

## Safety and Security in Rancho Murieta

**S**ecurity, which is the primary reason many people reside in Rancho Murieta, is a function of the Community Services District. The Security Department is staffed by a Security Chief, Sergeant, four Patrol Officers, and ten Gate Officers. The Department also contracts with off-duty Sacramento County Sheriff's Department personnel on occasion to provide law enforcement presence and to provide additional staffing, as needed.

**Patrol.** Patrol responsibilities cover the entire 3500 acres comprising the Rancho Murieta Community Services District, not just the residential areas inside the gates. This includes Murieta Village, the airport, equestrian center, shopping and agricultural areas, Operating Engineers Training Center, churches, and the FAA building. Non-residential areas within the gates, such as parks, the back country surrounding the lakes, and the areas along each side of the Cosumnes River also are regularly patrolled.

Security patrols the fence lines of Rancho Murieta Association property, which includes Stonehouse Road, Highway 16, and the Murieta South property line. There are 30 miles of paved roads within the gated areas, plus approximately five miles outside the gates within the District and approximately five miles of back country dirt roads.



Chief Greg Remson and RMA Compliance Officer Ian Hunter place radar trailers at various locations to educate drivers about speed.

During an average eight hour shift, Patrol Officers travel approximately 55 miles; there are four patrol vehicles which operate 365 days per year. The swing shift (3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.) normally has two Patrol Officers on duty. Patrol vehicles are equipped with emergency and communications equipment as well as traffic devices for emergency situations.

Security responds to any calls for service within its jurisdiction, whether the call is

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from a resident, guest, or member of the public passing through the commercial area. They work in conjunction with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol. They are available to assist the Fire Department, as needed.

**Gate.** Currently, there are two entrance gates into the community which are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days per year. According to the 2005 RMA gate policy, the Gate Officers monitor all vehicles which enter the community, as well as security cameras at the parks. Cameras record the driver and license plates of each vehicle.

Visitors who are on permanent or temporary guest lists are provided guest passes to their destination by the Gate Officer. Service providers, such as landscape maintenance, nannies, house keepers, repairmen or delivery persons, are provided appropriate passes and logged upon entrance. Residents of Rancho Murieta North should call 354-3742 to register guests and service providers.

The South Gate functions as the Dispatch Center, with the Officer receiving calls for service and dispatching the Patrol Officer and/or appropriate law enforcement personnel, as well as coordinating with the Fire Department. Resi-

dents of Rancho Murieta South should call 354-3743 to register guests and service providers. Rancho Murieta North and South residents who need Security assistance, should call 354-CARE (354-2273).

The average number of guest vehicles entering Murieta North is



*Loose dogs are temporarily housed in one of the two kennels located behind the District warehouse until the owners are located. Unclaimed dogs are turned over to Sacramento County Animal Control. The kennels were built by Murieta South resident Drew Moore for his Eagle Scout Project.*

over 300 and Murieta South is 125 per day. In addition, there are workers, vendors, and employees who make multiple daily trips through the gates. Special events, such as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities, can double the population of the community.

**Authority.** Security Officers are not Peace Officers. To be a Security Officer, the State requires all officers to have State issued firearms and guard cards and attend 832 PC (Penal Code) training. Because they work for a governmental agency (CSD) the laws allow them to enforce CSD ordinances under section 836.5 PC. Those local ordinances

include: trespassing, curfew, minors in possession of alcohol, loose dogs, etc. Violations of the ordinances can result in a citation into juvenile or adult court.

In conjunction with Rancho Murieta Association, Security helps enforce CC&R violations, which include speeding, stop sign violations, unlicensed golf cart drivers, construction hours, parking (driveway and street), etc. As a rule, the Security Department does not make vehicle stops. The Officers work in conjunction with RMA compliance staff, using radar guns for speeding and video recording stop sign violations.

Frequently, contacts involve communicating and educating violators about the rules of the community. Citations are forwarded to RMA and are processed by RMA; fines may be imposed by RMA.

**Focus.** The Security Department's primary focus is on safety-related issues, whether it is a CC&R violation, drunk driving, an alcohol related issue or other activity which can put the public in danger. In those instances, the appropriate agency, Sacramento County Sheriff or California Highway Patrol, is contacted. Depending on staffing and if it is an immediate safety issue or if the public is in immediate danger, Security Officers can detain violators, pending arrival of Sheriff or CHP personnel. CSD Security does not possess arrest authority, except to make a citizen's arrest.

## Spring Cleaning Made Convenient

Here is your opportunity to conveniently get rid of those aerosol cans, computer monitors, television sets, telephones and cell phones, fluorescent tubes, old propane tanks, paint, pool chemicals and other waste items taking space in your garage. The Community Services District is sponsoring a free local drop-off of household hazardous waste on **Saturday, April 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in the parking lot

of the FAA Building, 14670 Cantova Way, across the street from the Catholic Church.

This service is for Rancho Murieta residents only and is not for businesses, clubs, or non-profit organizations. Resident identification will be required, so be sure to bring a current utility bill, your driver's license or other proof of residency.

The following items are acceptable for disposal:



Acids  
Brake/transmission fluid & antifreeze  
Cooking oil  
Car batteries (2 maximum)  
Fluorescent tubes  
Gasoline and other flammables  
Small aerosol cans  
Household cleaners  
Computers and computer monitors  
VCRs and DVDs

Mercury switches  
Mercury thermometers  
Paint (oil or latex) & solvents  
Pool chemicals and poisons  
Propane tanks (7 gallon) limit 2  
Used motor oil and filters  
Televisions  
Printers  
Telephones and cell phones  
Radios

The total amount you may transport in one vehicle is limited to 125 pounds or 15 gallons. All materials must be packaged in sturdy, non-leaking closed containers. No individual container may be greater than five gallons or 50 pounds in size.

Please note that microwaves,

medical waste, explosives, asbestos, PCBs, refrigerators, (freezers and other appliances), ammunition or explosives are not accepted.

When you arrive at the parking lot destination, you won't have to get out of your car – staff will unload your wastes. What could be easier and more convenient to get a head start on spring cleaning?

## New CSD Director To Be Appointed

Due to the vacancy created by Bill White's resignation from the CSD Board, the Board will interview and appoint a new Director at a special meeting to be held on April 16, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Interested parties were asked to submit a written letter of interest describing their qualifications for the position of Director. Participants were also asked to respond to the following questions:

1. What regular contact and/or business have you had with the District in the immediate past 24 months.
2. What is your educational background and how would this benefit the District.
3. Have you served on other boards? If so, which ones?
4. How much time do you anticipate your role as a Director will take per month? What did you base your estimate on?

Directors must reside within the District and be registered to vote therein.

The current four-member Board will interview candidates and vote at the open meeting. The candidate chosen will be sworn in at the April 18, 2007 regular Board meeting.

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## Keep Drains Clean

Few things are more distasteful around the house than a clogged pipe which can end up causing a sewer backup. To avoid the clog and protect your pipes –

- Do not pour fats, oils or grease down the sink or garbage disposal.
- Place grease, oils and fats into a container, such as an empty jar or coffee can. When it is full, secure the lid and place it in the trash.
- Scrape and dry wipe pots, pans and dishes with paper towels and dispose of materials in the trash before washing.
- Collect food items, such as potato peelings, in a sink strainer and then empty into the trash or into your compost pile.

## Spring Time Is Mosquito Time

We've all looked forward to those pleasant evenings when we can enjoy backyard and park activities, barbecuing, and socializing with friends and family. Unfortunately, some uninvited visitors also enjoy those pleasant evenings – those pesky mosquitoes.

Now is the time to be sure the mosquito breeding areas are minimized – be sure there is no standing water, such as in bird baths or fountains, empty flower pots or containers, ditches or other low spots which hold water where mosquitoes can breed.

It is still early in the season for the mosquitoes which carry the West Nile virus to attack, but as the weather warms, they will be looking for dining sites, preferably on warm blooded mammals. Be prepared by eliminating breeding sites, using repellent, and wearing long sleeves and long pants during the early morning and evening hours when mosquitoes are most active.

