

Retirement Recognition

Don Gandy

Don Gandy began his career with the City of Orlando in the Sanitation Department on October 16, 1977. His first assignment was to work in the container maintenance shop cleaning and sanding dumpsters. He then joined the residential crew that served the Virginia Drive and Mills area.

On April 25, 1982 while collecting garbage at the corner of Rockledge and Conway Rd a bag of garbage he was lifting was hit by lightning. The lightning traveled through the bag and up his arm. He was treated at the emergency room at ORMC. To his supervisor's surprise he returned to work the next morning. Old time garbage men are hard to keep of the job. Don took this as a sign that he should focus on being a driver. He completed driver training that same year.

Mr. Gandy drove Commercial trucks for nearly 5 years, Residential trucks for 3 years, and claw truck until 1999, when he was asked to assist the Division in improving our vehicle readiness as a service coordinator. His efforts yielded great results as our truck availability improved significantly.

A year and a half later he was promoted to supervisor and served the residents east and south of downtown for more than 10 years until his retirement.

I am honored to present an employee that has devoted more than 35 years to improving the quality of life for the residents of a city he loves, Mr. Don Gandy.