# Pompano Beach PSC Ambassador Program Monthly Report

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Shifts: 7am – 12am Seven days a week.

<u>Patrol Route</u>: We patrol from the I-95 over-pass on MLK boulevard (north/south), east to NE First Avenue, to Atlantic Blvd to the south and NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street to the north. The Ambassadors walk together or separately based on the assessment of which patrol method would be more advantageous to best complete the mission. We also have a bicycle team that covers the same area. As a third layer of coverage, the supervisor covers the entire area in a clearly marked security vehicle with safety lights on to indicate in-service status. Bike and foot patrol can be affected by the weather. In inclement weather, ambassadors will not patrol on foot or on bicycle.

### **Significant Incidents**

Ambassadors adhere to the process of concentrating on" hot -spot" areas that have been identified. Ambassadors continue to address the homeless, loiterers, panhandlers, drugs, and prostitution as well as general city ordinance violators. Along MLK Blvd and Blanche Ely Ave and in particular, Annie Gillis park, Ambassadors have been encouraging the homeless to throw their used needles and trash away and leave the area clean when they leave. Ambassadors continue to monitor panhandlers to ensure that they are not aggressive towards the public.

## **General contact:**

- 1. Interaction with homeless 431 occurrences.
- 2. Interaction with residents (directions, walking to the car, responding to questions) 129 occurrences
- 3. Interactions with businesses -introductions, check-ins- Daily.
- 4. Interactions with the Police and Fire department Routinely place calls to BSO duty Sergeant for communications checks. Regular in-person meetings with BSO/PSC.

Ambassadors routinely communicate with police during the day while patrolling.

#### Pass Down information:

Continue to establish relationships with store owners and employees.

When encountering residents, please ensure that they always have an option to call BSO.

Document new homeless men and women and the areas where they hang out.

Look out for group of aggressive panhandlers at different locations.

Enforce our ZERO policy for loiterers in the OLD TOWN area.

Watch out for visitors in Annie Gillis Park who are littering.

Increase patrols where homeless people gather, this includes but, not limited to, empty CRA lots, 731 building and Annie Gillis Park.

# Patrol of Hot Button Areas: Number of daily patrols made to key areas.

### Old Town/Fountain Square - constant PSC presence

Larkins Center- As needed.

731 Building Area –10 times per day

"Loop" area (9th-10th Ave) -5-10 times per day

FPI building/Jones Quarters land- hourly

Annie Gillis Park-Constant PSC presence

Former Grisham properties- Keep homeless from setting-up camp.

Saxon Wall- homeless hang-out/drugs/prostitution-constant patrol

Overall improvement from PSC/BSO/RaceTrac management working together to help keep the bus stop, at the NE corner of the RaceTrac store, clear of vagrants.

Our hot-spot was the bench area outside of the Haitian First Baptist Church, along MLK Boulevard. Again, it has become a favorite spot for homeless/vagrants to gather for illegal activities, mainly drugs, alcohol and sleeping.