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## Boston Police recognize three for cleanup efforts around Allston

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Three individuals were recognized by the Allston-Brighton police precinct for their assistance in tackling neighborhood issues like graffiti, litter, and broken windows.

Newly appointed District D-14 Captain Wayne Lanchester presented “A District 14 Appreciation to: Lena McCarthy, a Boston University student who has assisted in neighborhood issues and painted several murals in Allston and Brighton; William Fitzpatrick, a member of the city’s Public Works Department, who has assisted in neighborhood issues and with a diversion program for student offenders; and Willie Dupree, an investigator for the city’s transportation department who has worked closely with police in deploying traffic control devices to eliminate dangerous road conditions,” said a statement from Boston Police.

“All three awardees are District 14 partners that have assisted in reducing litter and the fear of crime, their assistance has been invaluable in fixing broken windows,” the statement said.

Many police forces around the country have subscribed to the “**broken windows**” theory since it was popularized in 1982. But, in recent years, research has challenged the validity and effectiveness of the theory.

The “broken windows” theory contends that people are more likely to commit crimes in areas that, because of smashed windows, trash and rebel graffiti, look neglected – the idea that the appearance of disorder leads to more crime.

