



Wildomar Police Department

Quality of Life Issues Homelessness

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Homeless Epidemic

Homelessness – Not a Crime

- **Creates many Quality of Life Issues for Community**
- **Several Crimes Associated with Homelessness**
- **Not Only a Police Issue**
- **Community Issue**
- **Working in Partnership**
 - **Police, Code, Building & Safety, Property Owners, Community Residents, Social Services, Non-Profit Organizations**



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Contributing Factors

- State Legislation
 - AB109(2011)
 - Prop 47(2014)
 - Prop 57(2016)
- Increased Transients/Drugs = Theft



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Local Police Responses

- **Focus on Criminal Issues**
 - **Drugs, Trespass, assaults, thefts, etc.**
 - **Work with CODE to identify private property owners for Trespass Letters (602 letters)**

- **Limited Resources**
 - **Utilize Patrol & Directed Overtime**
 - **No Special Teams**

- **Recent Examples (Directed Enforcement over past week)**
 - **Several Hours of Field Interview and Identification**
 - **Assisted 4 homeless with obtaining needed documents for military and DMV paperwork**
 - **Arrested 2 (1 warrant, 1 Trespass)**



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Reality & Collaboration

- **Reality of Situation**
 - Many will not accept help
 - Most of the crimes are misdemeanor or less
 - No Jail Time
 - End up moving the problem from place to place
 - Resources are scarce (Additional \$ could help drive focused teams to spend more time on the issues)

- **Nobody is the Hero**
 - Police cannot do it alone
 - City cannot do it alone
 - Citizens cannot do it alone
 - Non-Profits & Religious Organizations cannot do it alone

- **Collaboration**
 - We work in conjunction with many departments and groups
 - We keep in communication with those groups and other surrounding cities and agencies
 - Education of the issues and what people can do to productively help alongside city officials and private groups