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SACRAMENTO COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO ILLEGAL DUMPING

OUR PLAN OF ACTION USING THE 3 E'S

WHO WE ARE AT A GLANCE

- 311
- Department Of Transportation
- Sheriff Homeless Outreach Team
- Department of Waste Management and Recycling
- Code Enforcement
- Forensiclean

SacGreenTeam

FORENSICLEAN
CONTAMINATION CLEANUP

Homeless Outreach Team

CODE ENFORCEMENT
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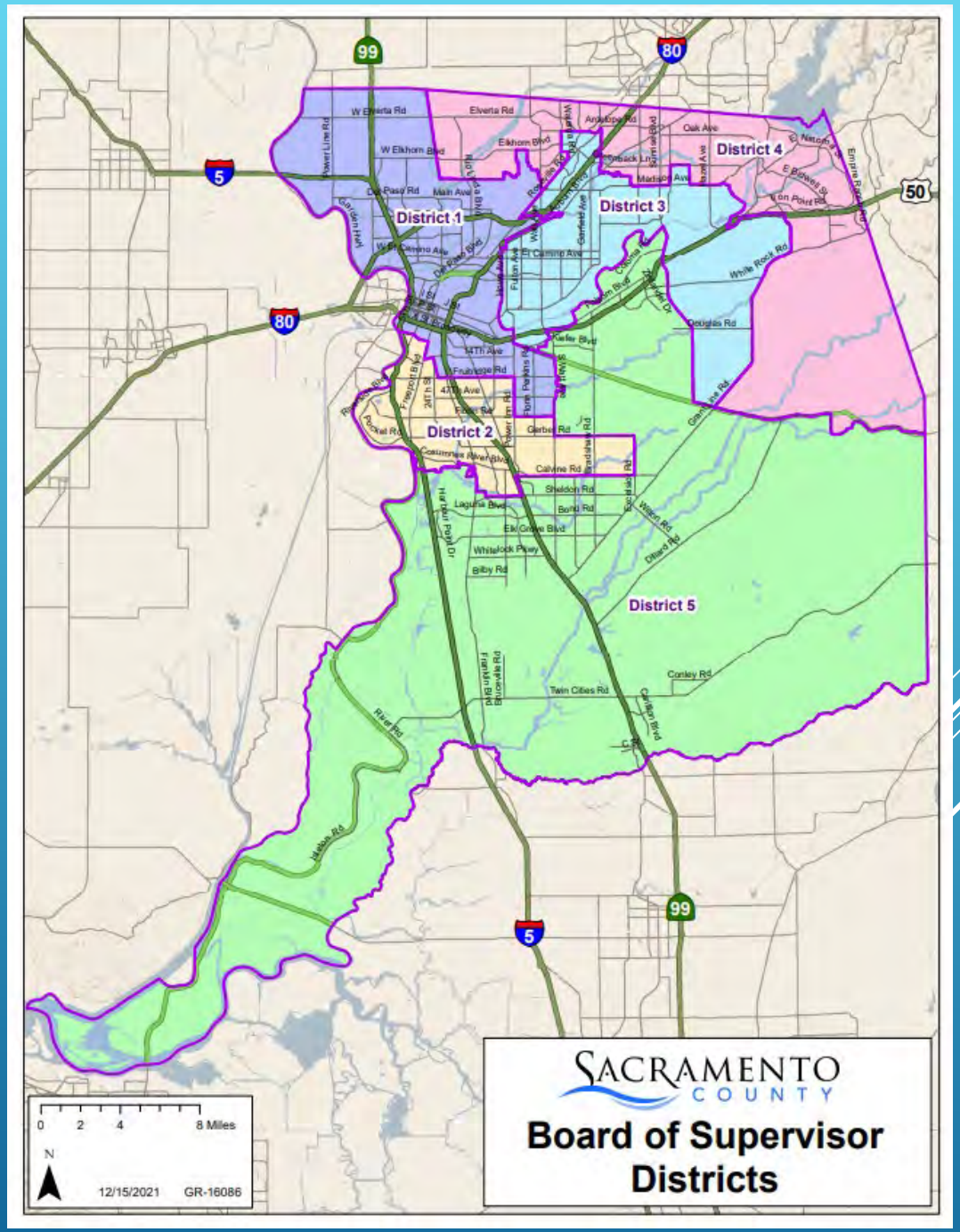
WHERE WE SERVE

- 994 Square miles of Unincorporated Sacramento County
- Public Roadways
- Public Waterways
- Industrial Areas
- Residential Neighborhoods
- County Parks
- Rural Streets



THE PROCESS

First, we need to define "Illegal Dumping"

- Small loose scattered litter
- Large truckloads of debris
- Homeless encampment waste
- Unscheduled residential bulky pickup
- Abandoned vehicles
- Paint, Oil, or other hazardous material
- Tires
- Fallen tree branches left behind
- Shopping Carts
- Furniture and mattresses

The Legal Definition from Sacramento County:

"No person shall place, deposit, dump or accumulate, or cause to be placed, deposited, dumped or accumulated, any solid waste, organic material, or recyclable material on or in any public or private street, public right-of-way, easement, gutter, or sidewalk, or any public or private property, including public parks, within the unincorporated area of the County, without the consent of the owner thereof and except in conformance with this chapter and DWMR rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to SCC Section 6.20.035."

What is a weed?

LIGHT

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Education

The Impact of Illegal Dumping

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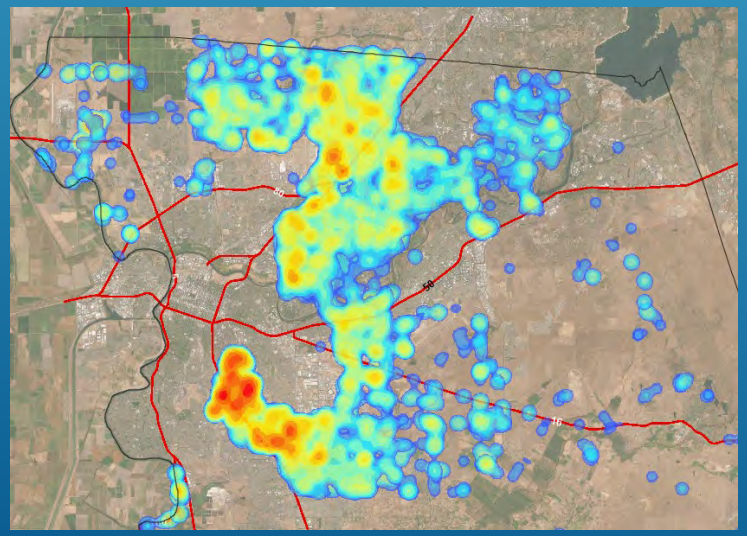
- Illegal dumping is a crime which occurs in both remote locations and populated neighborhoods.
- Illegal dumping severely damages neighborhoods and the environment.
- For the health and safety of yourself, your family, and the community, report illegal dumping!
- Property values decline.

The Impact of Illegal Dumping…..

- Unreported illegal dumping can result in more illegal dumping activity.
- Dumped material may also create:
  - A breeding habitat for mice, rats and mosquitoes that spread diseases such as encephalitis, hantavirus and West Nile virus.
  - Hazardous to the environment, as refrigerators, tires, auto parts and televisions contain heavy metals and other toxins.
  - Can be a traffic hazard when left in the public right-of-way.

What Sacramento County Is Doing…..

- Creating outreach material
  - Provided at special events
  - PBID meetings
- Posting on social media
- Posting on billboards
- Targeted outreach with multiple languages in hotspot locations



Illegal Dumping on Private Property

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In general, the storing or accumulating of junk, tra sh and garbage on private property (not in the public right -of-way or on County roadways) is the responsibility of the property owner. Reports of illegal dumping on private property are not eligible for a reward.

Prevention Tips

Proactive steps to prevent illegal dumping on your property:

- **Signs:** Inform violators that illegal dumping is a crime and indicate if you have a security system.
- **Lighting and Appearance** : Keep your property maintained and well lit to deter illegal dumping.
- **Lock Up:** Keep property gates locked. Ensure waste enclosure gates are locked.
- **Properly Dispose of Bulky Items** : For multifamily property managers, create set bulky waste disposal days for a licensed hauler to pick up items. Residents can contact their curbside collection provider for a bulky waste pickup appointment or take bulky items to a local disposal/recycling drop-off facility. Details at SacGreenTeam.com.
- **Spread the Word**: Encourage others to report illegal dumping when they see it. Unreported illegal dumping results in more illegal dumping activity.

Hire a Licensed Rubbish Hauler

When cleaning up the waste, ensure a licensed rubbish hauler is used. Sacramento County requires all junk and rubbish haulers to apply and receive a Special Business License. Licenses issued from outside of Sacramento County are not valid for work performed in the county. Always check whether the hauler has a valid special business license. Ask to see the hauler's drivers license and check the license against the business name.

Responsibility for junk and rubbish cleared from your property does not end once the hauler leaves your driveway. If the material is dumped illegally and traced back to your property, you may be held liable for its removal. Get a receipt and keep it in a safe place. Write the hauler's license plate on the receipt.

Directory of Licensed Rubbish Haulers: Scan the QR Code.

**If you still are not able to confirm the business license, contact the Sacramento County Business License Unit, 916-874-6644.*

Illegal Dumping and the Law

The County of Sacramento has a zero tolerance for illegal dumping. Anyone caught faces citation/fines and arrest. Defendants are charged under Penal Code Section 374.3, subsections A and H, as an infraction up to a misdemeanor.

First offense: **$250 to $1,000** | Second offense: **$500 to $1,500** | Third offense: **$750 to $3,000**
(The courts double fines for dumped tires.)

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Illegal Dumping – See it! Report it!

SAC COUNTY 311 CONNECT

SACRAMENTO COUNTY
3-1-1 CONNECT APP
Google Play Apple App Store

What Sac County is Doing…….

- Providing rewards for reporting when it leads to a conviction/citation
- 2023-issued $11,000 in rewards
- Supporting non-profits who clean the creeks with free dumping vouchers for our dumping facilities

What Sacramento County Is Doing…..

- Collaborating with other departments
  - Bi-monthly meetings
  - Sharing resources

ERADICATION

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- Department of Transportation
- Forensiclean

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REPORTING

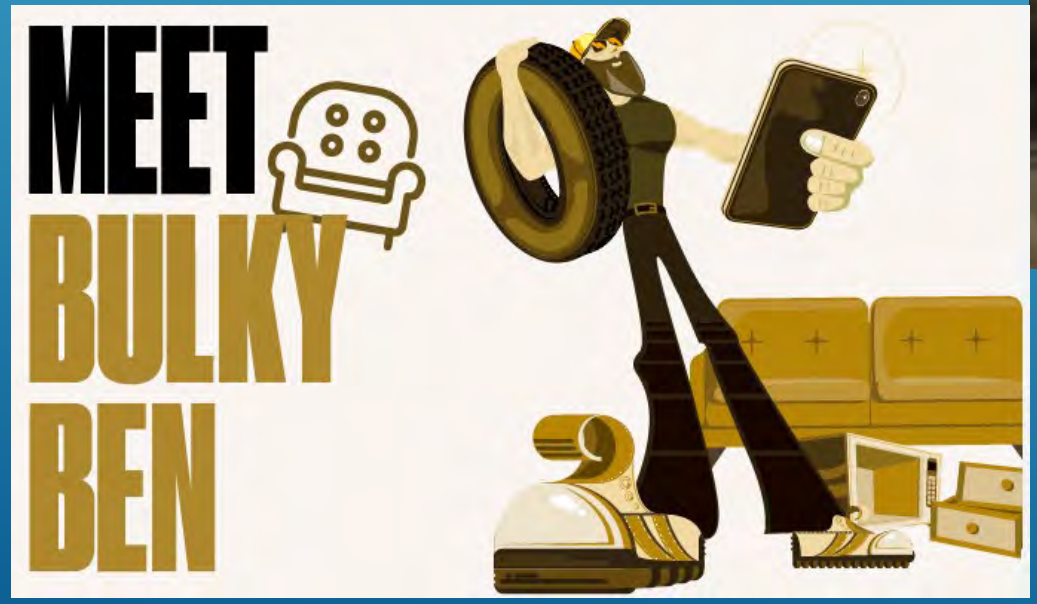
- 311 Receives a report over the phone, online, or through their smartphone app.
- Dispatchers determine where the items are located, what the items are, and which department to send the information.
- 27 Dispatchers working 24/7/365

2023 BY THE NUMBERS

- 9,609 Reported Illegal Dumps
- 1,652 Tons hauled
- 852 Code Investigations
- 340 Unscheduled Pickup Fees
- 32 Citations

EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL

- 11 Knuckle Boom trucks
- 5 Rear Loaders
- 5 Caterpillar 914 Claw Loaders
- 17 Dedicated Employees



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Set It Loose!
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PROACTIVE

- Known area sweeps

  Illegal Dump Hot Area Route (IDHAR)

- Community Cleanup Events

- Advertising and Public Outreach

- Scheduled Bulky Pickup Service

ENFORCEMENT

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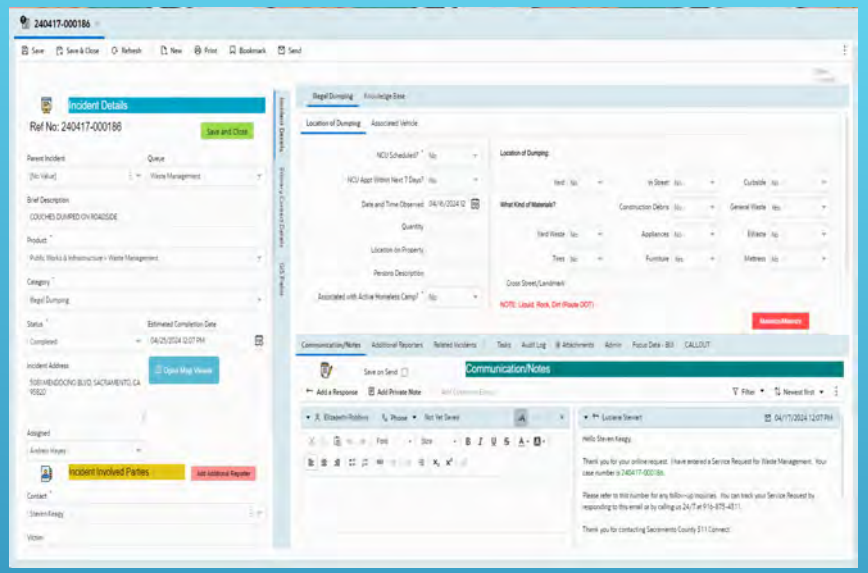
Code Enforcement Officer II

Sacramento County Code Enforcement



HOW IT STARTS

▸ Compliant received by 311

Incident sent to DWMR for clean-up and service.

Duplicate incident sent to Code Enforcement for case review and opening.

CASE REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION BEGINS

Code Enforcement illegal dumping case opened.

Review case:

Where: Incident location

What: What type of material

When: Time, day, etc.

Who: Suspect information? RP information?

How: Placed by tenants? Dumped by illegal hauler? Dumped by owners?

Review Oracle Complaint:

Photo?

DWMR completion?

Prior incident history at address?

Contact RP:

Discuss what info they have.

Have RP retell the incident.

Check SAP:

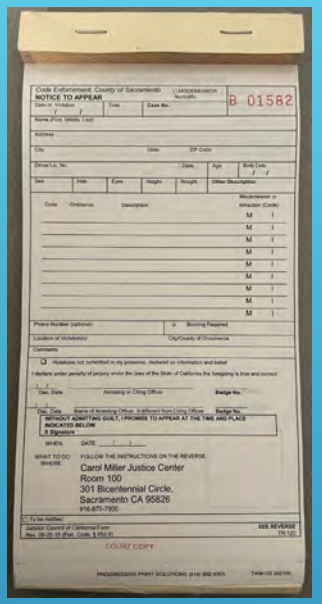
In front of property?

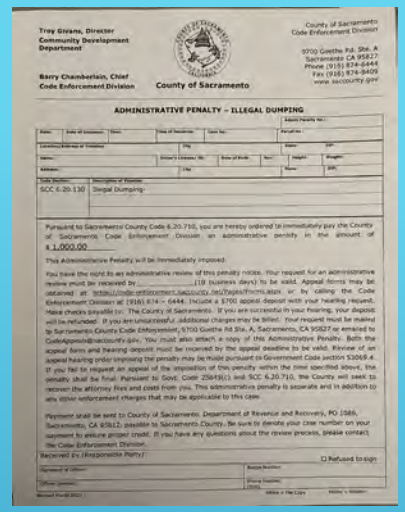
Check for a scheduled ABNCU.

FIELD INVESTIGATIONS

Go to incident location → Inspect immediate area → Gather evidence to determine most appropriate enforcement

ENFORCING ILLEGAL DUMPING





Enforcement

Verbal Warning / No Action

Compliance

Not Illegal Dumping

Unscheduled Pick-up Fee

Pile placed outside of ABNCU parameters

Court Citation

SCC 16.18.401(J) – ID into Waste Container / Scavenging (SCC 6.20.150 & SCC 6.20.160)
PC 373.3 – Illegal Dumping
PC 373.4 – Littering

County Administrative Penalty

SCC 6.20.130 – Illegal Dumping

INVESTIGATION RESOURCES

- Parcel Viewer
- SAP/FOCUS (county utility and billing accounts)
- Oracle (County 311 report system)
- DMV (Registered owner / vehicle information)
- CLEAR (background checks)
- KPF (Known Persons File / Mugshots or law enforcement contact)
- CLETS (California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, Nationwide law enforcement contact or notes)
- Google
- Social Media (Facebook, Instagram…)
- Craigslist
- In Field Interviews
- Community Contacts
- Cameras (County, Residential, Business)

CHALLENGES

- Don’t jump to conclusions
  - Not every case is the same even if the facts seem similar. Investigate and let the facts and evidence determine what happened

- Physical Area
  - Terrain (areas that are difficult to get to or more remote)
  - Community sentiment towards Code Enforcement or Law Enforcement
  - North County vs South County

- Cross Department Collaboration
  - No single channel for communication

CLOSING AND QUESTIONS

Where do we go from here?

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