

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
April 29, 2008

Security Activity Reports

ITEM F.2

Progress on Community Speed Control

Hiring of POST Certified Peace Officer

On April 14th, the District received the go-ahead from Superior Court to proceed with issuing citations through the Court system. It is understood that the County of Orange requires *infraction and misdemeanor* citations (Notice to Appear) to be issued by POST Certified Police Officers and excludes Securitas Patrol Officers. This approval means the District can now proceed with the actual hiring of a POST Certified Policeman. For those who have possibly missed the developments of this item over the past few months, POST is an acronym for *Peace Officer Standards and Training*. The State created the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training in the 60's to improve the quality of law enforcement that is practiced in California. The condition that all police officers be certified by this Commission was finally required by Orange County Superior Court in 2005 but at that time District Security was being provided by Securitas so there was no concern. More recently it was determined that the only way the District could effectively control speeders in the Beach Road community was to hire a POST Certified Police Officer. Since this was something new to the District it was necessary to seek the approval of Superior Court. With that approval the District may now proceed with the hiring process. The Candidate for the position is a 20-year veteran Orange County Reserve Sheriff Deputy. The *Reserve* status simply means this officer is not assigned to any specific municipality but works in various locations on any given day. Given his tenure with the Sheriff's Department and the fact he resides in Dana Point, the opportunity to secure permanent part-time work closer to home makes employment with the District an excellent choice for both parties.

To fully complete the hiring, the District must process the following items:

- purchase and equip a patrol vehicle
- arrange for the standard 3-day radar operator training and certification
- acquire uniforms, including badge and ID card
- get *Notice to Appear* citation books printed
- create a bail-proceeds distribution agreement with the Court

Staff expects these items to be completed by mid-June. Purchasing and equipping the patrol vehicle will take the most time and the radar training is scheduled for the first week in June (at the Ben Clark Sheriff Training Center in Riverside).