

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
July 29, 2008

Security Activity Reports

ITEM F.2

*Enhanced Speed Enforcement Program
Six Week Review*

Report of July Speed Averages

Staff compared the record of speeds measured through the month of July 2008 and the exact same period last year, 2007. The number of recorded violators for both samplings, 23 and the speed average, 25.4 mph, was exactly identical. Another month of speed measurements will tend to bear out any effects the new police officer is having on the driving habits in the community. It's possible that because many of the drivers in this sampling are new incoming renters, they are not aware of the new police presence. This would tend to explain why the data is not consistent with what would be expected with the presence of a policeman.

Review of Speed Cites Issued

Officer Sokol has written seven speed citations since the program commenced on June 13th. Interestingly, all have been issued to outside guests, one of which was a service contractor. While six weeks of data is not conclusive evidence, there does appear to be indications that the property owners and family members are heeding the speed limit. The family consistently at the top of the violators list (the *@%#? Family) has shown very noticeable restraint in maintaining a lawful speed inside the community.

Effect of Speed Cushions/Should More be Installed

First, OCFA has inspected the test-set at 35341 and it is officially signed off and approved. Secondly, the local fire station #29 on Victoria Ave in Doheny Village has been notified of the new traffic calming device and has been invited to come over and conduct a drive-by inspection to make sure their Engineers (fire truck drivers) are familiar with the procedure of driving over the speed cushions properly. This is important for the health of the relationship between our community and the local fire authority.

So, are the speed cushions working? Staff's observations are that all vehicles have, over the past several weeks, from either direction, hit their brakes on the approach. When the brake lights come on, that vehicle is slowing down. While vehicles do not typically come to a stop, they are absolutely slowing down plus the presence of the speed cushions serve as a reminder of the speed limit. Additionally, staff has not received any complaints regarding the speed cushions causing any undue jolting or otherwise damaging effect upon tires and suspension.

Staff recommendation is to install additional units along the roadway in locations determined from a review of observations made by District management and law enforcement with consideration given to property owner comments and requests.

