

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
August 30, 2011

Security Reports

ITEM F.3

Report of Fourth of July Safety Program Activity

The tides were optimal for ATV use along the beach, the weather couldn't have been better, we had multiple security officers everywhere and I am not aware of any serious incidents of drunkenness, uncooperative guests, parking issues, etc.

The City provided two sheriff deputies to control entry into the county beach park. They were set up at the park entrance and were stopping all vehicles and checking for alcohol. The gate to the park was frequently closed as the lot would fill up with cars dropping off their families and beach equipment then the sheriff would re-open the gate. This caused traffic to back up on PCH but the officers were good about keeping the RR tracks clear.

Our own traffic control officers were very useful at the intersection to prevent the public from driving down our driveway and we experienced no traffic jams that would have prevented access by emergency vehicles.

To summarize the manpower resources:

- 2 officers in the intersection/entrance on traffic control
- 2 officers in the guard shack
- 1 extra officer to rove back and forth to provide breaks for this group
- 1 Securitas patrol officer in a vehicle on the road
- 1 District police officer also in a vehicle on the road
- 3 special officers on ATV's patrolling the beach
- 1 (District Manager on call all day and evening)

ATV Problems

For two years in a row now we have had mechanical breakdowns with the rented equipment that has prevented a full compliment of beach patrol. For the cost of the rental and the insurance we might be better off spending that money on a fourth special officer and just have them on the beach on foot. If the beach is split into four sectors it shortens the potential walking distance. When the equipment breaks down it pulls the manpower away from the intended security and safety plan and wastes time and money. We have to devise a more fail-safe plan for next year. At this time I cannot recommend the continued ATV rental effort for this holiday nor do I have a suitable alternative to offer yet. To further study the foot patrol option I would want to conduct a timed beach walk of one fourth of the beach to get a feel for the time involved. This might prove to be more effective since no one could easily differentiate between a security officer and a beachgoer walking along the shoreline.