

MINUTES

CITY OF COCOA DISTRICT 4 TOWN HALL MEETING

October 16, 2018

The District 4 Town Hall Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at Fire Station #1, 1740 Dixon Blvd., Cocoa, Florida, as publicly noticed.

I. OPENING MATTERS:

Deputy Mayor Jeri Blanco called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

Present:	Jeri Blanco	Deputy Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Councilman
	Brenda Warner	Councilwoman
	Clarence Whipple, Jr.	Councilman
	John Titkanich, Jr.	City Manager
	Matt Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager
	Monica Arsenault	Assistant City Clerk

Absent:	Henry U. Parrish III	Mayor
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Other staff members present:

Ed Wegerif, Public Works Director; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Gene Prince, Fire Chief; Jonathan Lamm, Deputy Fire Chief; Karen Hamilton, Community Services Director; Rebecca Bowman, Finance Director; Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; and Mike Cantaloupe, Police Chief.

II. Discussion Topics

1. Department Presentations

Deputy Mayor Blanco introduced all staff members.

She reviewed statistics¹ for District 4 including the population, median household income, housing units, code cases, and percentages for workforce and education.

¹ Exhibit A: District 4 Town Hall Meeting Statistics Sheet

City Manager Titkanich shared information regarding population growth. He pointed out that the current population is 19,286 and has grown seventeen and a half percent since 2010.

He discussed the Ad Valorem Tax base and provided a historical review of valuations since FY08 when the recession hit.

He spoke in regard to the FY19 budget and broke down the General Fund revenue, Water/Sewer Fund revenue, and Stormwater Fund revenue by funding source. He shared the FY19 budget vs. the FY18 amended budget by department. Additionally, he explained the FY19 Water/Sewer Fund and Stormwater Fund budgets vs. the FY18 amended budget broken down by category.

City Manager Titkanich mentioned that the City had received an Excellence in Financial Reporting achievement award as well as an exceptional Moody's rating. In addition to those achievements, he shared recent projects in the City such as the Walmart Distribution Center, Wawa, Rocket Crafters, SunTrust, Flying J and Mike Erdman. He also shared information regarding incoming subdivisions and expansions such as Adamson Creek, Lakeside Palms and the Cottages at Cocoa.

He noted that the Dr. Joe Lee Smith Center is at forty percent design and the City is also in the process of getting the T-Docks back. He spoke in regard to the Stone Street Redevelopment Project, the Cottages at Cocoa and the gateway feature that will be located near City Hall.

City Manager Titkanich pointed out that there will be a second reading of the CRA Plan on October 24 at City Hall and encouraged all to attend to share their feedback. He mentioned information for additional upcoming events such as the Cocoa Village Art & Craft Fair, Government Week, the Fall Festival at Riverfront Park and the Cocoa/Rockledge Holiday Parade.

Lastly, he shared contact information and all media outlets for the City.

Ms. Linda Dolphin, Cocoa, asked for an update regarding sewer systems. In response, City Manager Titkanich stated that there have been discussions but not everyone wants to connect to City sewer and so Council action would be required. He also pointed out impact fees and costs.

A citizen inquired if the Cottages at Cocoa will consist of affordable housing. In response, City Manager Titkanich stated no but a nearby development will offer low to moderate housing.

Chief Cantaloupe provided a handout² showing incidents and cases in District 4 from January 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018. He also shared a handout³ regarding Code Enforcement activity in District 4 from January 1, 2018 to October 12, 2018.

He mentioned staff promotions and additions and shared that there is an additional SRO at Endeavor Elementary as well as a School Safety Specialist at Cambridge Elementary.

Chief Cantaloupe discussed traffic enforcement and enforcing sidewalk usage. In regard to safety, he added that the Cocoa Police Department has designated two parking spots for internet exchanges which is under surveillance.

He mentioned recent events such as the School Supply Drive, the K-9 Competition and the Gun Buy Back event where twenty-nine (29) guns were received and gift cards were given out in exchange. He added that the Toy Drive has begun and will end on November 16th. Donations will be accepted if anyone is interested.

Furthermore, he pointed out crime trends and noted that crime rates are continuing to decrease. He encouraged everyone to lock their car doors and house doors to prevent burglaries. He added that there is a camera registry and any home owners who have security cameras can register online with the Police Department to link their surveillance.

Lastly, he shared contact information for the Police Department and thanked everyone for being the biggest support system to the Police Department.

A citizen inquired about traffic light cameras. In response, Chief Cantaloupe shared the pros and cons of traffic lights and pointed out that they can cause an increase in rear-end crashes, video surveillance can be inaccurate, and tickets issued from outsourced companies can cause people to question the legalities of the tickets.

Mr. James Smith, Carleton Terrace, Cocoa, inquired about a crosswalk by the new convenience store on Michigan Avenue and US1. Mr. Wegerif and Chief Cantaloupe advised they would investigate the issue.

Chief Prince presented a power point⁴ presentation. He provided contact information for Fire Rescue staff and shared calls for service statistics. He noted that the average response time is 4.39 minutes and pointed out the locations of the three new fire stations.

² Exhibit B: Cocoa Police Department District 4 Incidents & Cases Report

³ Exhibit C: Code Enforcement District 4 Activity Report

⁴ Exhibit D: Fire Station Statistics

He discussed new challenges the Fire Department faced in 2018 and what challenges they face in the future. He explained that some of the challenges include meeting increasing demands for service, maintaining an ISO 3 rating, responding to the 613,000 square foot building that is now the Walmart Distribution Center, and potential impacts from Brightline trains which could be as many as thirty (30) per day. He pointed out that the lowest ISO rating is ten (10) and this affects homeowners' insurance and fire insurance for businesses.

Mr. Smith inquired about leak detection sensors at the Walmart Distribution Center and evacuation plans for residents. In response, Deputy Fire Chief Lamm explained that when preliminary drawings were submitted the Fire Department required additional sensors on both the inside and outside of the building as well as extra shut off valves. He also shared that there is an evacuation plan for residents.

Mr. Larry Koss, Indian River Dr., Cocoa, inquired about blue detectors that signal fire hydrants and who to contact if there are hydrants that do not have them. In response, Chief Prince advised him to reach out to the Fire Department.

Mr. Walsh provided a power point presentation⁵. He shared information regarding the six (6) divisions in the Utilities Department. He discussed potable water statistics and shared information about the sewer system.

Mr. Jake Williams, Cocoa, inquired about collapsing streets where pipes have been re-lined. In response, Mr. Walsh stated that in the nine (9) years he's been with the City of Cocoa and in the twelve (12) miles of pipes that have been re-lined he has never seen this happen.

Lastly, Mr. Walsh shared contact information for the Utilities Department.

Mr. Smith asked if hydrants expend potable water or reclaimed water. In response, Mr. Walsh answered potable water.

Ms. Dolphin inquired about the sulfur smell that happens when water hasn't been turned on for a period of time. In response, Mr. Walsh explained that if a homeowner does not use their water for a period of time the water that has been stuck in the pipes must be flushed. He pointed out that water pressure runs a little harder in Cocoa for various reasons but added that most older homes have copper pipes and after a while the "hard water" will leave a calcium residue which acts as a barrier between the water and copper pipes.

⁵ Exhibit E: Utility Department Statistics

Mr. Williams inquired about reclaimed water in Fern Meadows. In response, Mr. Walsh explained that there is no reclaimed water west of I-95.

Mr. Koss inquired if there are any plans to expand reuse water. In response, Mr. Walsh stated that there are no current plans to expand but if a neighborhood wanted to connect to it they would have to pay a portion of the cost.

Mr. Wegerif spoke in regard to the Public Works Department. He noted that state road maintenance is not paid for by the City. He mentioned the construction on Clearlake Road and shared FDOT's three (3) levels of process which include design, right of way acquisition and construction. He shared information about the widening of SR528 mentioned that the right of way acquisition is slated for 2024.

Additionally, Mr. Wegerif noted several projects taking place such as the Cocoa Connector, the Heart of Cocoa Meeting Room, the Baffle Box project and the Stone Street project. He briefly spoke in regard to stormwater issues happening in Broadmoor Acres and shared that the City is working on resolving the issue. Lastly, he shared that the staff is working with FPL to upgrade some of the lights in the City to LED.

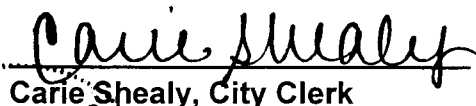
In closing, Council thanked all for coming and thanked staff for sharing important information.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

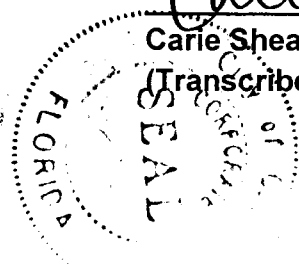
- * **The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.**


Henry U. Parrish III, Mayor

ATTEST:


Carrie Shealy, City Clerk

(Transcribed by Monica Arsenault, Assistant City Clerk)



District 4 Town Hall Meeting



POPULATION

4,468



MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD
INCOME

\$29,746



WORKFORCE

39.6

Average Age

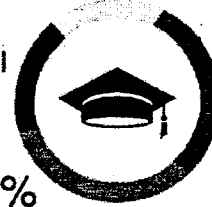
7.6%

Unemployment Rate

EDUCATION 13%

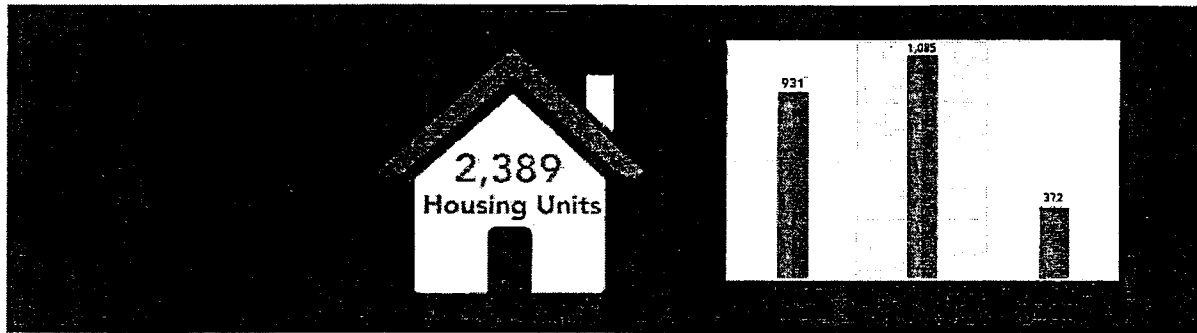
Bachelor's/Grad/Prof Degree

17%
No High School
Diploma



40%
Some College

30%
High School Graduate



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Total number of
FY 2019 Public Works
and Utilities projects



91

Total number of code
cases since January 1st
34 still active, 7 code
board cases, 57 complied
cases, 10 cases w/running
liens, 2 lien reductions

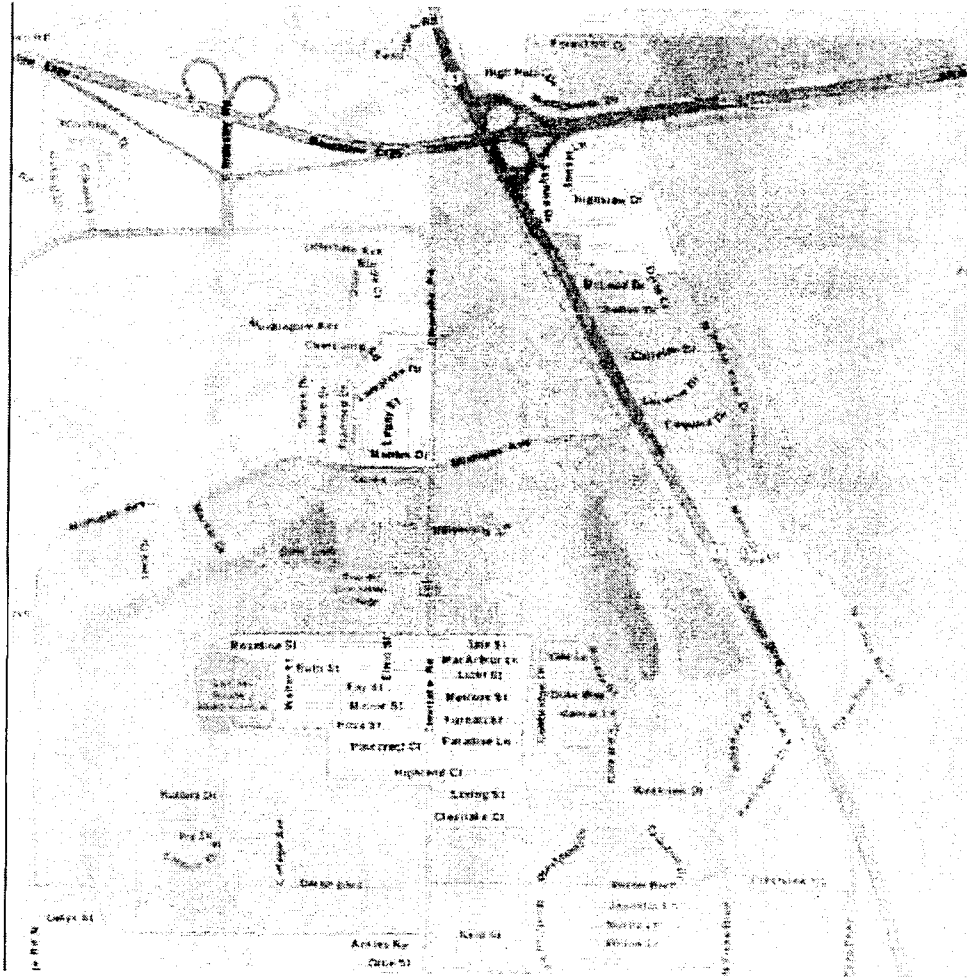


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Total number of new
businesses that have
opened in Dist 4
since January 1st
(List on back)

*Data estimates based on 2010 US Census

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List of New Businesses that have opened in District 4 since January 1, 2018:

- Space Coast Aerospace Services, LLC, 1970 Michigan Ave. - New
- Melendez Premier Services Inc., 1209 Columbia Way - New
- Nobility Maintenance, Inc., 1420 Stetson Cir. North - New
- L & D Landscaping & Designs, LLC, 2203 Dartmouth Dr. - New
- LA Favorita Inc., DBA Magical Decorations For Parties, 1906 Furman Ct. - New
- Elipsis Engineering & Consulting, 1970 Michigan Ave. - New
- Domino's Pizza #3130, 1620 Clearlake Rd. - New
- Wilson Palacios Lawn Service, 1212 Westview Dr. - New

List of FY 2019 Public Works and Utilities Projects:

- Michigan Ave. Force Main and Reclaim (US1 to Clearlake)
- Dixon Blvd. Sidewalk

SR-528 Update

The SR-528 project is currently in the design phase. FDOT anticipates the funding for the right of way acquisition to occur in 2024. Representatives from FDOT have provided a written statement to indicate no homes in the City of Cocoa will be taken for the purposes of expanding the roadway.



Cocoa Police Department District 4 Incidents & Cases Report



-Methodology-

Data Source: Aegis MSP Law Enforcement Records

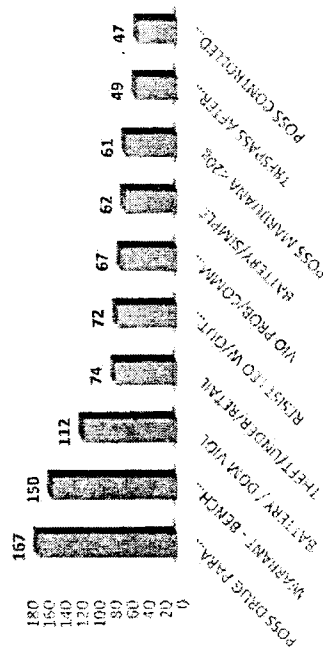
Date Range: January 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018

Data Analyzed: Incidents, Cases and Arrests

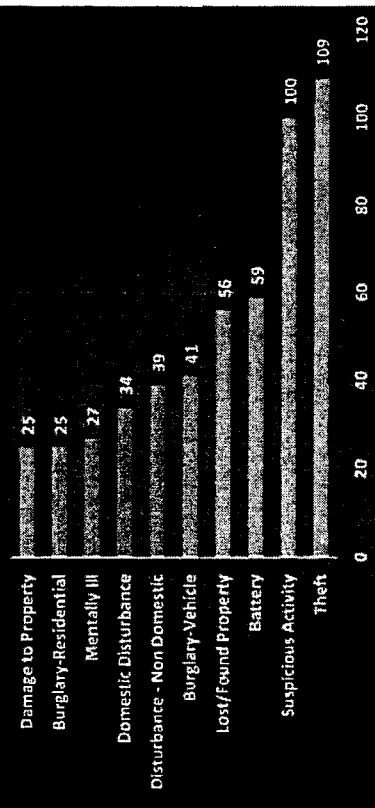
Analyst Notes The table and graphs below illustrate totals of Incidents, Arrests and Cases generated from District 4 from January 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018.

Year	Incidents (Patrol Checks NOT included)	Cases	Arrests/ Capias Request
2018	6,768	791	183

District 4 Top 10 Arrest(s) Charges



Top 10 Cases by Type

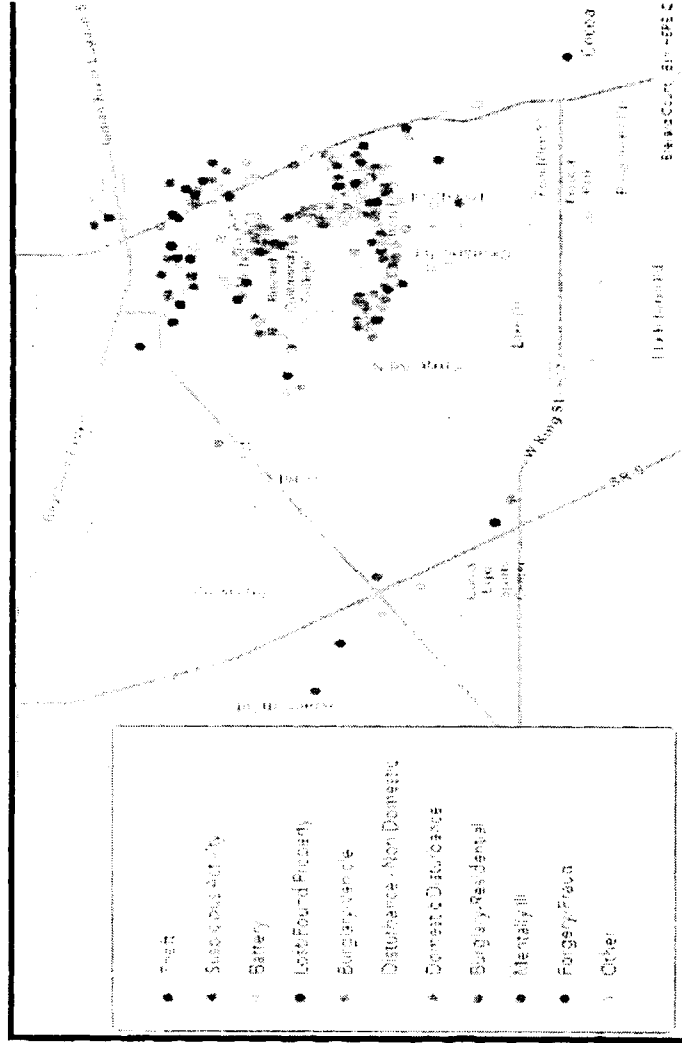
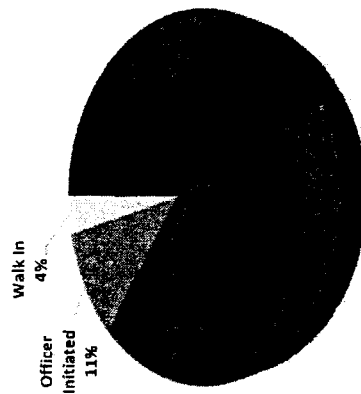


Source: Aegis MSP (Law Enforcement Records), Monthly UCR Reporting Form
Originator: Dalaiya Henson, Law Enforcement Analyst

District 4 Activity Findings

- 791 (12%) of incidents became cases.
- 504 (64%) of cases are closed.
- There were a total of 183 (36%) cases closed with an arrest(s) or capias request(s).
- 58% of cases closed with an arrest or capias request were generated from Thefts(47), Battenys(25), Suspicious Incidents(12), Trespassing(12) and Traffic Stops(11).

District 4 Case Source



NOTE: The cases totals are based on data that has been merged into Aegis as of (10/12/18). The total number of cases are subject to change if new case reports are merged after this report was completed.

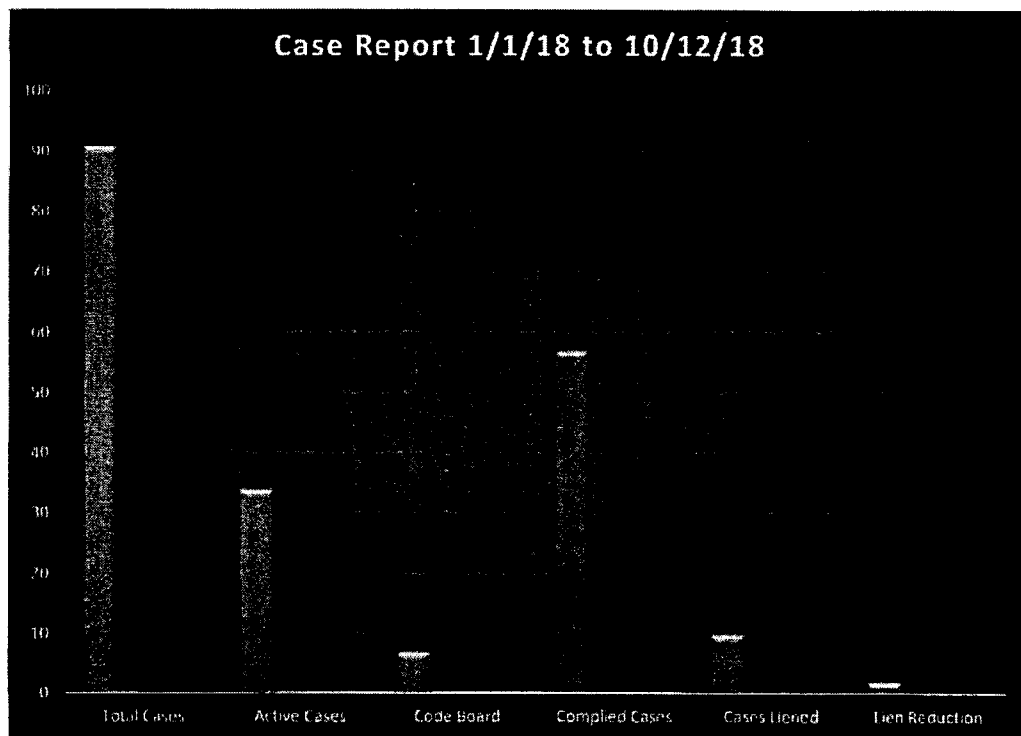
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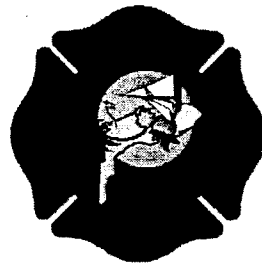
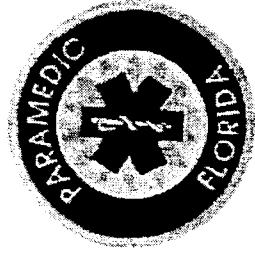


Report
Code Enforcement District 4
Activity Report
1/1/18 to 10/12/18

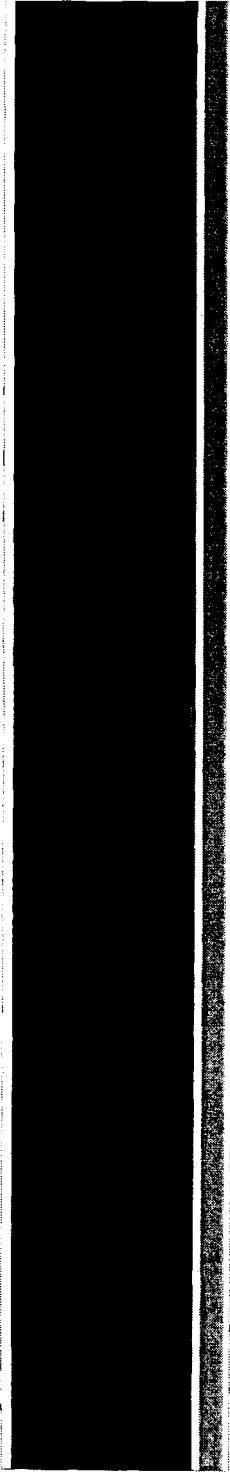


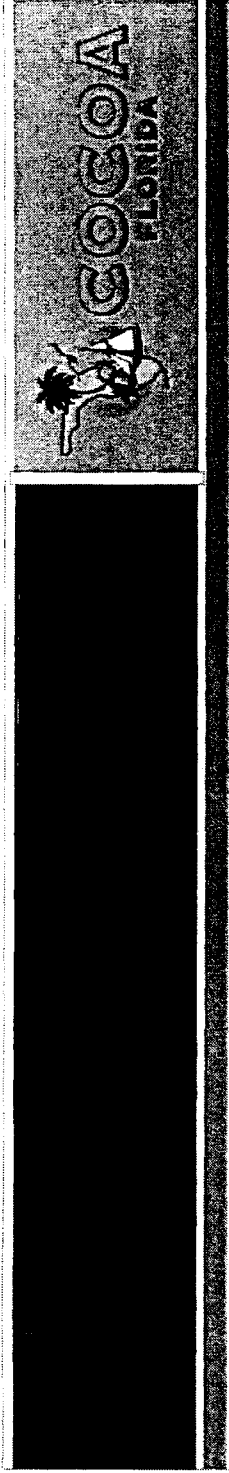
Total Cases	91
Active Cases	34
Code Board Cases	7
Complied Cases	57
Case with Running Liens	10
Lien Reductions	2



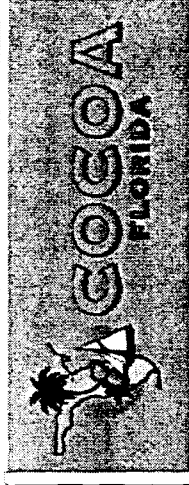


Gene Prince
Fire Chief





- Fire Suppression
- Fire Safety Education and Prevention
- Advance Life Support (ALS) Medical Services
- Hazardous Materials 1st Response
- Mutual-Aid and Auto-Aid with Rockledge and Brevard County



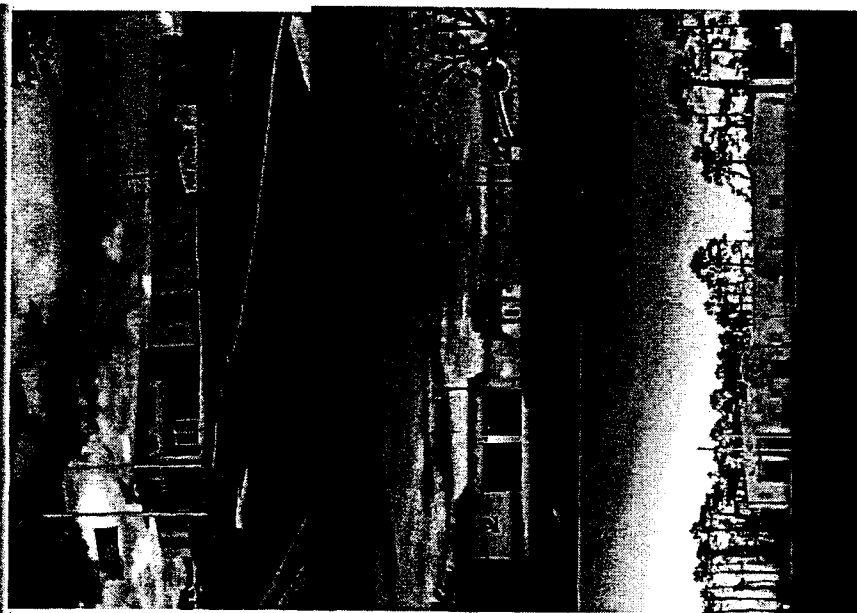
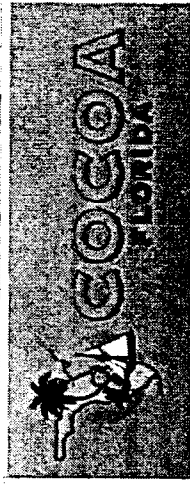
- 42 Emergency Response Personnel
- Each member is dual certified as a Firefighter and an EMT or Paramedic
- Four personnel in Fire Administration
- 3 Fire Stations
- 3 front line Fire and Advance Life Support EMS response units



Calls For Service

2018	4101	10 months of 2018
2017	5365	1% increase over 2016
2016	5297	9% increase over 2015
2015	4866	6% increase over 2014
2014	4570	6% increase over 2013





- **Administration & Station 1**

- 1740 Dixon Blvd

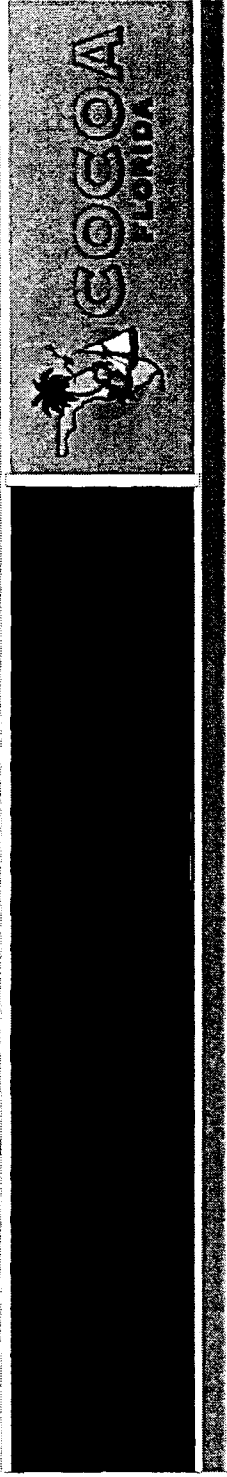
- **Station 2**

- 300 Brunson Blvd

- **Station 3**

- 3505 HWY 524

- Ambulances are operated by Brevard County and are located in Cocoa, West Cocoa, Rockledge, Canaveral Groves & Merritt Island.



- Meeting increase demands for service
- Response to the 613,000 square feet Walmart Distribution Center
- Brightline - high speed passenger train. Two tunnels, 1 - 603 feet long and 1- 205 feet long will be in the City limits of Cocoa. 30 trains a day 5 rail crossings in the City at 100 + mph.
- Maintaining ISO 3 rating -

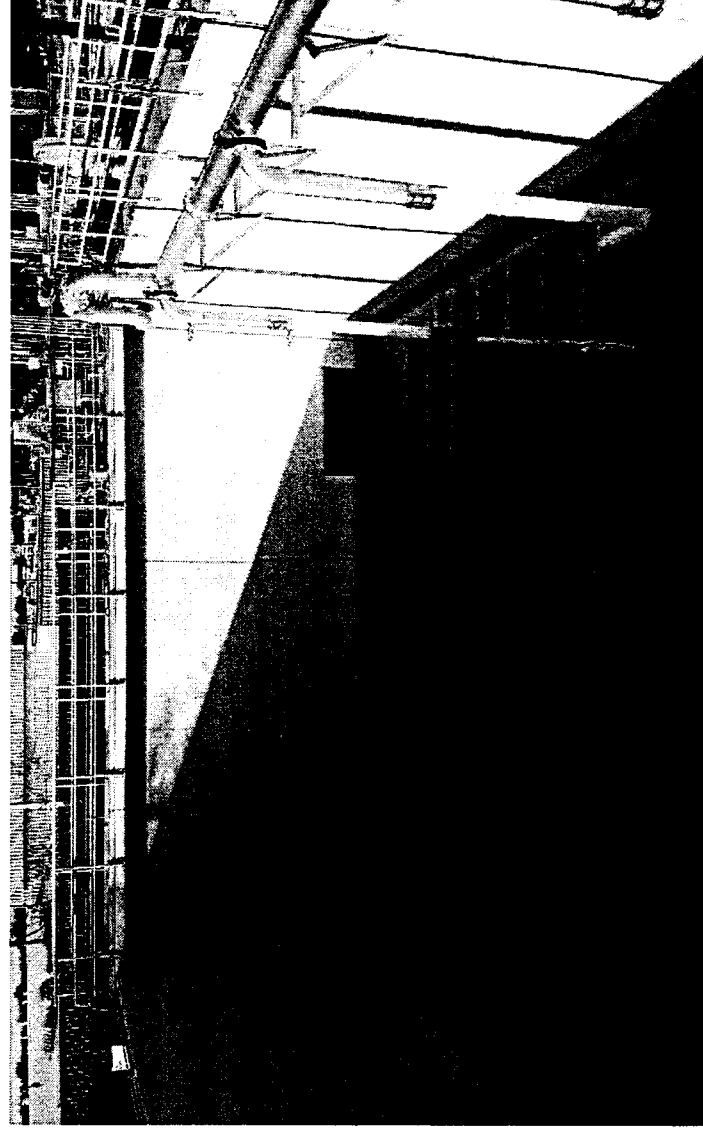




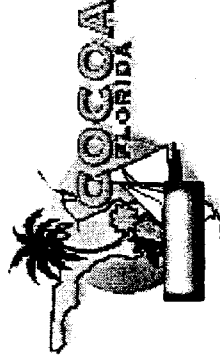
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Utilities Department



Jack Walsh, P.E.
Utilities Director

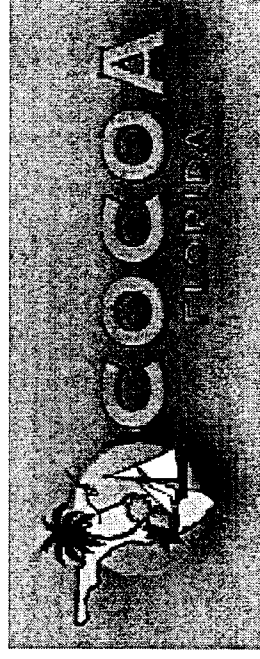


Divisions

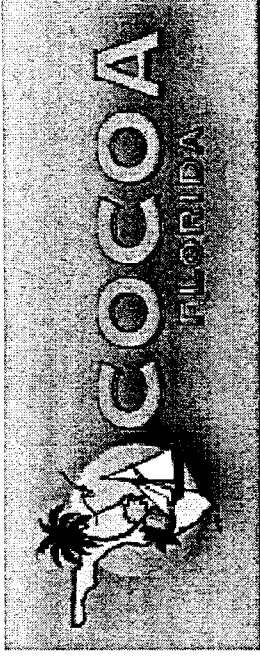
- Dyal Plant
- Sellers Plant
- Water Field Operations



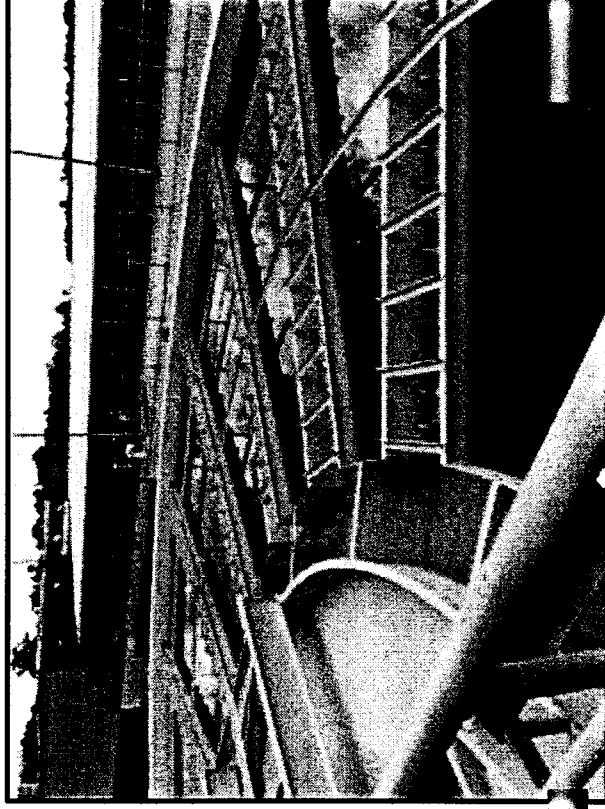
- Sewer Collections
- Engineering
- Administration/Laboratory



Potable Water System



- 1,300+ miles of transmission and distribution piping
- 20,400 water valves
- 6,300 hydrants
- 83,000 meters/connections
- 280,000 +/- customers
- 268 square miles of service area
- 22 MGD average flows
- 48 ground water wells



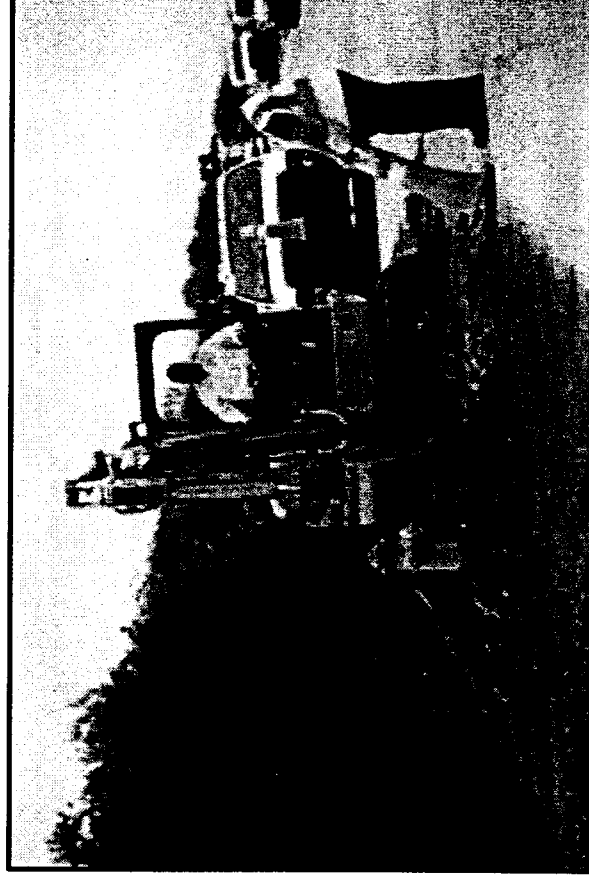
Sewer System



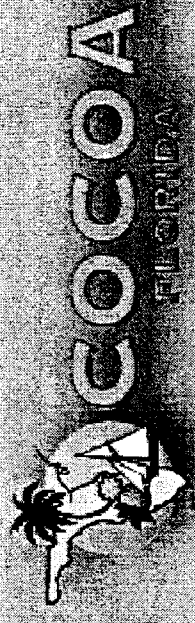
- 61 miles of gravity mains and 35 miles of force mains
- 53 lift stations
- 6,800 connections
- 11 square miles of service area
- 1.8 MGD average flows



- Reclaim Water
 - 73 miles reclaim distribution piping
 - 2,070 customers

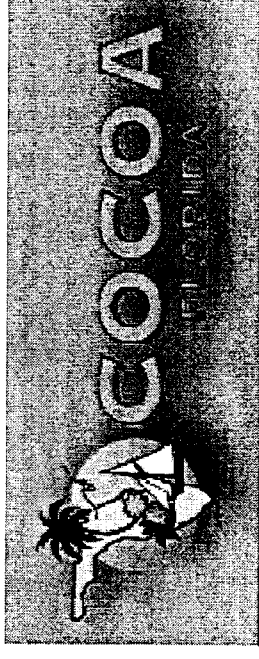


System Highlights 2018



- Dyal
 - 5.5 Billion gallons pumped (through June)
 - 21.3 MGD average day flows (August)
- Seller Plant
 - 2.0 MGD average day flows
 - FDEP Waste Water Permit Renewal (complete) ✓
- Field Operations
 - 13,290 work orders completed in FY 18
 - ~3,000 system valve assessments completed FY18
 - 11,781 l.f. of gravity sewer has been slip lined in FY18 (over 66K total)
 - ~20,000 l.f. of gravity sewer mains cleaned in FY18

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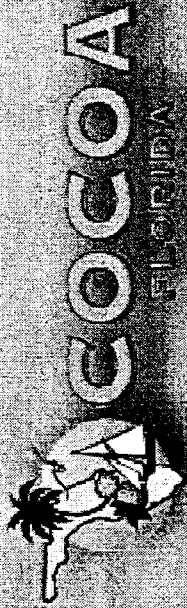
▪ Engineering

- Dyal Surface Water Clearwell Complete ✓
- TTHM Water Quality Study Complete ✓
- Sellers MCC 1-6 construction – 37% complete
- Sellers FDEP Permit Renewal – Complete ✓

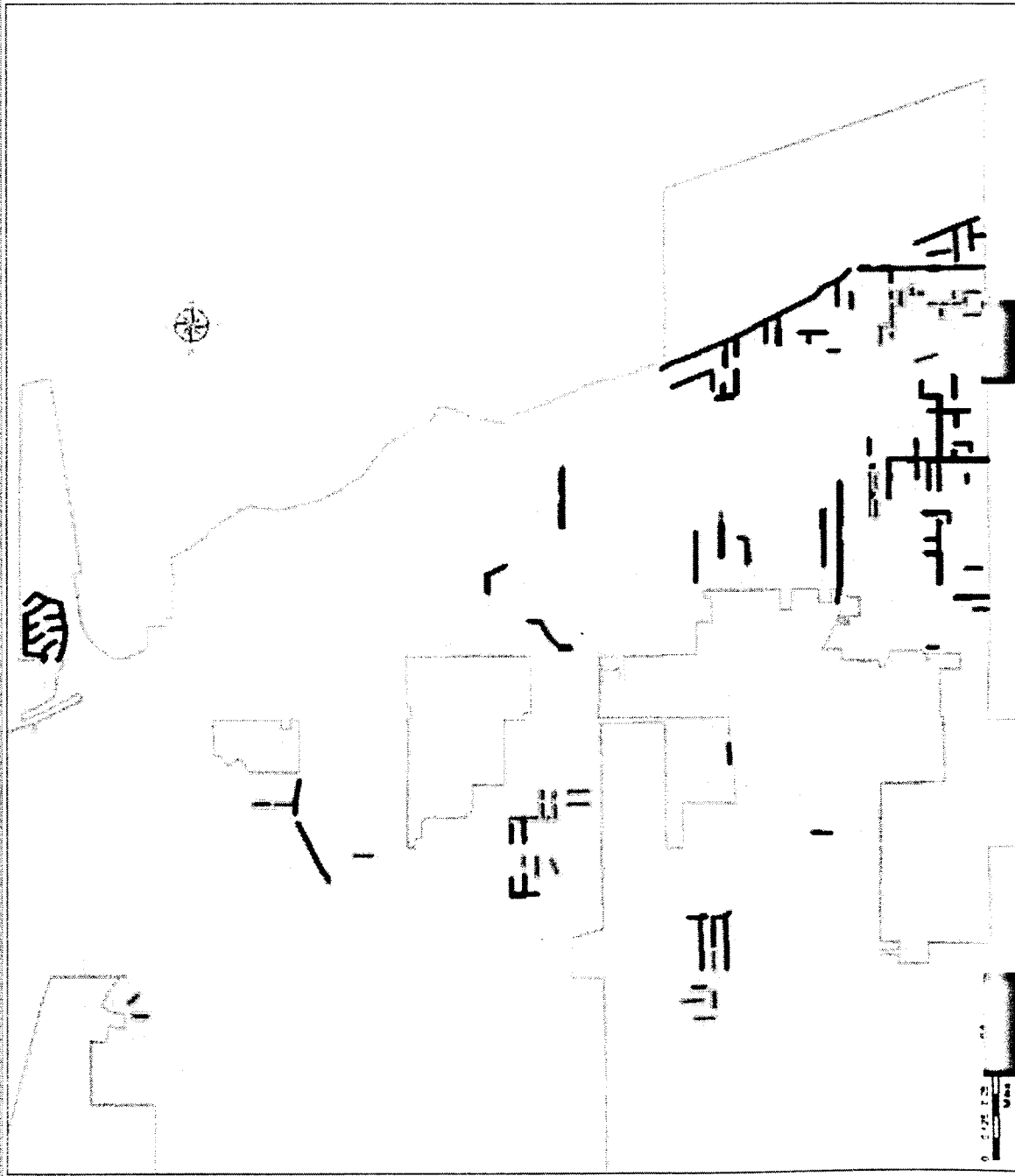
▪ Laboratory

Testing for UCMR 4 (Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule) such as cyanotoxins, brominated haloacetic acids will be complete in December 2019

System Highlights 2018



Gravity Sewer Main Lining 2008-2018



Year Segments Lined

2018 (44)

Lined Segments

2008 thru 2017 (204)

Lined Segments

CocoaBoundary

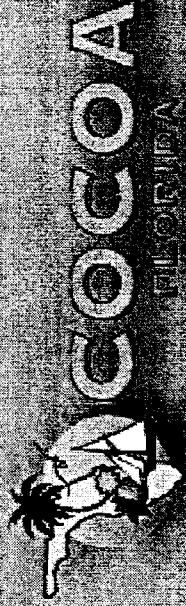
2018

11,781 Feet of main lined

2008 - 2017

54,947 Feet of main lined

System Highlights 2018



FY18 Cross-Connection Control Activities

WFO - Residential/Commercial External Field Work Orders (AFC), **441**

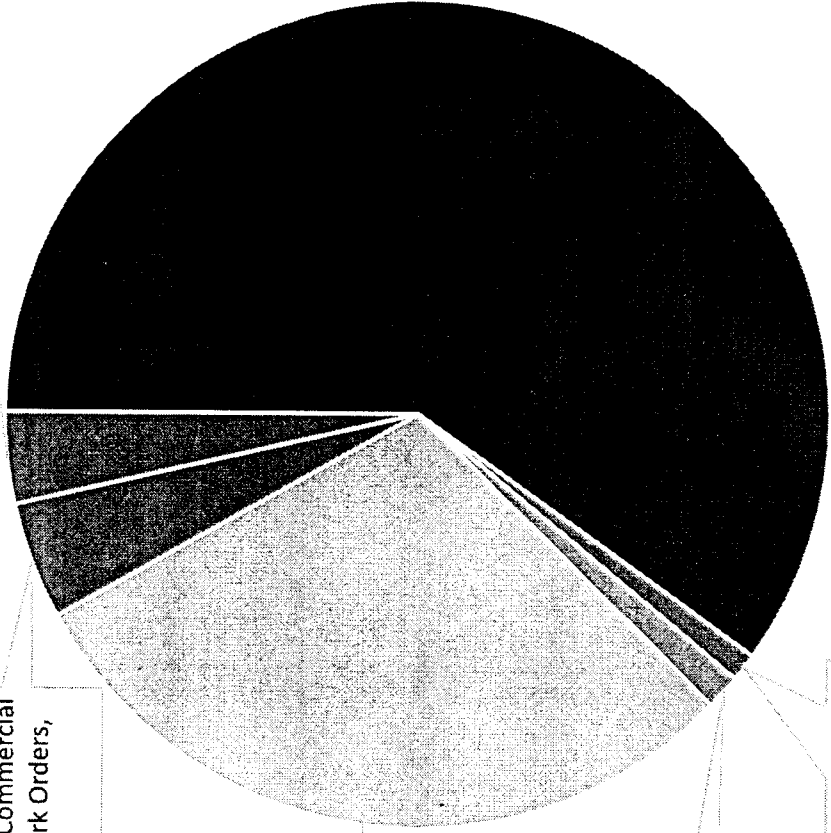
WFO - Residential/Commercial
Internal Field Work Orders,
560

Residential Dual Check
Replacements, **3,594**

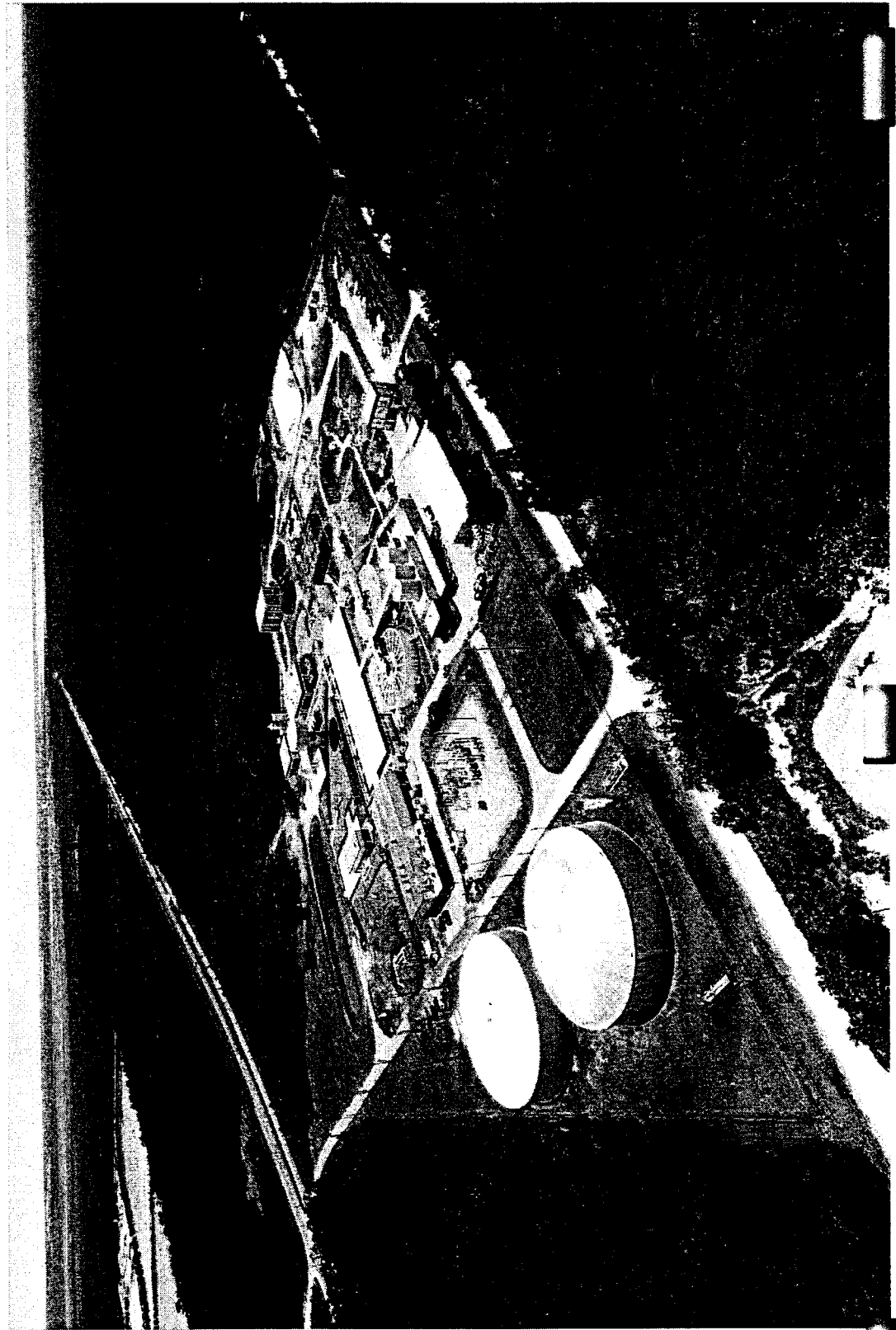
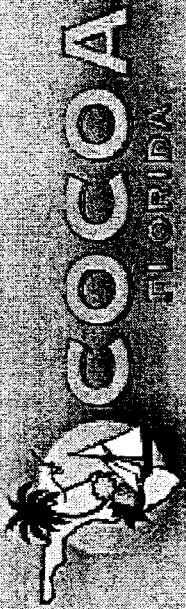
Fireline Repairs &
Replacements, **166**

Regulatory Surveys, **134**

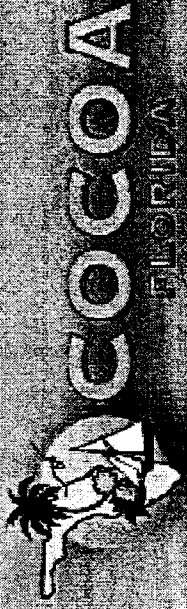
Regulatory Tests (Commercial &
Residential), **7,289**



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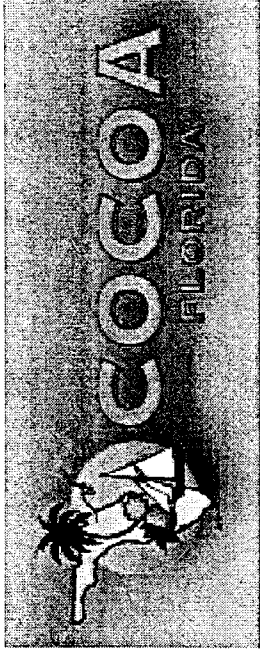


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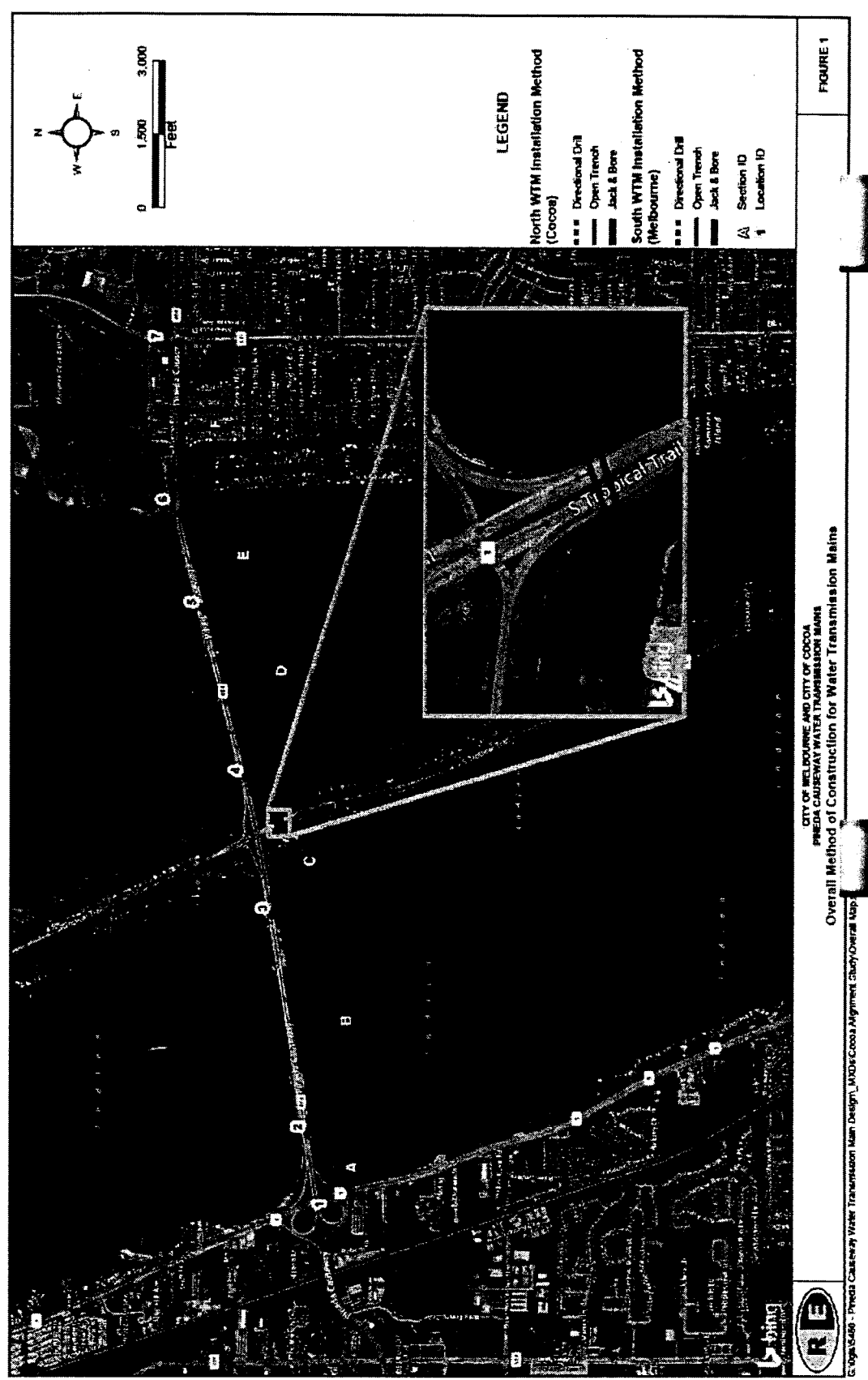
New Clear Well



System Highlights 2018



Pineda Causeway
Joint Design Underway



Contact Information

- Cocoa Utilities: (321) 433-8700
- Customer Service: (321) 433-8400
- After Hours Emergency
 - (321) 433-8400

CocoaWaterWorks.com

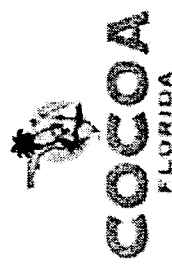
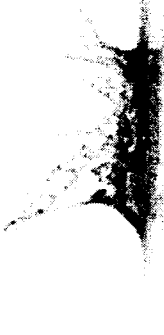
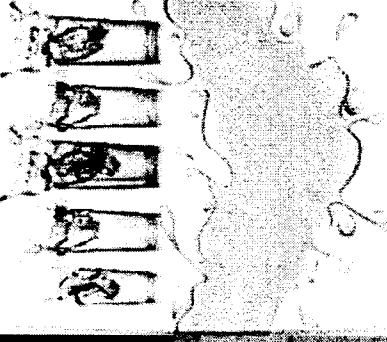
We Protect Water Resources and the Environment

Cocoa Water Utilities...

has the capacity to store nearly a Billion gallons of water...

We have a long history of providing the highest quality water to our customers.

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Serving Customers Throughout the Region

- Cocoa
- Cape Beech
- Cape Canaveral
- Canaveral Port Authority
- Viera
- Port St. John
- Rockledge
- Merritt Island
- Canaveral Groves
- A large portion of unincorporated Central Brevard County
- Titusville
- The Chief Clubhouse
- Patrick Air Force Base
- Cape Canaveral Air Force

Smart Water Mgt.



Taylor Creek provides up to 8.8 million gallons of water for Cocoa and our customers.



We produce about 2 million gallons of reclaimed water. For every gallon of reclaimed water that's used, we save a gallon of potable water.



Our conservation program includes managing stormwater and reclaimed water. When it's abundant, we store it in lakes and ponds, creating habitat. When it's dry, we can use the stored water for irrigation, instead of potable water.

20 Years

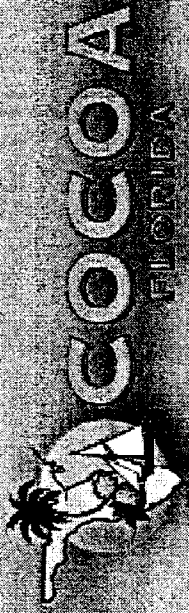
40 Years

60 Years

80 Years



City of Cocoa



Questions...