

JSO INTERAGENCY INVESTIGATIONS DETECTIVE ASSIGNED TO SOLID WASTE  
DIVISION

BLIGHT ACTIVITY AND RESPONSE PROCESS

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### Blight Activity and Response Process

**C.A.R.E. system** usage was suggested and information disseminated to JSO Patrol Watch Commanders at the end of 2013 and beginning of 2014 in Zones 1 and Zone 5 which covered the 5 major Blight areas. Solid Waste has seen an increase in C.A.R.E. submissions by JSO patrol officers for the first half of 2014.

**Updates from the Blight Coordinator** are given to the Detective for new issues, related CARE issues or any possible criminal information to follow-up.

**Legal Bulletin 14-02** was approved and issued by Jacksonville Sheriff's Office on April 22, 2014:  
Enforcement of Waste Tire Ordinance Ch. 260. (Disposal of Waste Tires)

*The bulletin was created by Det. D.S. Matsick and approved by the Legal Advisor of JSO for the sole purpose to educate patrol officers of ways to enforce violators of the waste tire ordinance and/or assist in the regulation of the licensed or registered tire businesses in Duval County. The ordinance is in place to help cut the costs by the City of Jacksonville for waste tire disposal, mosquito control, prevent illegal dumping and to keep the environment clean.*

**Covert Operations** in Blight areas with JSO detectives, Solid Waste Investigators and Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Investigators:

**Dates:** May 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>; June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>

**Total manpower hours:** 69

*The purpose of the Covert Operation was to take enforcement against any violators of illegal dumping and/or to possibly gather data of peak times when the activity may be occurring. Two arrests were made in May in one of the Blight areas. Future Operations will continue.*

**Motion Sensor Cameras** have been placed in two of the blight areas (Federal/Patterson and Adams/Prospect). The efforts did not produce any tangible evidence due to the inadequacy of the equipment.

*The Solid Waste Division has requested the purchase of the **FlashCAM camera system** which could produce very positive results based on the technology of the system and confirmed statistics.*

\*\*\*\*\*Future projects will include officer roll call training with verbal instruction and/or power point presentation to help facilitate better awareness by patrol officers to help combat Blight. JSO prioritizes calls for service and illegal dumping, unless in progress, unfortunately is not a high priority call that is dispatched. Illegal dumping is property crime not a crime against persons. The training or awareness given to officers should assist in our efforts along with the continued use of the CARE system by officers.

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**Department of Public Works**  
**Mowing & Landscape Maintenance Division**

**Report on Corridors of Significance**

# Corridors of Significance

- Current Right of Way mowing schedule and standards based on roadway segment location

12 times per year cycle in high density commercial areas  
8 times per year cycle in residential neighborhoods  
4 times per year cycle in rural and industrial areas

- Current number of road segments mowed on these cycles is 1,852 county wide
- These segments are the evolution of years of citizen concerns, political decisions and internal needs
- Plan moving forward for potential additions  
Upon receiving the list of corridors from the committee Mowing and Landscape began analysis for the potential for addition. We have mapped out the corridors and found that many of them are already on the schedule. The analysis also showed the gaps in service on some of the corridors. It also showed that the current list of segments needs revision. We have come up with a potential list of matrix standards for the Corridors of Significance as well as for revisions to the current roadway mowing list. Those matrix standards are as follows.

- Traffic counts
- Population Density/Area Type
- Curbed with Sidewalks vs Roadside Ditch
- Roadside Ditch Depth
- Divided Medians
- Gateway road to a prominent destination
- Interconnection between FDOT corridors
- Habitual complaints

Using some of these criteria Mowing and Landscape will further analyze and rank the list of corridors received and report at the next committee meeting on the status of addition and rearrangement our roadway mowing segments.

# Video Examples

By Patrick Kane for Jim Love