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County Code Enforcement Catches Illegal Dumpers

Community blight and unsightly mounds of illegally dumped materials are losing ground thanks to San Bernardino County Code Enforcement. Illegal dumpers are regularly being caught on camera by the Code Enforcement Division of the County's Land Use Services Department. One-hundred percent of illegal dumpers caught and cited have returned to the scene to clean up their debris, representing a huge success for the program.

In operation for eighteen months, the program that placed surveillance cameras throughout the County has been able to identify and cite approximately one-third of the vehicles caught on camera illegally dumping trash, junk and other materials. The program uses one officer to review footage and investigate dumping tips, and maintains a roving crew of field assistances that regularly retrieve illegally dumped materials as well. "Approximately 56 tons of debris has been removed from illegal dump sites and taken to landfills since the program began," said Randy Rogers, Deputy Director of County Code Enforcement.

"We are immensely proud of our Code Enforcement Division's efforts and expect to see even higher catch and cite rates in the months to come as we improve vehicle identification techniques," said Land Use Services Director Julie Rynerson Rock. "The message to illegal dumpers is: take your debris to the appropriate landfill or disposal site the first time and save yourself the headache of citation and clean-up."

"Although we are in the midst of extremely difficult economic times, our departments continue to press for success as they deliver services within our communities", said Board Chairman Gary Ovitt. "I am constantly encouraged by the daily commitment of county staff to maintain forward momentum as they address resident needs."

To report illegal dumping visit www.wetip.com or call WeTip 1-800-78-CRIME. To contact Code Enforcement directly call 1-800-722-3181 or visit: http://www.sbcounty.gov/landuseservices/Code_Enforcement/default.htm