

COMMUNITY RESPONSE DIVISION

We have talked about how the Community Police Officer solves problems. Now, a new team is out there working to solve code enforcement problems. It has been shown that effective code enforcement is a proven program to prevent crime.

The Community Response Division was evolved by taking Code Enforcement persons from the Building Department and the Public Works and forming a team under the Police Department. They wear blue polo shirts and blue pants. This elite team now has the authority of a police officer in solving code violations.

Code enforcement deals with quality of life issues by enforcement of the housing code, sign codes, occupational licenses, parking violations, overgrown lots and swales, hazardous trees, junk and abandoned vehicles on private property, unpaved parking, noise, livestock, trash violations and false burglar alarms.

Any notice of violation a person receives on their property must be corrected within the time specified. If the infraction is not corrected in the specified time; you will be direct billed by Public Works, you will be called before the code enforcement board for a hearing, and/or a lien will be placed on your property. Get to know your Code Enforcement Officer. Talk to him or her and discuss things in your neighborhood. They can attend your neighborhood meetings on request.