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Contract Services - City of Perris

The City of Perris now contracts with the Riverside County Code Enforcement Department to handle the enforcement of the city's municipal codes.

Utilizing County code enforcement experience has met with positive responses by both the residents and the city officials. In an effort to embrace the city's quality of life vision, Code Enforcement officers enforce violations of the following City of Perris municipal codes:

- Trash receptacles (can only remain in the front for 12 hours before and 24 hours after trash pickup and then must be behind the fence).
- Basketball hoops left on the street.
- Excess yard sales and/or a yard sale without permit. (Only two yard sales per year are allowed for a maximum of three consecutive days, and a yard sale permit must be obtained.)
- False alarms. (More than three false alarms will be subjected to a citation.)
- Unmaintained landscaping. (All yards must be maintained to the standard of the surrounding areas).
- Vehicle parking on the lawn or on any unpaved surface.
- Street sweeping. (Vehicles parked on the street during street sweeping day will be issued a parking citation.)
- Boats, travel trailers, and other recreational vehicles can only be parked in the driveway if there is no backyard access and as long as it does not encroach onto the sidewalk or neighboring property.
- Occupied recreational vehicles over 30 days. (RV's are allowed to be parked for a maximum of 30 days and must not be connected to water or sewer.)

In addition to the aforementioned common violations, Code Enforcement also enforces violations such as excessive rubbish, excessive outside storage, bank foreclosure maintenance, weed abatement, 72-hour parking, illegal dumping, illegal vending, trespassing, business licenses, and substandard structures.

Riverside County Code Enforcement Department will continue to provide excellent customer service to the residents of the City of Perris in an effort to improve the quality of life.



Junk Your Clunker Program November 1, 2012 Thru January 31, 2013

As a public service of the Abandoned Vehicle Authority (AVA) Program, areas within unincorporated Riverside County can arrange to have junk vehicle(s) removed from your property, if you qualify, absolutely **FREE** of charge!

All you need to do is call your local Code Enforcement Office and...we will take care of all the details.



Call your local office listed on the back of "The Posting".



City of Perris Code Enforcement
227 North D Street, Perris (951) 490-4033

If you are interested in contract services, please contact (951) 955-2004.

Rain, Rain Go Away! -District 4

On the evening of Sunday, September 9, 2012, the Coachella Valley located in Riverside County's supervisorial district four was hit with unusually strong winds and rain; but the worst was yet to come.

On Monday night, September 10, 2012, a thunderstorm stalled directly above Mecca and Thermal for eight hours. This unusual phenomenon dropped more rain in one single night than the area's annual average! Before the sun appeared, the eastern Coachella Valley had been totally inundated.

In the aftermath of the storm, some rural residents were unable to walk out of their homes and in some mobile home parks, the water level was as high as 3 to 4 feet. According to residents who spoke with Code Enforcement Officer Frank Mendez, the water level was only inches from reaching the entrance of their mobile homes. The children were not able to get to school; the parents could not get to work. Instead, many residents spent much of the day in knee-high water and mud trying to drain the water out of their neighborhood. (This is next to impossible in this area since the valley is extremely flat and is already below sea level).

On Tuesday afternoon, September 11, 2012, Officer Mendez drove out to inspect the conditions of the Thermal and Mecca communities. By this time, some of the water had begun to subside. Code Enforcement Supervisor David Lawless was informed that the amount of the water, mud, flooded streets and roads were near disaster levels. Several cars were stuck in deep mud. Accessing many of the properties proved to be a challenge even with a 4x4 vehicle engaged. Residents in rain boots and mud-soaked clothes worked with shovels and pumps to remove the excess water.

Supervisor Lawless along with Riverside County Board Supervisor John Benoit requested assistance from the Riverside County Sheriff's Aviation team to provide air support and fly over the affected areas. At approximately 5:00 P.M., Officer Mendez climbed into the helicopter and obtained a view from above. The damage was much more evident from the air. Several acres of land were still flooded with water, and it was apparent that the heavy rain produced rivers of rainwater that carved the soil below. Aerial photographs were taken. The pictures served to show the severity of the situation and were used by other local agencies and the news media.

On Wednesday morning, September 12, 2012, Senior Code Enforcement Officer Hector Herrera and Officer Lucero Iniguez attended a meeting at a local school in Mecca. The meeting was held to bring together several County agencies, community leaders and concerned residents from the damaged areas, along with members of the news media, to discuss the current situation and the resources available that can provide aid to the affected communities.

Later that evening, Officer Iniguez attended the Mecca Community Council meeting along with Board Supervisor John Benoit. During the meeting, several residents voiced their concerns about the damage suffered to their homes, the drinking water and the flooding in their communities.

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On Friday morning, September 14, 2012, Officers Mendez, Iniguez and Lorena Diaz visited the Red Cross shelter set up at Desert Mirage High School. At least eleven families without electricity were being provided with a safe place to sleep, eat, and shower. The Salvation Army also distributed food and bottled water to community residents. The officers drove to nearby mobile home parks and to the affected areas to distribute information in collaboration with both the Red Cross and Salvation Army.

On September 17, 2012, Supervisor Lawless and Officer Mendez re-inspected the Thermal and Mecca Communities and found large amounts of standing water that failed to subside into the soil. The concern now, is the mosquito population that can rapidly grow under these conditions and spread the West-Nile virus. The focus of many residents and community leaders was to prevent this from happening.



Officers Mendez and Iniguez met with Oldie Avalos and Rod Chamberlain, field supervisors with Mosquito Vector Control. The vector control supervisors were loading granules onto a helicopter that has been used to actively drop hundreds of pounds of granules into standing water to target the mosquito larvae. They displayed a map of the targeted areas and informed the officers of the efforts in the air and on the ground that were ongoing at all hours of the day. At this point, it appeared that their endeavor in stopping the mosquitoes has been productive.

Supervisor Lawless and Officer Mendez joined the Mecca Incident Team that was formed at the direction of the County's Chief Executive Officer Jay Orr. The team was spearheaded by Code Enforcement Interim Director Juan Perez and Fire Chief John Hawkins. The team consisted of Code Enforcement staff along with members of various County agencies, such as Emergency Outreach Services, Board of Supervisor John Benoit's office, and Public Health. These agencies brought their resources together to aid in the recovery process. The team's focus was helping residents get back to their lives. Some families have been in shelters, others are not sure if it is safe to return to their homes. The team worked collectively to evaluate current road conditions, accessibility to schools, shelters, and public safety.



Senior Officers Hector Herrera and Officer Eddie Delgado along with Officer Lorena Diaz collaborated with other agencies to conduct damage assessments of the affected areas, which included road condition inspections and potential hazards in and around the homes.

Although several weeks have passed since the beginning of the thunderstorm, the Code Enforcement Department has been actively involved with providing technical support and reporting the conditions observed in the field to the Mecca Incident Team supervisors. Officers from the fourth district office in Palm Desert have worked in conjunction with the proper agencies to address potential health and safety issues. The Department's efforts during this adversity have proven that it has been an effective workforce ready and available when disaster strikes.



Providing Resources - District 1

The City of Perris hosted a Community Resource Fair and invited the County of Riverside Code Enforcement Department to attend. Officers from both the County Code Enforcement Department as well as the City of Perris Code Enforcement participated. The Community Resource Fair was hosted by the County of Riverside Department of Social Services and included participants from non-profit, faith-based, community-based organizations and other governmental agencies. The various organizations provided information and resources pertaining to life skills, parenting skills, recognizing elder and child abuse, education, literacy and becoming self sufficient.

Officers handed out informational pamphlets explaining the roles of code enforcement in the community and answered a wide range of questions.

The resource fair proved to be ideally timed to publicize the upcoming community cleanup hosted by the City of Perris. Several hundred members of the public from Perris and the surrounding communities, some as far as Temecula, attended. There was a bilingual officer to serve the Spanish-speaking community.

Officers also used the opportunity to network with other service providers in an effort to strengthen the service code enforcement provides to the community.



Code officers were first responders after this plane crashed at French Valley Airport.

First Responders at French Valley Airport - District 3

The Riverside County Code Enforcement Department's Murrieta Office recently moved to the French Valley Airport (Murrieta) at the main airport terminal.

One morning, as Officer Brett Pollard was exiting the office he heard aircraft noise that caught his attention. He turned around to observe a light aircraft making a "hard landing" on the runway. The plane then crashed into several other aircrafts near the runway before coming to a stop. Officer Pollard immediately notified the office staff of the collision, grabbed the office's medical kit and was the first to respond to the crash site. Simultaneously, Officer Jeremy Wagner rushed to the fire station next door to notify them of the accident.

Fortunately, the pilot was uninjured, but a passenger sustained minor injuries and was transported to a local medical facility. The accident scene was contained without any fires or further injury.

Officers Pollard and Wagner kept a level head during a truly unexpected event and aided as first responders.

WHERE'S CODE ENFORCEMENT?

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17650 Cajalco Road, Perris, CA 92570

District 2 Office 951-955-5650

4080 Lemon Street, 2nd Floor, Riverside, CA 92501

District 3 French Valley Office 951-696-1606

37600 Sky Canyon Drive, Suite G #507, Murrieta, CA 92563

District 4 Palm Desert Office 760-393-3344

38686 El Cerrito Road, Suite 200, Palm Desert, CA 92211

District 5 San Jacinto Office 951-791-3900

581 South Grand Avenue, San Jacinto, CA 92582

Code Enforcement Administration 951-955-2004

4080 Lemon Street, 12th Floor, Riverside, CA 92501

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