

MEMORANDUM

Date:

1/28/08

To:

Deputy Fire Chief T.P. Hayes

From:

Sandy F. Ellison, Fire Investigative Services Officer

Subject:

Night Inspections

Night Inspections were conducted on 1/26/08. We were able to inspect twenty two buildings containing thirty two club occupancies in a four hour period. The inspection teams consisted of Team A: Inspector Kelly Derasmo, Fire Investigative Services Officer Sandy Ellison, Public Education Specialist Krista Gonzales and Sr. Staff Assistant Adrienne Baker; Team B: Inspector Steve Hesson, Deputy Fire Chief Hayes and Intern Deven Walther. Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers accompanied Team B from mid-night to two AM and stayed for the Hot Wash. Some of the common violations found during the inspections consisted of:

Club Name	Inspect. Date		Emer- gency Lights	Blocked Exits	Fire Ext guisher OOD	Over- crowding	Exit Obstruc- tions	Open Flame	Com-bus Storage Issues	Remediation/Comments
Mojito's	1/26									Did not have Crowd managers ID the club
238 West	1/28	×	x				×			4 clubs w/in building; only two we occupied. All were open at the tin Cited violations for follow-up. Als alarm issues.
Durty Nelly's	1/28					×				They were at capacity. One out one in instituted
Silver Q Platinum	1/28 Clos			х			x			Cited violation for follow-up. Needs Occupant load sign
Plasma	1/26	X	X	Х			X			Cited violation for follow-up
Rue Bar	1/26			х			х			Cited violations for follow-up.
The Venue	1/26									There appeared to be issues with the alarm system which will be addressed. Railings will need to installed.
Lillian's	1/26	X		X			х			Cited violations for follow-up
Fat Tuesday's	1/26	×					×			Cited violations for follow-up.
Bar One	1/26									Closed
Gothic Lounge	1/26	\vdash					X		X	Cited violations for follow-up.
Jewell's	1/26	×					X			Cited violations for follow-up.
Eight Seconds	1/28	777		х			X			Cited violations for follow-up.
Rehab	1/26	х							х	Sprinkler Inspection needed. Cite violations for follow-up.
Whiskey River	1/26					х		х		Cited violations for follow-up. At capacity
Moonshine	1/26						×			Closed. Stair well has to be cleared.
Decadence	1/26	-								No violations.
Side Bar	1/26	Х		Х						No Count, Cited violations for follow-up.
Speak Easy	1/26					Х		Х		Cited violations for follow-up
Stubbie's T-shirt bar	1/26									No violations.

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Atlantic	1/26	$\neg \tau$		X	Cited violations for follow-up.
Common Ground	1/26	X		x	Cited violations for follow-up
Jack's bar	1/26	X			Cited violations for follow-up
Market Street Pub	1/26	Х		X	Cited violations for follow-up
That Bar	1/26				No violations.
University Club	1/26	X	X		Cited violations for follow-up
Pontiac Tavern	1/26				closed
Wise Guys Remix	1/26				closed



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		Emer- gency Lights	Fire Ext guisher OOD	Over- crowding	Exit Obstruc- tions	Open Flame	Remediation/Comments
Grill (Gator City)	2/15				х			Requested a hold on access for 3 minutes, then 2 out 1 in.
XS (Gator City)	2/15				Х			Requested a hold on access for aminutes, then 2 out 1 in.
Billiard (Gator City)	2/15				×	×		Requested a hold on access for a minutes, then 2 out 1 in. Trip hazard out rear exit.
Grog House	2/15				Х			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				х			Explained requirement for clicker count at the door.
Beer Pit (Gator Plaza)	2/15	<u> </u>	-		X			Cited violations for follow-up
Swamp	2/15	5						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.

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