

The Posting

A TLMA Code Enforcement Monthly Newsletter



Mission Statement

"To enhance Public Safety and improve the quality of life in Riverside County, through proactive and timely code enforcement actions."



California State Capitol

Mr. Orr Goes to Sacramento

On May 1, 2007, Jay Orr, Code Enforcement Director, gave testimony before the California State Assembly Judiciary Committee relative to **Assembly Bill 679**. This bill, sponsored by Assemblyman John Benoit, will assess the costs of site cleanup against the convicted dumper. All monies collected pursuant to this bill will be deposited with the jurisdiction responsible for the successful prosecution, to be used to fund future illegal dumping enforcement activities. "Illegal dumping is occurring in epidemic proportions but current law makes it nearly impossible to recover the cost of cleanup," said Assemblyman Benoit, California Chronicle, May 14th, 2007. On May 10th, the bill passed the Assembly by a vote of 73-0 and has been referred to the Senate committee on rules for further assignment. **James P. Monroe**

Mead Valley Cleanup

In just 4 hours, over 64 tons of waste was collected at the Mead Valley Spring Cleanup. The event was held Saturday, April 28, 2007, at Tomas Rivera Middle School. Close to 140 Mead Valley residents turned out to dispose of their trash. Drivers from Waste Management of the Inland Empire worked diligently to keep the event running smoothly. There were over 23 County of Riverside staff representing the following departments: Economic Development Agency, Environmental Health, Waste Management, Transportation, Sheriff, and Code Enforcement that helped to make this event a success. These events help to create pride, build relationships between community residents and County agencies, and encourage participation in one's community. Rounding out this event's success was the participation of over 15 community volunteers who helped by distributing supplies, checking-in residents, and manning the bins. **Angelica Olivo**



Residents of Mead Valley wait with their truckload.



Officer Alex Rodriguez Barrios with his parents.

Badge Ceremony

On May 3, 2007, the Code Enforcement Department swore in 11 new officers. At the ceremony, Director Jay Orr spoke to the audience about ethics and morals. He explained that Code Enforcement Officers should "conduct themselves in their public and private lives as an example to all" and Code Enforcement Officers should behave in such a manner that does not bring discredit to themselves or the department. After taking the Constitutional Oath, each officer received their badge. **Mike Bowles**



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Jurupa Cleanup in District 2

Saturday, May 12th, 2007, was a shining day for the communities in the Second District! With massive collaborative efforts between Supervisor Tavaglione's Office and the Youth Advisory Committee, Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc., Department of Environmental Health, Economic Development Agency, Western Riverside Council Of Governments, Department of Code Enforcement, Department of Transportation, Jurupa Unified School District, Patriot High School band members, Jurupa Valley Volunteer Groups, and several other members of the community, the Jurupa Valley Community Cleanup was a tremendous success.

Over 80 volunteers took time out of their busy schedules to participate in cleaning up the community. Approximately 400

vehicles passed through, bringing over 100 tons of old tires, furniture, TVs, electronic waste, and other household waste. Special thanks goes to Cook Barela, Juan Chavez, and Margie Scott for their assistance with the event and to Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. for their dedication and all their hard work! Awesome job everyone!!!

Susan Rush



A long line of Jurupa residents waiting their turn to drop off their stuff!

Avoiding Disaster in District 1

Officer Brett Farlow had an open excavation complaint on a Thursday, and he handled it superbly. He was off the following day per his 9/80 schedule. On Friday I met with Mike from Action Environmental at the subject property. I felt relieved; problem solved or so I thought. Mike called me shortly thereafter and stated he was having trouble locating a water meter to tap into the hydrant. Uh-oh! Mike stated the County had "floating" water meters. I told Mike I would call Annette Paturzo, Agency Program Supervisor with TLMA. I spoke to her and inquired about the floating meters. Annette put me in contact with Paul Russell, Highway Operations Superintendent with Transportation. I met with Paul at a local Transportation yard and obtained the coveted meter. Special thanks to Annette and Paul for taking the time out of their busy days to assist my office; you saved the day and helped avoid a potential disaster.

Mike Sanders

Admin on the Move

Mike O'Connor and the rest of the Admin Team have completed the move to the Transportation Annex building located at the corner of 14th and Lemon Streets, across from the Altura Credit Union. Jay and Emma have retained their office spaces on the 12th floor of the CAC. The new office is located on the ground floor adjacent to the covered parking structure. Parking is a little tight so if you are planning a visit you may find yourself parking offsite. Our office can be accessed from the western corner of the parking lot through a security gate. Our new mail stop number for the Admin Team at the Transportation Annex building is #2137. Stop by and say hi sometime! **Jim Monroe**



Tires were a popular item at the Cleanup

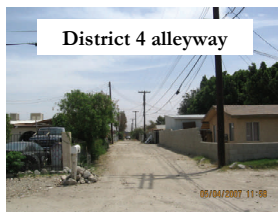
Alley Cleared in District 4

During the Trash Task Force's visit to the 4th District we saw an opportunity to solve a nagging issue - the alleyways in Bermuda Dunes and the "Carver Tract". These areas were a catchall for blowing trash, weeds, illegal dumping, and a hiding area for illegal activity. The areas have been cleared of the weeds and trash and is open to a clear view, which helps to deter unwanted activity. **Dave Lawless**

Field Operations

The department has really gained some traction on the re-organization. Many of the new hires have completed training and are engaging in their full duties in helping clean blight out of our communities. This month will see the addition of several clerical aides to the district offices which will improve turn around time in our paperwork processing. We have also obtained three Building Inspectors from Building & Safety

to convert to Code Officers. Their experience in building, construction, and grading will be invaluable to the district offices as we continue to refine and optimize our skills and services. During the next month, our constituents can expect to see completely decaded vehicles and the addition of light bars to our field units, making us more visible in the community. **Brian Black**



Parking Enforcement

Code Enforcement Technicians have been busy the past few months responding to individual complaints and community concerns over parking violations and their related problems. Working diligently to protect public safety and address potential hazards caused by illegal parking, staff has issued 2,573 citations over the past two months. This hard work and diligence is appreciated by our community groups, as we expect increased use of RV's and parking related problems throughout the summer months.

In the next few months we will purchase advanced equipment to make parking enforcement more efficient and less burdensome to those in the field. Each Technician assigned to parking enforcement will have handheld electronic ticket writing devices.

Our goal is to see the amount of parking citations decrease, as people realize we will proactively enforce our parking regulations.

Lou Pizatella



Officer Mike Romero writing a parking citation.



Stockpiles of green waste

After

Compliance in District 4

In continuing the goal to reach voluntary compliance, this case was no small task. SET Team members CEO Eddie Delgado and CEO Pete Hernandez caught a dumper who claimed he had permission from the owner to dump on the property. Team 4 Officers SCEO Allan Haerberle and CEO Lucero Iñiguez got on the case, which involved a 30 acre ranch in which the property owner was allowing landscape contractors to dump large quantities of green waste on the property. The green waste was stockpiled into two rows averaging 8 ft. in height, about 507 ft. long and 55 ft. wide; that's a total of about 27,885 square feet! In addition to the accumulated rubbish, the case involved four occupied RV's.

After meeting with the property owner, who started the process to comply almost immediately, the property was cleaned up within two months and only the caretaker is left, all other RV's have been vacated. This is a great example of teamwork in District 4!

Dave Lawless



Supervisor Ashley meets with District 5 Code staff.

Working with Property Owners in District 2

After several months of hard work and attention by Code Enforcement Staff the homeless encampments on Clay St. and Linares St. have been removed. Transients had invaded the vacant lot and built several camps. Code Enforcement Officers met with the transients and offered alternative living arrangements using local area shelters. The group was advised to move into the shelters instead of living in the streets. However, when they moved out of the lot they left large piles of trash and debris behind. After they vacated the lot the property owner provided a cleanup crew to remove over 50 tons of trash and debris. The property is now fenced and secure, which discourages squatters and illegal dumpers from returning to it. It is great for our communities when Code Enforcement and property owners can work together to eliminate blight. Thanks for the hard work: CEO T. Engleking, CEO W. Jose, and S.E.T. Officers Game, Torres, and Pineda. **Mickey Parmele**

Success in District 5

Team 5 is increasing the enforcement activities throughout the North Palm Springs area and is concentrating on removing the blight. Through the perseverance of Code Enforcement Officer M. Kompier, the substandard structure and accumulated rubbish located on 16th Ave., North Palm Springs, has been abated by the County of Riverside. Great Job!

On Friday, April 27, 2007, Supervisor Marion Ashley and staff met with Team 5 Code

Enforcement staff for an appreciation breakfast. Supervisor Ashley spoke to staff about how the neighborhoods appreciate the services of Code Enforcement and the good work Code is doing. He also commended Team 5 on the differences he is seeing in the communities. A good time was had by all!

Welcome to our newest member of the team, Melissa Robles, Code Enforcement Aide!

Tracey Towner



Before

Now you see it!

After

Now you don't!

Just Another Day in the Desert

Responding to public concerns about vagrant camps in the 1000 Palms Area and the illegal dumping in the Vista Santa Rosa, specifically Ave 53 & Ave 73 in North Shore, officers with Riverside County Code Enforcement - Special Enforcement Team (SET) conducted an operation utilizing all SET members for a day of heavy enforcement and patrol. As a result of some morning operations, nine vagrants were contacted by SET officers and issued citations for violation(s) of county ordinance – illegal dumping and littering. Riverside County Sheriff Deputies made one warrant arrest, one possession of hypodermic needle H&S 11379 arrest, and one under the influence arrest H&S 11550.

With the valleywide efforts of SET officers we were able to make contact with approximately eight illegal vendors selling flowers. SET officers also made contact with illegal dumpers and eight misdemeanor and one infraction citations were issued.

If other District offices are interested in having SET come out and conduct a day, afternoon or evening of high visibility, saturated enforcement activity, contact the SET Senior in your office or contact the SET Supervisor, Marr Christian, and SET will be happy to spend a day in your district. **Eddie Delgado**



One misdemeanor cite issued for this dump site near Ave. 73 in North Shore.

Supervisor Jeff Stone on a Ride-A-Long in District 3

On April 25th 2007, 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone went on a Ride-A-Long with Code Enforcement. He was accompanied by his Legislative Aide Corinne Daly, Sr. Code Enforcement Officer Mark Slocum, and Acting Supervising Officer Hector Viray. They toured the community of Quail Valley.

During the tour, they observed a garage type structure being built. They made contact with the property owner and found out the owner did not have a building permit for the project. Sr. Officer Slocum proceeded to issue the property owner a "Stop Work Order" and a Notice of Violation for constructing the garage without a permit. Also during the tour, they observed signs of Illegal Dumping in the neighborhood. At one point, they stopped at a location and searched the trash for evidence that could identify where the trash came from, but had negative results.

Supervisor Stone has indicated that the "clean-up" of Quail Valley is one of his priorities and we, in Code Enforcement, will do our best to achieve that.

Hector Viray



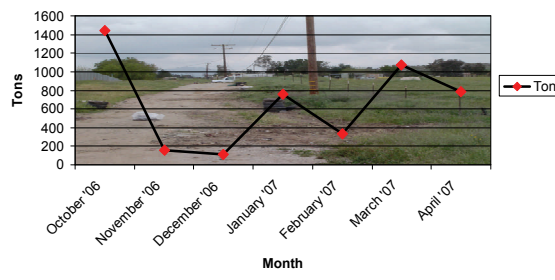
Supervisor Stone and Corinne Daly, Legislative Assistant, look on as Officer Mark Slocum investigates.

Calendar of Events

June

- 2 Cabazon Cleanup
- Tire Amnesty Day - Lambs Canyon
- 3-9 3rd District Cleanup Week
- 6 David C. Christenson Dedication
- 16 Goodhope/Meadowbrook Cleanup
- West Garnet Cleanup
- 30 Mead Valley Festival

Countywide Cleanup Campaign



Cleanup Campaign: is a partnership of Riverside County's Transportation Department, Code Enforcement Dept., Waste Management Dept., and Department of Environmental Health along with local Waste Haulers and Service Districts.

Total to-date: 5,413 Tons
WAY TO GO TEAM!

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