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Fourth of July 2014 After Action Report Capistrano Bay District 35000 Beach Road Capistrano Beach, California 92624

Date and Time

Thursday, July 4, 2014
1500 to 2230 hours

Location of Assignment

Private Residences located at 35000 Beach Road, Capistrano Beach, California 92624

Detail and Assignment

The Special Projects Group (SPG) of Securitas USA, Pacific Region, provided a five officer detail at the direction of Don Russell, General Manager of the Capistrano Bay Community Service District. The officers provided a foot patrol within five sectors, designated by Mr. Russell, on the beach side of the residences and coordinated their efforts with Capistrano Bay Officer Jim Williams, who patrolled the road access in a security vehicle provided by the Capistrano Bay Community.

The primary objective of the foot patrol was to provide a safe environment for the residents and patrons renting properties for the Annual Capistrano Bay Community's Fourth of July festivities with emphases placed on curtailing illegal fireworks, beach fires not contained in a brick or metal ring and any other dangerous, illegal or unsafe activity.

Each SPG officer was advised to report to Officer Dan Nichiporuk any illegal activity observed and or acted upon. The purpose of reporting was to document and identify the specific locations where potential problems existed and to determine if there was a pattern of conduct/issues that existed during the 4th of July activities of this year compared to previous years.

Equipment

A total of 12 handheld radios, 5 extra batteries and 12 wire microphones for communications assigned to beach side officers, General Manager Don Russell, Officer Williams and the main gate Security Officers were utilized and provided by Securitas USA. After the event the equipment was inventoried and secured by Dan Nichiporuk.

Summary

Securitas USA SPG Officers Dan Nichiporuk, Craig Worden, Joe Marin, Gretchen Zavala and Robert Munoz were assigned to this year's detail.

On July 4, 2014, at 1500 hours, the SGP Officers met with General Manager Don Russell who conducted a briefing detailing the duties, expectations and responsibilities for providing maximum coverage on the

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beach during the event. Bert Szathmary, Operations Manager, Securitas USA SPG, was also present during the briefing. All handheld radios were tested and the officers familiarized themselves with the sectors as well as their responsibilities.

Each SPG Officer was assigned a foot patrol within a specific sector with the option of rotating to afford them the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the entire area and beachfront community.

At the conclusion of the fireworks display from Dana Point Harbor, the SPG Officers secured their specific sectors and began making their way back to the front gate area of the Capistrano Beach Community. There they assisted with pedestrian and vehicular traffic control exiting the Capistrano Bay Community.

Activities and Actions Taken During the Event

The Fourth of July event for this year occurred on a Friday and with warm weather and low winds forecasted, it was anticipated that a large number of people would be in attendance. However, an assessment made by me concluded that the number of attendees and vehicles at the site were commensurate with previous year's numbers.

Sector 1 (051 to 195) - Officer Craig Worden

At 1730 hours, Craig Worden reported that while on foot patrol he encountered an unleashed dog. The canine, a medium sized pit bull terrier, ran towards him and stopped just short of his person, barking at him in a menacing manner. A woman, presumed to be the dog's owner, secured the dog and apologized. Officer Worden advised her of the leash mandates. The dog was returned to the residence. Officer Worden also noticed that a second dog was unleashed at that same property, a small brown dog that was tended to by a young boy.

Officer Worden was not able to obtain the address of the residence but noted that it was a two-story brown house with a spa on the right side of the beach facing patio. The house was located about four units north of the orange sector marking cone dividing zones one and two.

Sector 2 (195 to 391) – Officer Joe Marin

No issues to report.

Sector 3 (391 to 581) – Officer Gretchen Zavala

At 1700 hours, Officer Zavala reported that she contacted a female who was letting her dog run about the beach unleashed. Upon conclusion of her conversation with the woman a male walked up and asked what the issue was. After it was explained to him, his comment was something to the effect of, "the dog's not bothering anybody, don't worry about it", essentially dismissing Zavala's actions. This occurred in a common beach area not near any specific residence.

At 2115 hours, officers received a report of excessive smoke coming from a fire pit and entering a nearby dwelling. The complainant pointed to her neighbor's house at **35375 Beach Road** and said she would like to have the neighbor put the fire out.

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Officer Nichiporuk contacted the responsible male, name refused, and addressed the neighbor's concern. The male responded that there were other fire pits in the area in use and that he saw no need to put his out, thus refusing to comply with my request.

District Officer Jim Williams arrived and was appraised of the situation. Upon direction of his supervisor, Mr. Russell, Officer Williams took action to extinguish the fire. Officers left the scene without incident.

Sector 4 (581 to 707) – Officer Dan Nichiporuk

At 2125 hours, officers received a call of illegal fireworks usage and raucous behavior occurring at **35705 Beach Road**. Officers Williams and Nichiporuk arrived and monitored the residence for several minutes. No illegal ignitions were observed, however, there was loud behavior coming from the patio area. About 15 males and females, in various degrees of intoxication, were occupying the dwelling. The responsible male of the house was contacted and informed about the call of illegal fireworks, which he denied, and he was told to keep his guests in line by lowering their voices. The responsible said he would try his best.

Sector 5 (707 to 857) – Officer Robert Munoz

At 1735 hours, officers received a 'suspicious circumstance' call at **35787 Beach Road**. The caller reported that a male was trying to access the beach by forcing open the front north side gate of the residence. Officer Zavala and Munoz happen to be on the beach adjacent to the address when the call came out. They arrived seconds later and did not see a suspicious person or any evidence of forced entry to the house or gate. Officers were not provided any follow up information and witness(s) could not be contacted.

Post Event Briefing

At the end of the fireworks shows, officers were ordered to return to the guard shack to monitor outgoing traffic. In a departure from the recent past events, exiting traffic was comparatively light with minor back up.

After the evening's safety issues and incidents were discussed, it was concluded that observed and reported illicit occurrences were of less frequency as compared to July 4th events in the past three years.

One issue that was brought up by officers was absence of the south end sector delineation cones. Upon commencement of patrol duties, it was noted that the tide was very high and a majority of the beach was unusable. In fact, a majority of the residences had water coming up to their patios.

It is unknown if the tide had washed away the marking cones or if residents placed the cones by their homes, and out of sight, to prevent them from being washed away.

Once again, the majority of community residents and their guests were very cooperative, polite, courteous and hospitable to the SPG officers assigned.

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Overview

The 2014 Fourth of July celebration at the Capistrano Bay Community ran very smooth with the exception of the aforementioned incidents. We received only one illegal fireworks call and beach side observations of illegal ignitions were scant. All incidents were handled “in house” and there was no need to contact any outside agencies for assistance.

Credit goes to Mr. Don Russell for his proactive scheduling of personnel and logistics support and to both Capistrano Bay Officers who assisted on several calls.

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