting was facilitated by Clean & Safe with the contractor who moved the box (with the assistance of PZ/Building contacts) and the key to the box was turned over to the City. The lighting outages were also repaired once the breakers were tripped.

**Code Enforcement**

<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>NUMBER</i>
General Code	5
Housing Code	7
Verbal Warnings	0
Door Hangers	1
Right of Way	0
Nuisance Abatement/ Reoccurring Nuisance	0
Rental Housing Inspection	1
Facility Inspections	5
Complaints (internal and external)	Listed under Policy
Landscape Code	2

**NW/SW neighborhood assessment** – Clean & Safe code officers focused on residential issues such as outside storage (to include inoperable or unregistered vehicles), driveway repairs, landscape issues/overgrowth and overall maintenance issues. Each officer took a section of the district and went street by street.



### **Tree Trimming and Parks**

Not a direct report to Clean & Safe Administrator - reporting handled by Parks Maintenance

### **Parking Garage**

Not a direct report to Clean & Safe Administrator - reporting handled by Lanier Parking, contracted by the City for garage maintenance (and parking enforcement).