



MEMORANDUM

Date: 2/15/08
To: Deputy Fire Chief T.P. Hayes
From: Sandy F. Ellison, Fire Investigative Services Officer
Subject: Night Inspections

Night Inspections were conducted on 2/15/08. We were able to inspect four buildings containing nine club occupancies in a four hour period. The inspection team consisted of: Inspector Kelly Derasmo, Fire Investigative Services Officer Sandy Ellison, and Deputy Fire Chief Hayes. Gainesville Police Sergeant Dana Thompson also accompanied us during the Inspections.

The venue Balls had to be emptied at 0115 hours. It was our third visit, which the manager had failed to take control of his patron's access; he continued to allow the venue to be over the assigned limit by 30 or more total occupants. His posted occupant load was 78, which includes staff, security and patrons. With overcrowding being the main violation it took longer at each venue to explain and request compliance. Some of the common violations found during the inspections consisted of:

Club Name	Inspect. Date	Exit Light	Emergency Lights	Blocked Exits	Fire Extinguisher OOD	Over-crowding	Exit Obstructions	Open Flame	Com-bus Storage Issues	Remediation/Comments
Grill (Gator City)	2/15					X				Requested a hold on access for 3 minutes, then 2 out 1 in.
XS (Gator City)	2/15					X				Requested a hold on access for 3 minutes, then 2 out 1 in.
Billiard (Gator City)	2/15					x	x			Requested a hold on access for 3 minutes, then 2 out 1 in. Trip hazard out rear exit.
Grog House	2/15					X				Cited violation for follow-up.
Balls	2/15					X				After 3 visits bar emptied at 0115 hours, with GPD assistance.
Salty Dog	2/15					X				Re-post occupant load sign and obtain clickers for counts.
Copper Monkey (Gator Plaza)	2/15					X				Explained requirement for clicker count at the door.
Beer Pit (Gator Plaza)	2/15					X				Cited violations for follow-up
Swamp	2/15									No overcrowding issue.

On Monday (2/18/08) Fire Inspector Derasmo conducted Fire Safety Inspections of all of the venues in the Night Inspection with the exception of Balls and The Swamp, which where to be completed on Tuesday (2/19/08). During the inspections there was emphasis placed on crowd controls issue.

