



PIPELINE

COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A Monthly Newsletter

DID YOU KNOW?

Polar Bears are left handed.

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 similar to 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.
- Off-duty peace officers 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 District Security Patrol Officer is entitled to perform a search of that person.
- 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.



District Meeting Schedule

September 4, 2018

Improvements @ 8:30 a.m.

Finance @ 9:30 p.m.

Personnel @ 10:30 a.m.

September 6, 2018

Security @ 4:00 p.m.

Communications &
Technology @ 4:30 p.m.

September 19, 2018

District Board Meeting
Open Session @ 5:00 p.m.

***The public is invited
to attend.***



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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 RMCS D 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. Residents should call in suspicious activities or circumstances they observe or encounter and should notify District Security Officers of any safety-related issues, including Rancho Murieta Association rule violations. If needed, the District Security Department will refer the issue to the proper entity.

**The District Administration Office will be closed
September 3, 2018 for Labor Day**