

# Richmond Police Department

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## MEMORANDUM



**TO:** Chief Chris Magnus  
Deputy Chief Ed Medina

**FROM:** Tim Higare, Code Enforcement Manager

**DATE:** June 11, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Code Enforcement Update – May 2009

- **Recruitments/staffing**--Three candidates for Code Enforcement Officer I positions are in the final stages of their background investigations. We are hoping to welcome some of these new team members on July 1, 2009.
- **Illegal Dumping/Court Referrals**--We have started to put our convicted illegal dumpers to work picking up trash throughout the City. The City Attorney's Office, Risk Management, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Code Enforcement, and the Superior Court partnered together to develop a court ordered community service program that requires those convicted of illegal dumping to abate blight in Richmond.
- **Notices/Fines for Unmaintained Residential Properties in Foreclosure**--In May we issued 25 notices, conducted 5 fine imposition hearings resulting in the imposition of \$105,000 in fines, and issued 6 certificates of compliance.
- **One Block at a Time**--The next OBAT concentrated blight abatement program is scheduled to occur this Saturday June 13, 2009. The OBAT target area is located in the "Coronado Neighborhood" at the north side of Cutting Blvd and includes the 300 block of South 15<sup>th</sup> and South 16<sup>th</sup> Streets. The target area also includes the 1500 block of Maine and Virginia Avenue.
- **Cost Recovery**--We anticipate submitting property tax lien/assessment for Council approval next month. Tentative estimate of amount to be levied is over \$800,000.
- **Monthly Success**--A very successful abatement was conducted at 6333 Jerrylynn Drive. This property was a vacant lot that had an extreme amount of illegal dumping. Code Enforcement obtained a warrant and the City's abatement crew did an excellent job of abating the nuisance.



6333 Jerrylynn Dr. (after)



6333 Jerrylynn Dr. (before)

### Monthly Statistics

Code Enforcement staff issued 84 notices of violation and 63 administrative citations.

Total administrative citation fines this month: **\$ 36,750.**

Staff sent out 34 notices of non-compliance with fees totaling **\$11,832.**

Staff obtained and executed 10 abatement warrants at the locations listed below for either interior/exterior clean-up and boarding or exterior clean up only:

|                                       |                             |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Vacant lot on Broadway                | 2868 Humphrey               |
| 328 & 334 19 <sup>th</sup> Street     | 553 35 <sup>th</sup> Street |
| 410,414 & 418 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street | 3415 McBryde                |
| 3105 Shane Drive                      | 3113 Shane Drive            |
| 219 Barrett Ave                       | 845 8 <sup>th</sup> Street  |

We released 26 property liens upon payment of the lien amounts, resulting in the recovery of \$57,356.

### Unit's Total Fines/Fees

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| Unmaintained Residential Foreclosed Properties | \$105,000.00             |
| Non-compliance fees                            | \$ 11,832.00             |
| Administrative fines                           | \$ 72,750.00             |
| Warrant attorney fees                          | <u>\$ 1,810.00</u>       |
| <br>Billed                                     | <br><u>\$ 191,392.00</u> |

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| Public Works: Private Property abatement: | <b>11.78 tons of debris</b>  |
| Public Property abatement:                | <b>113.17 tons of debris</b> |