

FOURTH OF JULY COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

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Introduction

The Capistrano Bay District is entrusted with the responsibility of providing for the safety of its property owners and guests. As the population of the community quadruples over the Fourth of July holiday weekend it is essential to have an effective and comprehensive plan in place to deal with the increase in problems that arise from fireworks violations, recreational beach fires, speeding motorists, illegal parking and loose dogs.

Each year we learn from the mistakes and the successes of the prior year. The following community safety plan strives to address the concerns voiced by many property owners who were on the beach and witnessed the problems that occurred last year. The safety plan outlines instructions for equipment, personnel training, scheduling and public awareness that are essential to a safe and successful Fourth of July.

SECTION I – TIDES-WEATHER-CALENDAR FORECAST

The holiday this year lands just after a new-moon lunar phase so the tides will be diminishing rather than increasing. The early high tide is at 1 PM and the late high tide is at midnight. The motor officers on the beach will have better access through the evening than last year. With the cooler, marine-layer type evening weather we've been having lately, the party activity may be somewhat subdued if this weather pattern persists. Lastly, with the holiday landing on a Monday, most folks have already burned themselves out from an already-long weekend of revelry and may not have too much energy left for further late-night festivities. Plus, people have to go to work the next day.

SECTION II – SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

Rent three 250cc 4-stroke ATV quads, trailer, helmets, fuel tanks, utility bags

These have been reserved and will be ready for pick up on Saturday, 7-2. Extra fuel cans are to be in the rear of the Securitas patrol vehicle for ready and immediate access.

Vendor – Sand & Sea Toyz, ask for Greg - 714-632-8075 confirm # Q-A323

Each officer is dispatched to beach patrol with a full tank of fuel, helmet, radio/headset, utility bag and several water bottles. Beach access is across the vacant lot immediately south of 35067. Securitas patrol must place barrier cones along the curb at this location to preserve access from the street over the curb and onto the dirt lot. The community will be divided into 3 beach patrol sectors. Each motor officer will patrol north and south to the limits of his sector. The sector boundaries are at 35305 and 35621.

Rent 8 Motorola HT750 hand radios with chargers and external mics/earphones

We get these directly through the services of Securitas which forms a part of the overall service contract for the holiday event. Contact Bert Szathmary at 714-647-6408.

Two way radios are essential so that all officers on duty, and the Manager, can listen to the back and forth communications (talk-around) and respond accordingly. However, any calls for emergency must go to **911** after dispatching our officers. The District does

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not have the radio license for accessing the Orange County Control One emergency broadcast system so telephone calls to 911 are necessary.

Trash Barrel for Fireworks Disposal

A trash barrel must be set up filled about half full with water to immerse any confiscated fireworks. The barrel is to be placed inside the fence of our northgate maintenance yard next to the patrol vehicle parking area and utility water faucet for easy access by officers.

SECTION III - PERSONNEL

District Manager

Manager must be on duty beginning at 3 pm to serve as central watch command to provide authority, direct personnel and oversee activities. All personnel will be instructed to direct all calls for assistance and back up through the Manager for proper deployment of the most immediate resources. Since all staff will be listening via their own two-way radio sets, all calls will be heard simultaneously by everyone on duty. To prevent confusion it will be necessary for a single point of command to control who responds to the scene. The manager will be within radio-call proximity in the community through the day and evening until activity quiets down.

Patrol

Regular patrol shift schedule only. There is no plan to double up the regularly scheduled Securitas patrol shifts except for a one-hour overlap at shift changes. Patrol responsibilities are the same as during a typical busy summer day or night. Maintaining an open fire lane will be their primary duty. It must be primary to preserve clear and continual access for emergency vehicles. Second to this will be watching for speed violators. Parking control comes next and will be carried out in two ways; if patrol observes a vehicle in the fire lane they will immediately intervene and call for a tow truck if necessary. If a vehicle happens to be in the wrong RR parking space but out of the fire lane it may be left alone until the officer is done with responding to other complaints. It is just too busy to tie up the patrol officers by making this a top priority. Officers will respond on this if they are not tied up with a life-safety issue. Watching for illegal beach fires and loose dogs will be assigned to the special beach patrol unit on the ATV's.

Gate and Traffic Control at the Turn-in to our Driveway

An extra gate officer will come on at 10 AM and continue through 10 PM. It is essential to double-team the guard shack during the peak hours to assist with incoming phone calls for guests and complaints, cyclists and pedestrians coming to the gate, etc. As the day gets underway the activity at the gate becomes very busy with hundreds of vehicles coming in and hundreds of telephone calls. At certain times the Sheriff deputy on duty at the county beach park will suddenly close the access gate into the park (usually when he sees a grid-lock forming in the parking lot) which causes an unbelievable traffic jam at the RR grade crossing and intersection. Also, throughout the day the public continually attempts to drive down our driveway looking for parking. This is the time when access

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into our community is most at risk and it is essential that two traffic officers be present to prevent the gridlock to overflow down our driveway. This worked well last year.

Special Securitas Officers (sector boundaries are 35305 and 35621)

Contract with Securitas for 3 Special Projects Officers to patrol the beach on ATV's. These special officers are retired law enforcement officers who work special events on contract through Securitas. They are licensed to carry firearms and will conduct an armed patrol of the beach beginning in the afternoon at 3 PM and continuing through 11 PM. The later hours are to assist with traffic control during the great vehicle exodus out of the community immediately following the city's fireworks show and to be a presence for the later party revelers who want to shoot off their explosives after the activity winds down. The officers will be on the beach to watch for, intervene and confiscate illegal fireworks, check beach fires for smoke and proper distance from homes and burned in approved wood burning rings and containers, respond to public disturbances, loose dogs and generally watch for incidents that would require some level of lawful intervention. The beach patrol will be divided into 3 sectors (as noted above) to maximize on the officers' presence in smaller defined areas.

District Police Officer

*OC Sheriff Reserve Deputy Matt Sokol will be on duty in the District police vehicle from 2 PM through 11 PM thus providing 2 patrol officers on the road (in separate vehicles) all afternoon and evening. Deputy Sokol's primary duty will be enforcement of speed but as a POST-certified and trained police officer he will be valuable in responding to complaints requiring more of a show of force and authority. Being on the road in a vehicle will enable him to respond quickly to calls for backup. If additional police aid is required, Dana Point PD dispatch will be immediately contacted – **949-770-6011**.*

SECTION IV - TRAINING

Fireworks, Intervention and Private Citizen's Arrest Procedures

District Reserve Deputy Sokol and the 3 Securitas Special Officers will be briefed by Dana Point PD regarding illegal fireworks, how to intervene, arrest/citation procedures, intervention, city traffic control policy and meet with city police officers assigned to our end of town. The city will be addressing their Fourth of July Operational Plan beginning in early June and will coordinate with our District on resources designated for the south end of town (Sgt. Lynn Koehmstedt, 949-248-3551 and fax at 234-2814).

Radio Dispatch Coordination

All staff will be instructed to clear all calls for assistance, complaints and questions through the District Manager who will be on duty and in touch by radio and cell phone.

Property Owners

Property owners will be urged to contact the District Manager by telephone immediately upon observing trouble of any kind. Property owners have been asked in the past to post

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their house address numbers on the beach-side so our beach patrol officers can identify their location but this was not well received for privacy reasons. The beach officers should be able to ask someone nearby what the house address is if it is needed.

Beach Bonfires

All officers will be briefed on the regulation and enforcement of District Ordinance No. 06-203, "CONTROLLING RECREATIONAL OUTDOOR WOODBURNING FIRES."

Canine Leash Law

All officers will be briefed to enforce District Ordinance No. 06-122, "REGULATION OF OWNER RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANIMAL NUISANCES."

Speed Control and Parking

District Reserve Deputy Sokol and all Securitas Patrol Officers will be briefed to rigorously enforce the 15 mph speed limit and vehicle parking along the roadway to maintain an open and unobstructed firelane to the greatest extent possible.

Written Reports

All incidents will be carefully documented on all Security Activity Reports (SAR's) through the period and the Securitas Special Officers supervisor will provide a detailed and comprehensive summary report of the holiday event by Thursday, July 7th.

SECTION V- PUBLIC AWARENESS

Notice/Flyer Handout

Style an attractive and attention-getting flyer to hand out, post on the bulletin board and as a stuffer for postal mailings.

Notification of Safety Plan

The District must mail/email out a notice after Memorial Day summarizing the Community Safety Plan. Included should be the importance of not blocking the road/firelane along with a strong recommendation urging property owners to contact the District Manager immediately upon witnessing a violation.

Notification of Illegal Fireworks/Beach Fires

There must also be a mailed notice advising the community that fireworks are illegal and will be enforced and that beach fires must comply with Ordinance No. 06-203.

CBRA Newsletter and Announcements

The CBRA should include announcements and state its support and endorsement for the District in its efforts to make the beach and community safe through a strong cooperative effort alongside the District.

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Dana Point Police Patrol of Beach

Work with the city to have them run their Hummer Police Vehicle down to Poche and back along the beach to give families a sense that the police are nearby to help keep the beach safe.

Orange County Fire Authority

Work with the OCFA to have the Beach Road community included in their fire prevention and public safety program.