Downtown is One of the Safest Neighborhoods in Jacksonville

- **The number of criminal incidents[1] per person in Downtown[2] is 64% lower than the total number of incidents per person in Duval County[3].** According to the Downtown Vision, Inc.'s calculations, the total number of criminal incidents per person in Duval County was .08 in 2011, while the total number of criminal incidents per person in Downtown was .03 (based on daytime employment population).

- **Criminal incidents in Downtown account for only 2% of the total number of criminal incidents in Duval County.**

- **The number of criminal incidents in Downtown continues to drop.** The number of criminal incidents in Downtown declined 15% from 2009 to 2011.

- **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 (904) 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, Inc.'s director of district services, Amy Harrell, at (904) 634-0303 ext 224.

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[1] Based on Jacksonville Sheriff's Office report of total number of criminal incidents in Downtown and Duval County in 2011.
[2] Based on Downtown daytime employment population reported by Nielsen Claritas. Does not include Downtown residents, hotel guests, visitors, or population fluctuations caused by attendance at special events.
[3] Based on total Duval County population reported by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

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