



City Hall Weekly Highlights

June 18, 2015

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: City Departments

CITY MANAGER:

City Council Adopts Spending Plan for FY 2015-2016:

On Wednesday, June 17th, the City Council approved a \$33.8 million Operating Budget Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 which begins July 1, 2015. On a separate action, the City Council also approved the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget for Fiscal Years 2015-2016 through 2019-2020 which included estimated spending of \$15.8 million on capital projects for FY 2015-2016. The Operating Budget included estimated expenditures of \$16.4 million for the City's General Fund; \$10.0 million for the Water Fund; \$6.0 million for the Sewer Fund; and \$1.4 million for various other Operating Funds including Gas Tax, CDBG, Miscellaneous Grant and NPDES. A balanced budget was presented for all of the Operating Funds except for the Water Fund. The FY 2015-2016 slice of the five-year CIP budget included estimated spending of \$0.4 million for parks projects; \$0.2 million on trails projects; \$5.8 million on water projects; \$4.8 million on streets and roads projects; \$2.8 million on storm drain projects; and \$1.5 million on sewer projects. While the City is able to devote substantial amount of financial resources to catch up on badly needed streets, water, sewer and storm drain infrastructure projects in FY 2015-2016, it is important to note that the ability of the City to finance future infrastructure projects will depend largely on the City finding new revenue sources to meet its infrastructure needs. The City's Ad-Hoc Committee on Infrastructure Needs and Funding Options are working hard to help address this issue. Detail information regarding the adopted Operating and CIP Budgets can be obtained from the City Clerk's Office. Final budget document will be uploaded to the City's website when it is ready.

Water Customer Portal Login:

It has been reported to City staff that residents are having difficulties creating user login accounts to access their water consumption information through the City's Water Portal System. These problems have now been resolved and a web banner has been added to the City's website with a link to the instructions on how to create user account and navigate the Water Portal System. With the State's mandatory water conservation, all residents should monitor their water usage and the best way to do that is through the City's Water Portal System. To sign up, please go to the City's web page and follow the instructions provided.

Waste Management to Phase-out Commingled Service:

Waste Management has begun to notify residents with commingled trash service that they will be discontinuing this service effective August 1, 2015, in order to comply with State recycling regulations under AB 939. It is estimated that 85 residents currently use this service. Prior to August 1, 2015, Waste Management will be delivering appropriate carts and/or bins to the affected residents to help them convert their services.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Historic Preservation: On July 6, 2015, Julianne Polanco will begin her tenure as State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), a critical decision-maker in the process of determining landmark status for historic structures throughout the State of California. The announcement of Governor Brown's appointment of Ms. Polanco to succeed retiring SHPO Carol Roland-Nawi has been well received by the Historic Preservation Commission, which looks forward to a responsive dialogue on challenges facing the preservation of the Lake Norconian Club and historic structures on U.S. Naval property.

Housing: To date, 61 Norco households headed by seniors or disabled individuals have applied for the City's Utility Bill Assistance Program, with 45 being fully approved. In addition, 6 households have applied for grants and loans for home repairs; and 1 applicant has met the eligibility requirements for the First-Time Homebuyer Program. For additional information on any of the City's housing programs, residents should call (909) 261-2770 or drop by City Hall for an application.

Business Prospecting: Following direction from staff, the real estate agent listing the property at the northwest corner of Corona Avenue and Hidden Valley Parkway received immediate interest from a national quick-service eatery that appears well suited for the neighborhood. Planning staff is now working with the parties to provide guidance on a potential zone change and conditional use permit (CUP).

FISCAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES:

Bill Processing: Staff mailed out 2,050 utility bills to Group 8 customers. Staff mailed out 214 delinquent notices to Group 1 utility customers that had not paid their bill on time. On Tuesday, a courtesy door tag was hung at the door of customers that were delinquent in Group 3 by Public Works notifying 80 customers that if they did not pay on Tuesday, their water services would be shut off on Wednesday. By Wednesday, 5 customer's water was shut off for nonpayment; 5 customer's water services were restored the same day and no customer's water remained shut off.

Business License and Cash Receipts: Business license renewal applications were sent out last week to all active businesses and we received 323 renewal applications and 18 new business license applications during the week. Staff processed a combined total of 2,126 cash receipts from the building counter, Parks and Recreation, utility customers and other miscellaneous accounts receivables totaling \$465,366.

Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable: A total of 29 miscellaneous accounts receivable invoices were sent to individuals/agencies totaling \$11,600. Miscellaneous accounts receivable invoices are sent to bill for EMS services, hydrant meter billing, damage to City property, encroachment permits, loan payments, trash billing to California Rehabilitation Center and any other services provided by the City other than utility billing and business licenses.

HUMAN RESOURCES:



Kelsey Beck
Recreation Aide



Ryan Bishop
Attendant

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Recreation and Community Services



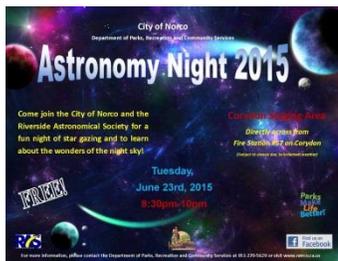
Social Media

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Special Events



Krazy Kirk and the Hillbillies join Horsetown USA for this week’s “Norco Rocks! Summer Concert in the Park” on Friday, June 19, 2015 at Pikes Peak Park from 6:30p.m.-8p.m. This night will be full of country, bluegrass mixed in with a bunch of comedy! You don’t want to miss this show! Free admission and free parking. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase, courtesy of the Norco Lions Club.



City of Norco Astronomy Night 2015

Come join the City of Norco Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and the Riverside Astronomical Society for a fun night of star gazing and to learn about the wonders of the night sky!

Astronomy Night 2015 will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at the Corydon Staging Area, directly across from Fire Station # 57 on Corydon Avenue in Norco.

The event will be from 8:30p.m.–10p.m. and is free to the community. Please note, the event may be subject to cancellation due to inclement weather. For more information regarding this event, please call (951) 270-5632 or visit www.norco.ca.us.

The City of Norco invites you to join us on July 4th, 2015, for a day of family fun! This festive patriotic event is free for the entire family!

Start your day off right with a Patriotic Scenic Trail Ride at 10 a.m. This equestrian trail ride will be staged out of George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center parking lot 2 at the corner of Crestview and Sixth Street. Dress red, white and blue! Prizes for most patriotic horse and rider! Helmets required for riders under the age of 18. There will be a shallow river crossing.

Following will be a family picnic at Pikes Peak Park directly across from Ingalls from 12-3pm and will feature music, kids’ crafts, old-fashioned picnic games, cake walks, horseshoe tournaments and more! Prizes will be awarded! The Norco Lions Club will have BBQ and refreshments available for purchase or bring your own picnic favorites! Don’t forget your chairs and blankets! No alcohol is allowed. Ice chests are subject to search. Event is proudly sponsored by AYSO Region 37 and Cal-Smog. For more information, please visit www.ci.norco.ca.us or call 951.270.5632



Youth Programs



We'd like to wish all the Wee People Playschool graduates the very best as they move on to kindergarten! Summer session begins June 22, 2015 and runs through August 14, 2015. This recreational program creates an environment of caring and trust where children can grow emotionally, socially, intellectually and physically. Activities include arts and crafts, outdoor play, games, imaginative play, music, story time and more!

Kidz Summer Camp for kids ages 5-12 years old continues full of fun, friendships and lots of laughter in a safe and wholesome environment! Registration is ongoing for the next seven weeks! For information on weekly themed activities, please contact our Recreation Coordinator at 951-272-1619.



Wee Twos and Wee Threes is taking registrations for the new session which begins June 22, 2015 through July 15, 2015. Program hours are Mondays and Wednesday each week from 9:30a.m.-12:30p.m. This recreation program is a great for children 2-3 years old to prepare them for Wee People Playschool!

Registration is being conducted for Youth Basketball Summer Camp! Camp is for youth who are in the 3rd to 8th grade. Girls camp runs July 6-10, 2015 and boys' camp runs July 13-17, 2015, both from 2-4p.m. Monday through Friday at Riley Gymnasium. Cost is \$55 per participant.

Seniors and Special Needs Programs

LIHEAP(Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) Utility Program held an information table to assist low-income families in the state of California with their home energy bills on June 16, 2015.

George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center:

- George A. Ingalls Veteran's Memorial Plaza Open 10 a.m.-Dusk. Entrance is located through Gate 5 off of Crestview just south of Sixth Street.
- Modjeska Mavericks Gymkhana event was held on Saturday, June 13th and Sunday, June 14th the Pacific Coast Miniatures horse show was scheduled. Both events were held at Moreno arena.
- A private 60th & 80th birthday party celebration was held at Nellie Weaver Hall Saturday, June 13th.
- R4R Team Roping was held Sunday, June 14th at Moreno Arena and will be returning in September.
- (NABOC) Norco All Breed Obedience Club held their show at Pikes Peak Park upper grass area on Saturday, June 13th and will be returning in November.
- Open Recreational Riding was held June 15th – 17th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Clark arena and is scheduled for June 22nd – 24th.
- Community Barrel Racing was held June 11th and is scheduled for June 18th and June 25th at Moreno Arena.
- Renegade Riders will be hosting a ride out of Corydon Staging area Saturday, June 20th.
- Saddle and Harness Open Breed and Buggy show is scheduled Sunday, June 21st at Moreno arena.

- Day of the Cowboy practices continue at Moreno arena on Monday, June 22nd from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Parks and Building Maintenance Services

This week, staff responded to many Work Orders, phone messages, and e-mails.

Buildings and Parks

- Staff hung a large map of the City in the Sheriff's Station at City Hall.
- A faulty door handle was repaired in the Sheriff's Station.

Parks

- Inspections were done
- Horse arenas were groomed on Friday which is a weekly scheduled maintenance
- There has been a lot of vandalism in the parks. Recent incidents are: 1) bending the tennis net post at Kips Korner; 2) pulling part of the toilet partition off the wall in the women's restroom in Pikes Peak; 3) breaking the light fixtures on the outside of the restroom at Sundance Park; 4) and someone is setting fire to toilet paper rolls in the restroom at Parmenter Park (twice now)

Here are some pictures of the vandalism:



- The tennis court net post at Kips Korner has been repaired. The bathroom partition at Pikes Peak has been repaired, and the electricity at Sundance has been shut off until staff can replace those light fixtures. We don't have any way to know who is setting fire to the toilet paper rolls in Parmenter Park. A police report will be made by Valley Crest for Parmenter Park.

LMD's and Valley Crest

- Valley Crest is moving right along with the field renovation at Shearer Soccer Complex. The sprinklers have been repaired, the fields have been leveled, they will be aerating the fields on Friday, and over seeding will begin right after that
- There was a water line break on the golf course over the weekend that caused some rutting in the horse trail along Andalusian in District 4. Valley Crest repaired them on Monday
- The work to the slope just below the water towers in District 4 is almost complete. The removal of all the dead Acacia turned into a pretty big project
- Valley Crest is working on our punch list and is also continuing to work as scheduled
- DG has been added to the Horseshoe Pits at Pikes Peak Park so it could be used for a tournament last Friday



Founders Day

Last Saturday our staff helped with the Founders Day Ride. We provided water, the BBQ, closed intersections, and took some golf carts to Corydon Staging Area. When the ride was over, staff returned everything so the Staging Area was back to normal.

LMD and Parks Water Conservation

Our department began the water conservation required by City Council Resolution No. 2015-36. We are turning off sprinklers that irrigate the bottom of some of our slopes. Most of the parkways have been reduced to fewer days a week with a 25% reduction in run time, and the City parks and sports fields will have a 25% reduction in run time as well. If there are no major problems with the changes we have made, we will expand our conservation efforts to all the slopes and possibly reduce the run time some more.

Animal Control Services

- Mailed out 210 dog license renewals, due July 2015
- Our rabies clinic was held on June 13, 2015; Animal Bird Hospital administered approximately 60 rabies shots at the clinic

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Approved Special Events:

- 6/22/15 (1-3 p.m.): Hiring event, 960 Sixth Street (Boot Barn)

Activities/New Applications/Project Updates:

- SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION: A sign permit for a wall sign was approved for a new "99-Cent Only" store at 475 Hidden Valley Parkway.
- LES SCHWAB: Building plans are in final stages of plan check. There have been two submittals both of which needed more information to approve the plans. Revised plans have now been submitted. The building permit cannot be issued until the grading permit is issued. Grading plans are being reviewed and all permits should be on track to be issued next week. Landscape plans have also been submitted for review.
- BURGER KING: Building permit was issued for the façade remodel that was approved.
- SECOND AND RIVER: Engineering and Planning staff met with the project developer to discuss final aspects of the rough grading plan.
- C-4 ZONE UPDATE: A community meeting was held at City Hall on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, for property owners and businesses on Sixth Street to discuss with staff the first phase, which is updating the list of permitted uses. This is being done to include more retail uses and generate more commercial development. Approximately 20 were in attendance with good discussion and questions. Much of the discussion was focused on public improvements and maintenance with some discussion regarding the fate of existing contractor storage yards if that use is eliminated from the list of permitted uses.

Code Compliance Updates:

2014 Total code cases:	328
2015 Total code cases:	153
Open cases:	66
New cases:	6
Citations issued:	7
Closed cases:	8
Yard sale signs removed:	21

- Conducted a joint inspection with the City Engineer regarding a residence with illegal/unpermitted grading done at Vista Ridge Circle.
- Working with the Sheriff's Department regarding some transient squatters down by the river possibly on City property.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

FIELD OPS

❖ **Water**

- Meter Leaks –
 - 4051 Sutton – replaced gaskets
 - 4236 Sierra – Vactored meter box, replaced gaskets
 - 4293 Queens – Vactored meter box, removed root ball from around service, replaced gaskets
- Service Leaks –
 - 3504 Temescal – vactor excavated and repaired leaking 1" service line
 - 455 5TH – Vactor excavated and repaired 1" galvanized service and meter setting.
 - 1546 Smokewood – vactor excavated leaking 1" poly service line and installed a three foot long copper "whip" at the mainline corporation stop.
 - 3051 Buff Street – vactor excavated and repaired leaking 17.40 inch diameter water main
- Main Leaks –
 - At approximately 7 AM on Saturday June 13th Field operations staff members responded to a report of a water leak in the intersection of Fifth Street and Western Avenue near the prison. The only Norco water line in this intersection is a 16" potable water transmission mainline that conveys potable water from the Arsenic removal plant to reservoir #2 located on Norconian Drive. Because of the high importance of this mainline and the proximity of the two connections to CRC that would be affected if the mainline had to be shutdown staff did decide to move forward with an emergency excavation and repair.

In this intersection in addition to the active Norco 16" potable water transmission line, there is also known to exist: the inactive reclaimed 12" water line, the Norco fiber optic cables, numerous underground ATT and Edison lines, a pressurized raw sewage force main and a 6" high pressure natural gas main. Obtaining Digalert underground utility locations after hours and on weekends is extremely difficult and can cause emergency leak assignments to extend many numerous additional hours waiting for staff members from other utilities respond to the jobsite. Fortunately the vacuum excavation trailer purchased by the City allowed the assigned Field Operations technicians the ability to safely locate and uncover the opposing utilities without damage while also addressing the emergency leak

Once the leaking portion of mainline and the opposing utilities were uncovered it was revealed that a bell fitting on the 16" potable water transmission mainline located directly beneath the abandoned 12" ductile iron navy water line had sustained apparent damage at a past date that led to the eventual localized failure and leakage of this piece of pipeline. Because there is less than two finger widths of space between Norco's 16" line, and the abandoned 12" Navy line crews were forced to expand the excavation to allow room to slide the repair pieces between the mainlines and eventually bring this unplanned release under control and repair the damaged pipeline.



- Hydrant repairs/maintenance –
 - 158 Sunset Court – loosened stuck 4" cap and flushed hydrant
 - 4399 Crestview – loosened 2 1/2" cap and flushed hydrant
 - 4566 Crestview – hydrant fully upgraded to current standard
 - 4646 Crestview – loosened stuck 4" plastic cap and flushed hydrant
 - 438 Clayton – loosened all stuck caps, flushed hydrant
 - 333 Green Tree – loosened stuck 2 1/2 " cap and flushed hydrant

- 397 Eighth – loosened stuck 2 ½ “ cap and flushed hydrant\
- 4550 Pedley – exercised internal operating assembly on dry barrel hydrant and flushed.
- 3091 Sunset Court – loosened 2 ½” and 4” cap, flushed hydrant
- Mainline shutdowns
 - EMERGENCY SHUTDOWNS– 1
 - NOTIFIED SHUTDOWNS – 1
 - Notifications verbally delivered to customers –
 - TEST SHUTDOWNS – 1
- Valves exercised – 4
- Hydrants flushed – 15

❖ **Graffiti/Debris sites**

- Sheriff’s Labor Workers
 - Weed abatement on North Drive between Crestview and California has been started.
 - Assisted staff to remove down tree branches at 620 River Drive
 - Removed down branches at 4100 Temescal

❖ **Special Projects**

- Staff installed a temporary asphalt ramp at the intersection of Clark and 4th Street to facilitate the parking of horse trailers for the Founders Day ride. Without the ramp vehicles and trailers wishing to park in the empty field would have been forced to ‘jump’ the curb, likely resulting in damage to the curb area as well as possibly damaging wheels and tires on the participant’s vehicles and trailers. The temporary ramp was removed on Tuesday June 16th.



❖ **Safety meeting/Training meeting**

- With the onset of summer weather staff has been assigned training for working in extreme weather conditions. Training will be completed via Target Safety solution online courses.

Building and Safety:

- 20 Permits Submitted
- 12 Permits Issued
- 59 Inspections Performed
- 1 Stop Work Notice Issued

ENGINEERING:

- Vine Street and Sagetree Lane Water Project: The replacement water line being installed on Vine Street was connected at a single point to the distribution system on June 17th. The contractor can now begin tying all the homes to the new mainline. As homes are removed from sections of the old and failing mainline, those sections will be isolated at the existing valves for eventual abandonment as part of the mainline replacement contract. Once finished, the new 12” diameter concrete mortar lined and coated steel water mainline will have 3 points of connection with the abutting distribution system and all residences within the project zone will benefit from new fire hydrant assemblies placed at 300 foot intervals and new copper water services to each home.



- Third Street Improvement Project: Contractor has begun demolition. Surveyor is staking right of way limits.
- South Norco Channel Stage 6, Norco MDP Line S-5 Stage 1: Staff is hosting a meeting tonight to facilitate discussions between Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and the residents on Hillside Lane. RCFC requires an easement from the Hillside Lane residents in order to construct the propose Master Drainage Plan project.
- FY 2014-15 Pavement Management System, Phase I Project: Advertised for bid on June 17. Bid opening date of July 15, 2015. Streets included in the project are: Hialeah Circle, Valley View Avenue, Hilltop Lane, Sierra Avenue, Hamner Avenue, Hillside Avenue, Fourth Street and Lookout Point. Engineer's Estimate is \$920,000.

NORCO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

- **Norco Citizen's Honored for Coming to the Aid of a Deputy:**
During the June 17, 2015, Norco City Council Meeting, long time Norco residents Robin Grundmeyer and her sister Carole Lindsey, were honored for coming to the aid of Norco Deputy Ada Benitez. During a call for service in January 2015, Deputy Benitez had been attacked by a male suspect who tried to overpower her and remove her taser from her duty belt. During the struggle, Deputy Benitez could not get to her radio and call for assistance. Robin Grundmeyer and Carole Lindsey who were in the area, saw Deputy Benitez struggling with the suspect. At great risk to their own personal safety, Robin Grundmeyer and Carole Lindsey immediately came to the aid of Deputy Benitez and helped her physically restrain the suspect. Based upon the assistance provided by Robin Grundmeyer and Carole Lindsey, Deputy Benitez was able to finally handcuff the suspect and take him into custody.



Deputy Benitez suffered some soreness from falling during the attack; however, her injuries could have been much worse had it not been for the brave actions of Robin Grundmeyer and Carole Lindsey. The Norco Sheriff's Office and City of Norco would like to thank Robin Grundmeyer and Carole Lindsey for the help they provided Deputy Benitez.

- **Norco Sheriff's Office Personnel Update:**
On May 28, 2015, Sergeant John Del Valle, formerly assigned to the Jurupa Valley Station Administration, took a position with the Norco Sheriff's Office. Sergeant Del Valle has been a member of the Sheriff's Department for over 28 years. He has worked a variety of Sheriff's stations and facilities, which included assignments as a deputy, detective and sergeant. Sergeant Del Valle has an extensive background with Sheriff's operations and provides a great deal of training to our field personnel. Prior to his employment with the Riverside Sheriff's Department, Sergeant Del Valle served in the United States Army for approximately ten years as a Combat Medic. Sergeant Del Valle also holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Cal Baptist University. Sergeant Del Valle has a tremendously solid work ethic and is a welcome addition to the Norco Sheriff's Office.
- **Burglary Suspect Arrested:**
On Thursday, June 11, 2015, at 8:59 a.m., deputies responded to the All in Auto Sales, located in the 900 block of Hamner Avenue, in the City of Norco. A male was seen attempting to leave the property with stolen items and a vehicle. The male fled on foot from the property prior to the arrival of deputies. Deputies arrived and, with the help of witnesses, were able to locate the male running from the area. The male was detained. The investigation revealed the male burglarized the business and attempted to take a vehicle. The stolen property was recovered. Arrested for burglary and attempted vehicle theft was **Joseph Phillips**, age 21, of Riverside. Phillips was booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center.



➤ **Despite Prop 47, Early Releases from Jail Continue:**

Since 1993, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department has been operating under a federal court order, which requires the release of inmates anytime the jail system exceeds maximum capacity. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department currently has a maximum inmate bed capacity of 3,914. This bed capacity is significantly undersized when taking into account the overall size and continued population growth of Riverside County, and has led to the early release of thousands of inmates over the years.

The lack of jail bed capacity has been exacerbated with the start of the AB 109 Realignment on October 1, 2011. AB 109 Realignment mandated that individuals sentenced to non-serious, non-violent or non-sex offenses serve their sentences in county jails instead of state prison. It also mandated that state prison inmates on parole for the same category of offenses serve their violation term in a county jail instead of being sent back to state prison. Following AB 109 Realignment, the inmate population rapidly swelled and the Sheriff was forced to start the early release of inmates in January 2012.

Prior to AB 109 Realignment and during the initial 19-year span of the Federal Court Order, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department was forced to release 24,236 inmates early due to lack of jail bed capacity. After AB 109 Realignment, the Department was forced to release an additional 28,742 inmates early in order to remain in compliance with the Federal Court Order. These additional releases surpassed the 19-year combined total by more than 4,000 additional releases in just a 4-year time period.

Although it is too early to tell the true impact of Prop 47, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department has seen an 18% decrease in the number of jail bookings. However, the number of Realignment inmates in custody has continued to increase, negating any anticipated relief from Prop 47. April 2015 represented an all-time high of over 28% or approximately 1,100 beds once available for county inmates, now being occupied by long-term AB 109 Realignment inmates, resulting in the early release of 2,006 inmates since the passage of Prop 47 in November 2014.

Currently, nearly 400 AB 109 Realignment inmates in custody are sentenced to three years or more, with one sentenced to 13 years, increasingly tying up scarce bed space and capacity. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department has continued to expand its "alternative to incarceration programs", contracted continuously with CDCR for inmate fire camp beds, and is exploring the possibility of housing inmates in other counties. So far, the lowest monthly average of AB 109 Realignment inmates in custody in 2015 is higher than any month during 2014.

The point of contact is Assistant Sheriff Jerry Gutierrez at (951) 955-2400.

<http://www.riversidesheriff.org/press/admin15-0610.asp>

NORCO FIRE DEPARTMENT (CAL FIRE):

- 6/12/15: *FOLLOW UP ON INCIDENT*- On Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at approximately 7:55 AM, CALFIRE / Riverside County Firefighters responded to a structure fire at 3158 Hamner Avenue, Norco. Fire Department units arrived and discovered smoke and fire in the men's restroom within a two story restaurant. The restaurant was open and occupied by both employees and customers at the time of the fire. Firefighters contained the fire to the restroom and conducted a Preliminary Fire Investigation. The fire investigation revealed the fire was caused when an open flame device was used to ignite toilet tissue and/or the plastic housing around the tissue on fire. All other causes were excluded. Employees

of the restaurant noticed an individual, later identified as **Hector Beltran**, enter the restroom nineteen minutes before the fire. **Beltran** exited the restroom after the fire, and an employee took a photo of him by using her cell phone. A review of security camera footage revealed **Beltran** entering the restroom before the fire and leaving the restroom after the fire. **Beltran's** girlfriend, **Christina Sierra**, is seen entering the restroom area twice during the time Beltran is in the restroom, but is only there for a total of 2 minutes, 17 seconds. **Sierra** left the restroom nine minutes before the fire was visible. No other persons entered the restroom area during the time of the fire. **Beltran** was located a short time later and arrested for arson. On Monday, June 8, 2015, Beltran was sentenced to 3 years in State Prison, received a "Strike", and will have to register as an arsonist for the remainder of his life.

- 6/13/15: CAL FIRE \ Riverside County Firefighters responded to a residential structure fire in the City of Norco. The first arriving companies advised of a working fire in the garage with extension into the residence. As a result of an aggressive interior attack the fire was contained to the garage and attic above a single bedroom. Red Cross was on scene to assist the displaced residents.
- 6/15-6/19: Representatives from Southern California Edison presented training for Cal Fire Staff. This training covered a variety of topics including hazardous electrical connections, utility theft, indoor marijuana grows, solar panels, 1st Responder Safety. Also included was information regarding 1st Responder Safety Practices for electrical substations. These representatives also presented information on resources Edison can provide to the Fire Department at Fire and Emergency Incidents.



- Ms. Sandie Hastings has been appointed to the Fire Safety Specialist Position for City of Norco. Ms. Hastings joins us from Torrance Fire Department where she worked as a Fire Prevention Officer for the Torrance Fire Department for 21 years. Prior to her position at Torrance Fire Department, she worked as a Fire Inspector for the La Habra Department. Ms. Hastings graduated from Columbia Southern University with a Bachelor's degree in fire science. She has always embraced training opportunities and has had the privilege of attending the National Fire Academy several times. She also holds three certifications from the International Code Council (ICC). Her experience includes new construction inspections, developing policy updates, creating fire code training programs for engine company personnel, public counter plan check, and providing code interpretations. Ms. Hastings has been an active participant in the Southern California Fire Prevention Officers' Association where she is on the executive board in the position of 1st Vice President. She has attended the ICC code hearings in Dallas and New Jersey for the past few cycles and has been on the Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee for the California State Fire Marshal for several years.



Response Activity – Norco

➤ False Alarm	6
➤ Medical	27
➤ Public Service Assist	5
➤ Res Fire	1
➤ Standby	1
➤ Traffic Collision	1
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Total	41

Weekly Activity Report

6/11/15-6/17/15

➤ All Plan Reviews	2
➤ Inspections:	
Annuals	29
New Construction	2
Re-inspection (Annuals)	21
Weed Abatement	0
➤ Meetings and Other	
Meeting	6
Training	1



Riverside County Fire
Office of the Fire Marshal
City of Norco



Fire Alarm Monitoring Report
June 16, 2015

By the Code...

- ✓ California Fire Code (CFC) Section 903.4.1 requires all Fire Sprinkler Systems to be monitored by an approved supervising station...
- ✓ CFC 901.9 requires notification of termination of service of sprinkler monitoring.
- ✓ In the last year we have received approximately **twelve (12) notices of termination of monitoring services** which we followed up on. As of today, all have had their service reinstated.
- ✓ Only one business has an outstanding issue in which one of the two phone lines remains nonoperational. We are working with the manager to ensure it is repaired.



Notes...

- ✓ The average monthly cost for Fire Sprinkler/Alarm monitoring is \$35. This cost may be reduced if you combine your Fire alarm with security system.
- ✓ Businesses are upgrading from standard analog phone lines to a cellular connection for communication with the supervising station to reduce costs and improve the quality/consistency of the connection.
- ✓ Effective 7/1/2015 we will be utilizing a new inspection form and FAST (Fire Activity & Systems Tracking) spreadsheet to track businesses with Fire Sprinklers and Fire Alarm Monitoring.