



Downtown is One of the Safest Neighborhoods in Jacksonville

- **The crime rate in Downtown is significantly lower than the Duval County crime rate.** Crime in Downtown accounts for only 2% of the crime in Duval County. According to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Uniform Crime Report (UCR), the Duval County crime rate in 2009 was 58 per 1,000 population, while the UCR crime rate in Downtown in 2009 was 22 per 1,000 population (based on day time employment population¹).
- **Crime in Downtown continues to drop.** The number of incidents in Downtown declined 7% from 2009 to 2010.
- **The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office has more than 35 officers assigned to cover the Downtown area.** Additionally, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office regularly deploys extra officers Downtown for ongoing special events including community and holiday events, parades, races and football games.
- **Downtown Ambassadors - Your Safety and Hospitality Team.** The Downtown Ambassadors patrol 570 hours a week to make sure Downtown residents, employees and visitors feel extra safe. Downtown Ambassadors are available for employee escorts upon request during regular operating hours. To request an escort, contact the Downtown Ambassadors at 465-7980.
- **Downtown has one of the most active Sheriff's Advisory Councils (ShAdCo) in the city.** ShAdCo provides an opportunity for Downtown stakeholders to talk regularly with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office to discuss areas of concern. Additionally, there are a number of other neighborhood watch and community organizations involved in making Downtown a safe neighborhood.
- **Downtown is part of the Riverfront Enhancement Area, where it is illegal to panhandle and sleep on public property.** The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office has responded to concerns about Downtown safety and the perception of safety and has increased enforcement of nuisance ordinances.
- The **High Intensity Trespassing Zone** allows the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office to keep an eye on Downtown businesses or properties and address nuisance activity in the owner's absence.
- Our **Downtown Information & Safety Network** is an email network used to notify Downtown property owners about issues relating to Downtown safety and street closures.

For more information on Downtown safety, contact Downtown Vision's director of district services, Amy Harrell, at (904) 634-0303 x 224.

¹ Does not include residents, hotel guests or Downtown visitors.