

## **Decontaminations Standards for Meth Houses (Ordinance 2006-590-E)**

### **Situation:**

This was a two pronged problem.

- Jacksonville Code and Building Inspectors were being exposed to hazardous materials while inspecting these structures after the meth labs were dismantled.
- The hazardous materials used in the production of meth and the contamination it creates in homes, hotel rooms, apartments and the need for proper disposal of the hazardous household furniture, A/C units and dry wall. Setting the household items out on the curb subjected the public at large to the contaminated items as well as the resale or rental of the structure.

### **Process:**

I introduced legislation to create measurable decontamination standards for these meth houses. This legislation defined proper removal and disposal requirements of items and structures within the home that protected the public at large.

### **Results:**

The legislation also protects unsuspecting buyers or renters from exposure to hazardous structures. This legislation created a list that would identify these structures (homes, apartments, hotel rooms, etc) and provided a way to remove them from the list when the structures were inspected and met the decontamination standards set forth in the legislation.