RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Category:	Security	Policy # 2007 - 02
Title:	Reward Policy	

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth a procedure for establishing security reward offers. This policy is to provide a reward to encourage members of the community to come forward with information that could lead to the arrest and conviction of offenders who have committed crimes within Rancho Murieta.

AUTHORITY

The Government Code of the State of California (Government Code), Section 61100(j) and 61060(n), the District may offer a reward for reports leading to the prosecution of person(s) involved in criminal activity, including defacing public or private property, in order to carry out its function of protecting lives and property within its boundaries.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this policy are to:

- a. Reduce the acts of vandalism, malicious damage and other crimes within the boundaries of the District.
- b. Encourage the public to report acts of vandalism, malicious damage or other crimes and provide information on offenders to the Security Department and/or Sacramento County Sheriff's Department.

POLICY

Public funds for rewards will come from the Security Department's Operating Budget.

Private contributions received from the community will be deposited into a separate fund and will be combined with District reward funds.

Person(s) intending to claim a reward shall tender the necessary information to the Security Chief or his/her designee. The Security Chief shall make the final determination as to who is entitled to receive the reward. If multiple parties claim a reward, the reward may be divided in a proportion set by the Security Chief based upon the relative importance of the information provided.

APPLICATION

The application of this policy is limited by a number of factors, those being:

- a. The reward applies only to offenses committed with the boundaries of the District.
- b. The amount of a reward initiated by the Security Department would be based on the severity of vandalism or crime, capped at a maximum of \$1,000 per event. This cap does not limit increases to the reward by private contributions. The amount may be increased at the discretion of the Rancho Murieta Community Services District Board of Directors.
- c. The reward policy is subject to an annual cap of \$5,000 per fiscal year.
- d. All persons providing information must be aware that they may be required to attend a sheriff's office and/or make a formal statement and/or appear in a court to give evidence.
- e. A reward under this policy will be payable for information leading to a criminal proceeding resulting in an arrest and conviction.
- f. The reward is at the discretion of the Security Chief.
- g. The reward for a specific crime will sunset 180 days following offering the reward.

Approved by CSD Board of Directors	November 14, 2007
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