



RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

(Directors John Merchant and Linda Butler)

Regular Meeting

June 4, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Comments from the Public
3. Monthly Website and Social Media Update
4. Security Department Communications About Handling of DUI's
5. Budget Message Communication Discussion
6. Consumer Confidence Report Update
7. COVID-19 Communication Plan
8. Update on Reservoir Education and Signage Ad Hoc Committee
9. Directors & Staff Comments/Suggestions [no action]
10. Adjournment

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Note: This agenda is posted pursuant to the provisions of the Government Code commencing at Section 54950. The date of this posting is May 29, 2020. Posting locations are: 1) District Office; 2) Post Office; 3) Rancho Murieta Association; 4) Murieta Village Association.

DUI'S & THE SECURITY DEPARTMENT at RANCHO MURIETA

May 26, 2020, Message placed on District Web Page

There has been some discussion in the Community about a DUI driver and Security that occurred on May 25, 2020, at 5:40 pm. I have included information from the Security Log and the DUI report written by the Security Officers that investigated the incident. The release of this information is to clear up any misinformation circulating out in the Community and to illustrate that Security does get involved with DUI drivers. This is a typical situation in how we get engaged with DUI drivers. The drivers are involved in an accident, and usually at night. When we arrive on the scene, and if we detect objective symptoms of intoxication, we notify CHP to respond. CHP will conduct the investigation and make the arrest if they determine appropriate. Security becomes witnesses to the incident. In the interest of public safety, Security can make a Citizens Arrest for DUI if the driver attempts to flee or becomes uncooperative. Once Security makes a Citizens Arrest, the driver is turned over to CHP, who will conduct their investigation.

Patrol responded to a reported golf cart accident near the first and second holes on the north course. While enroute to the call, they saw a subject driving the wrong way on n/b Murieta north Parkway in the area of the 18th tee box. The vehicle had major left front damage, broken tie rod and a flat tire. She was driving on three tires.

Officers made contact with the driver. While conversing with the driver, officers detected an odor of alcoholic beverage on her breath and person. Her eyes were bloodshot and her speech was slurred. Officers inquired as to what she had collided with and she stated she had not hit anything. She said she was driving home from the river. She also lied about her age to the officers. With the objective signs of intoxication, officers requested the CHP respond to conduct a DUI investigation.

While awaiting the CHP to arrive, the driver started her cart, turned around in traffic, and drove away from the Officers. The Officers followed her.

She ran the stop sign at Fuente de Paz and continued n/b on the Parkway. She stopped at Via Serreno and then backed into a patrol car while trying to get away again. Officers removed the key from the cart so she would not drive away again and requested the CHP expedite their response.

CHP arrived on the scene at 1823 hours, conducted his investigation, and subsequently took the driver into custody for violation of 23152 (a) cvc.

The cart was parked on Via Serreno, at the mother's request. The accident occurred on the cart path between tee box 1 and 2. She hit a wood signpost—no damage to the post. The Country Club was notified.

Above all else, we want people to be safe. Please don't drink and drive. A person can be arrested for DUI in any motorized vehicle, on private or public roadways or property.

Article to be run in the July, 2020 Issue of Pipeline Newsletter

THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT SECURITY DEPARTMENT

There have been some questions as to what the role of the District's Security Department is in Rancho Murieta. The authority and functions of District Security Officers are like those provided by private security firms.

Exemptions from Private Security Services Act

- District Security Officers are exempt from licensing requirements, as they are employees of a political subdivision of the State. However, the District requires its Security Officers to be licensed for training purposes and because Patrol Officers are required to carry a firearm.
- Our Patrol Officers are additionally certified by the Calif Dept of Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.)

Primary Function

- The primary function of District Security Officers is to protect persons and property through the prevention of criminal conduct by being visible in the community.
- Where prevention of criminal conduct is not possible, the function of the Security Officer is to observe and report to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department (SSD) and/or California Highway Patrol (CHP).

District Security Officers Are Not Peace Officers

- Peace Officers are defined by statute.
- District Security Officers are not classified under any category of law enforcement or as quasi-law enforcement officers.
- Contracted Off-duty Deputies sometimes augment the District security force.

Authority to Make Arrests

- The authority of District Security Officers to make an arrest is the same as private citizen making a citizen's arrest.
- After a District Security Officer makes an arrest, the Security Officer must turn the person who has been arrested over to the SSD/CHP without delay.
- If a person resists arrest, the Security Officer is allowed, but not required, to use reasonable force to subdue the person.

Detention

- Except in limited situations, a District Security Officer does not have the authority to detain a person without affecting an arrest.

Weapons Search

- When a District Security Officer has reason to believe that a person has a weapon and intends to harm him/herself or another person, the A District Security Officer is entitled to search a suspect for a weapon while making an arrest, if the Security Officer has reason to believe he or she is in physical danger.

Citation Authority

- District Security Officers have the authority to issue misdemeanor citations for violation of state law and county ordinances if the violation occurs on RMCSO owned property and in the presence of the Security Officer issuing the citation.
- District Security Officers have the authority to issue citations for violations of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) of homeowner associations within the District.

** Of the 320 Community Services Districts in California, Rancho Murieta is the only one that operates an in-house security service. Four (4) other Community Services Districts provide security services through a contract with a private security company.*

Driving in Rancho Murieta

RMA rules state that every driver, including your guests, operating a motor vehicle, including golf carts and low-speed vehicles, within Rancho Murieta, shall possess a valid driver's license and obey the rules of the road such as speed limits and stop signs. Violations may result in fines.

Overloaded golf carts or unsafe usage, such as towing skateboarders, are also subject to fines. Keep your cars and doors locked. Unlocked doors/vehicles allow thieves the opportunity to rifle through your car, golf carts, and other belongings.

Lakes and Back Areas

With warmer weather here, many people venture out to the lakes/reservoirs and back areas for recreation. As a reminder, Rancho Murieta Association (RMA) rules state that guests and vendors may not be in a park, which includes the back areas, and/or lake/reservoir areas unless the resident they are visiting is with them. Security Officers have found guests in the parks, lake/reservoir areas fishing, boating, and just hanging out in recreation areas without a resident with them. Vendors have also been found taking breaks at the lakes without a resident with them. If the resident is not present, the guest or vendor is in violation of the CC&Rs and a citation could be issued to the resident.

Gas powered engines/boats are not allowed on Rancho Murieta lakes/reservoirs. Additionally, boats must have either a one (1) day pass or a season boating pass. Boating passes can be obtained from RMA. Guests are allowed to bring their boat into the community as long as they have a resident with them, and both the guest and resident go to RMA to receive a day boating pass. **Residents are required to get a seasonal boating pass from RMA. Please note that everyone fishing in Rancho Murieta lakes/reservoirs is required to have a valid fishing license.**

The residents of Rancho Murieta can assist the District in providing security services by helping to be the eyes and ears of the District Security Department.

Section 212 Driving Under the Influence (DUI) (Updated October 2011)

Driving under the influence (DUI) can result in substantial property damage, injury and/or death.

- A. DUI complaints can be received from citizens, law enforcement agencies and/or observed by Security Patrol Officers.
- B. Attempt to locate the vehicle.
- C. If vehicle located:
 - 1. If moving – notify CHP of circumstances.
 - 2. If parked – notify CHP of circumstances.
- D. Determine if the driver can be safely contacted due to location of the vehicle, traffic, driver's and passenger's observations – number of occupants, size, and demeanor.
 - 1. Do not attempt in any way to stop the vehicle by making a traffic stop with emergency lights or in any other manner.
 - 2. You may follow at a safe speed and distance within the District boundaries and relay the information to Dispatch for relay to CHP.
- E. If contact is made, attempt to determine the reason for the complaint.
 - 1. DUI, elderly, lost, unfamiliar with area, inattention, diabetic medical problems, etc.
 - 2. Observations to assist in determining if the driver is DUI include:
 - a. slurred speech
 - b. unsteady on feet
 - c. bloodshot, watery eyes
 - d. smell of alcoholic beverage
 - e. incoherent
 - f. lack of manual dexterity (normal hand coordination)
 - g. evidence of alcohol bottles/cans in vehicle
 - h. driver's statements
- F. If the Security Patrol Officer reasonably feels the driver is DUI and is a danger to the public if allowed to drive, a citizen's arrest can be made following the Security Department's Citizen's Arrest Procedure. (A Security Department Report of 23152 C.V.C. form will be completed.)

- G. Alternatives to citizen's arrest:
1. CHP response.
 2. Obtain a ride from family member or friend.
 3. Transport to their home or responsible person's home.

23152 (a) C.V.C. *It is unlawful for any person who is under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or drug or under the combined influence of any alcoholic beverage and drug, to drive a **vehicle**.*