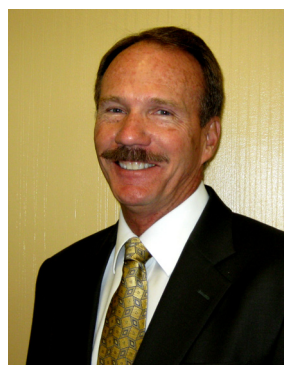




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Hometown Hero *District 3*

In August of 2008, the California Air National Guard (ANG) created the Hometown Heroes Salute recognition program. The purpose of this program is to celebrate and honor our airmen, families, communities, and those special supporters who have significantly contributed to supporting our airmen and the ANG's mission.

Recognized in this ceremony are guardsmen who have been deployed for more than 30 consecutive days in support of Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, hurricane Katrina, and all other peacekeeping operations across the globe since September 11, 2001. Also recognized are the employers of airmen, such as the County of Riverside, who have supported them and their families during their extended absence. Recently, one of our own was recognized, Technical Sergeant Lee Nichols.

Sergeant Lee Nichols was on active duty orders for the past three years supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation



Officer Nichols with his family



Supervising Officer Viray and Officer Nichols

Enduring Freedom as an Intelligence Mission Coordinator for the MQ-1 Predator. Prior to joining the ANG, Sergeant Nichols was on active duty in the Army as an Intelligence Analyst. In 2002, he was assigned to USCENTCOM (a Unified Combatant Command unit for the United States armed forces) for a year, supporting Central Intelligence Agency operations during the initial operation against Afghanistan. Currently, Sergeant Nichols is employed as a Code Enforcement Officer with the County of Riverside in District 3.

Officer Nichols, we congratulate and thank you for your service!



Illegal Roadside Vending “Spoiled” *District 5*

One Saturday morning Neighborhood Enforcement Team officers Edward Torres and Jennifer Morris inspected the area of San Timoteo Canyon Road at Redlands Boulevard in the unincorporated area of District 5.

The dirt shoulder next to a “selling prohibited” sign is a favorite spot for illegal fruit vendors. Officers Morris and Torres stopped and contacted a male at the location with fruit displayed for sale.

As the officers completed their enforcement contact, Officer Torres noticed that several of the strawberries were spoiled and covered with mold.

This is a clear example of why it is unsafe to buy produce or food from illegal vendors. Consumers need to be careful and only purchase produce and other food items from legal vendors.



Illegal vending operation



Environmental Health vehicle

Illegal Auto Repair Gone *District 5*

While working on an ongoing case, Code Enforcement Officer Jacob Dietrich found that the pictured property had recently undergone a bank foreclosure. Officer Dietrich visited the property located in the Lake Elsinore area of Riverside County after an updated property inspection. He found that this agricultural property was still strewn with code violations (unapproved auto repair business and storage yard, excessive outside storage, accumulated rubbish, occupied recreational vehicle, and storage of a metal shipping container).

For years, this unauthorized business had been stealing business from the legal auto repair establishments in the area, while creating a public nuisance in this Lake Elsinore neighborhood. Despite the number of violations found, Officer Dietrich determined that involvement

from other public agencies was not required to further address the violations.

Officer Dietrich reissued violation notices for all of the violations found on the property. After nearly two years of enforcement efforts and working with

the property owner(s), the violations were removed and/or corrected within 60 days. The property is now in good order and is sure to sell quickly.



Good Communication Leads to Compliance

District 2

Code Enforcement Officer Michael Romero was patrolling in his assigned area in Riverside County’s 2nd District when he noticed a “FOR SALE” sign posted on the property pictured below. Upon further inspection, Officer Romero observed that the gate to the property was open and accessible to the public. Just inside the entrance to the property was an old, dilapidated structure and accumulated rubbish.

Realizing that the structure was an attractive nuisance and an ideal place for individuals to congregate and possibly become injured, Officer Romero issued notices of violation for a substandard structure and accumulated rubbish. Officer Romero then contacted the commissioned realtor and the property owner regarding the violations.

As a result of his initial contact, Officer Molina established a line of communication between himself, the assigned real estate agency, and the property owner. Once the responsible parties were made aware of the violations, all worked together diligently to bring the property into compliance before the scheduled follow-up inspection date.



Above: Structure posed danger to area
Below: Clean and safe

Unpermitted Addition Quickly Removed *District 1*

Riverside County Code Enforcement Officer Molina received a complaint of an alleged room addition that was built and attached to a mobile home located in District 1. The officer drove to the location and observed an additional room, constructed of wood, and attached to a mobile home. This room addition is used as the main entrance to the mobile home.



Unpermitted room addition



Room addition removed

Officer Molina made contact with the owner of the mobile home and informed her of the complaint.

The property owner stated to Officer Molina that the room addition was constructed 13 years ago, and she was unaware that a permit was needed. The room addition was measured by the officer, and he determined it to be 7' X 28'. The room was equipped with electrical sockets, plumbing, and ceiling fans. Officer Molina advised the property owner that the room addition would need to be permitted. He provided to the owner the telephone number to the Riverside County Building and Safety Department.

Officer Molina remained in contact with the property owner and within 28 days of the posted Notice of Violation, the wood-constructed, attached room addition was removed from the property.

A Foul Situation in Mecca *District 4*

Officer Lucero Iñiguez prepared to end her field work in Mecca on what seemed to be a routine, uneventful Monday afternoon. While driving back to the office, she discovered an unprotected excavation located dangerously close to a residence and a field of grapevines. By the smell of things, it was determined this was some type of underground cesspool tank, which was open and completely filled. Jenny Fonseca of Environmental Health was called out to the site to determine the exact purpose of this deficient underground tank.

The Code Enforcement office aides searched for contact information on the property owners and discovered the field was owned by Bagdasarian, a local grape company. Officer Iñiguez and Ms. Fonseca contacted Danny Caballero at Bagdasarian offices and informed him of the situation. Mr. Caballero immediately took responsibility and, within minutes, sent a crew to the location with orders to place a temporary cover over the tank to eliminate the immediate danger. A pumping service was called and an early morning pumping of the underground tank was scheduled.

Special thanks go to Code Enforcement officers Rusty Hannah and Adam Hermanson for lending their help in reviewing the violation, to Environmental Health representatives, Jenny Fonseca and Bryan for their assistance, and to Danny Caballero for his prompt action and willingness to comply.



Exposed and full cesspool tank opening



After immediate danger removed

February

Sunday	Monday	Tues.	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Thermal/Vista Santa Rosa Clean Up (4)
7	8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday County Offices Closed  Fair OPENS	13 Bermuda Dunes/Desert Palms - Curbside Clean Up (4) Clean Money Event (2)
14 	15 President's Day County Offices Closed	16	17	18	19	20
21 Fair ENDS	22	23	24	25	26	27 Clean Money Clean Up Event (1) Clean Money Clean Up Event (2) Desert Care Event @Dos Palmas (5)
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