

## DELRAY BEACH GREEN TASK FORCE

### EMPLOYEE IDEAS

My name is Lieutenant William Marino. I work for our city's Fire-Rescue. I have noticed over the years that each Dept has to distribute mail . Our Dept distributes mail by having each Fire Truck go to our Fire headquarters to pickup and drop off mail each day. Fire-Rescue has tried going paperless. some forms need signatures and so on - so we have to go in .....We currently have 6 fire stations. Our Fire Trucks probably get 5 miles to the gallon. Not only do we waste fuel, emit greenhouse gases, but units are taken out of there responding district.

Just throwing some math around - that would mean 5 stations delivering mail (one station is at headquarters)

5 station = one round trip a day for a year = 1825 round trips

5 station - about 2 miles from headquarters = 20 miles a day

20 miles a day x 365 days a year = 7300 miles a year

based on 5 miles per gallon = 1460 gallons a year

based on \$5.00 per gallon = \$7300 in fuel just to deliver mail

\*\*\* I believe some stations are further then 2 miles\*\*\* so say 10 grand to deliver mail just for Fire-Rescue.

I believe an alternative fuel vehicle staffed by volunteers can not only deliver Fire-Rescue mail but all dept's mail . This may help save cost of fuel, emissions, and keep staff in there respected areas of work. Just a thought !! your welcome to call me at 954-261-8694

Tele Conferencing is another way for people to stay at there desks. We are looking into this for our Fire Stations - it would keep our Station officers in there zones using less fuel for meetings at Fire HeadQuarters.

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FYI – We are now recycling one hundred percent of any obsolete car seats which make their way into our program. Talk to you later, HAL

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At the fire stations, we use several non-environment-friendly cleaners to do our daily chores. Included are Lysol, Pinesol, 409, glass cleaner, furniture polish, bleach, Clorox toilet bowl cleaner, Tylex. We have a toilet bowl cleaner that is "green," and we have jugs of Simple Green around the station, but it seems that most people tend to grab what is easiest and most available at the time.

I suggest that we get rid of the harsh cleaners and instead use the Simple Green for all our cleaning. I think it would be cheaper too, since the product comes in a 1 gallon container. To make a diluted cleaner for the laminated furniture and all counter tops, we would just have to mix the product with water in a squirt bottle.

To save energy, (and this is a no-brainer!) we should all make an effort to shut the lights off after we leave the room. We tend to leave all sorts of unnecessary lights on at the station, like in the bathrooms and in the gym when we aren't using them.

Lastly, all stations are responsible for picking up their mail every day. More often than not, we use the engine to do the "mail run." To save money on fuel, (and to reduce our carbon footprint!) why not have a CERT member or volunteer make the rounds with the mail every day? If they are not available, perhaps we could use someone who is on light duty.

I am happy to see that Delray is making such a great effort to go green!

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No one seems to know about the free shuttle. Notify local businesses to let people know about shuttle, no one at the Marriott even tells guests about using the shuttle. It is a shame. 99% of the people that go the beach or eat at the beach don't utilize or even know anything about the shuttle service....they know no other option than to drive up and down and up and down waiting for someone to leave

...giving off car fumes all day...maybe the city needs to reeducate the business and/or put up signs....

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I am the Neighborhood Planner for the Neighborhood Services Division – in the Community Improvement Department (Lula Butler, Director). My direct responsibility lies with established neighborhoods that are in the transitional phase and need some TLC and recruit residents to take part in re-building through active participation and commitment. I also oversee the Neighborhood Resource Center and our Litter Prevention Coordinator.

- Install sensor lights in bathrooms and meeting/conference rooms. The cost may appear to be substantial upfront; however the city should see a savings on electricity relatively quickly. Also, talking with several employees, they wouldn't mind less florescent lighting in their work space. Have Public Works building maintenance personnel reduce the number of bulbs lit in a work space – if the employee requests it (I have and my workspace is a calmer area).
- Increase the a/c temperature in city facilities a few degrees that are not required to be at a specific temperature due to equipment. I know of several employees that either wear sweaters/jackets or use space heaters on a daily basis.
- When a department must send correspondence in hard copy to others, either require or stress the need to double side copy – reducing the amount of paper we use. Also, if correspondence is necessary for all employees, the department sending the information should email the information to the support staff along with the department head – noting if the department has employees that do not have access to email – please post for those individuals and if necessary - print. Again, reducing the waste of paper and use of expensive toner (I believe some departments use this approach at this time, but not all).
- Look into installing new paper towel dispensers in the bathrooms and kitchens in city hall. They are inefficient, when a person pulls for one paper towel several come out, some making their way to the floor or directly in the attached trash container.
- Send reminders to all employees the importance of recycling “clean material” noting some correspondence may need to be shredded first. Also remind employees to empty their recycling containers on a daily basis (the contracted cleaning company will not do it – they combine trash cans and recycling bin material into one and throw it away).

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It seems that most of us have recycle bins by our desk, but it is a waste of time for us to use them because the cleaning people pick up both the garbage can and the recycle bin and dump into one garbage bag. We need a better recycling system for paper we do have a lot of waste no matter where we try to cut back on printing.

Lights I don't know how expensive it is but have the sensors installed on some rooms that are not used all the time so the light comes on only when someone is in the room. The finance department has at least 3 rooms this way and maybe a 4<sup>th</sup>.

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I see TONS of paper, plastic, aluminum, glass etc thrown away on a daily basis. There's no means for employees to recycle. How could we recycle so that solid waste picks it up just like they do for residential?

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My suggestion is to cut back to 4 day work weeks to save on fuel costs and energy consumption at the City.

Thanks,

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I may have additional suggestions at a later date but one I was just discussing is the implementation of a 4 day work week for those employees who could fulfill their duties without impacting city services.

Also, some employees may be able to work from home 1 or 2 days per week.

Both efforts would conserve fuel resulting in a greener Delray Beach .

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