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Kevin's Corner

In this early Labor Day edition – be forewarned - you are going to detect some of my frustrations.

Helping isn't Easy – In the rural but growing First District community of Mead Valley (which is basically located west of the 215, between Perris and Riverside cities), lending a hand to make some basic infrastructure improvements has proven to be very difficult – and that's on a good day! Our push to have street lights installed along a few busy streets near schools has been delayed for nearly a year. Our efforts to provide public transit bus riders with relief from the summer heat and wet winters by providing covered bus stops has been met with significant resistance. Our desire to provide sidewalks around school sites and other busy locations has hit sticker shock. In each case, the reason for the hesitation or delays is different. **Street lights** = The Public Utility and County Transportation officials keep exchanging specs and approvals. **Covered Bus Stops** = The Transit Agency claims it doesn't have the funds to maintain a large number of "covered" bus stops, even if the covered bus stand is provided to them for free. **Sidewalks** = the cost to install a concrete sidewalk has literally increased to the point that it's the same cost as a new home (plus a year of planning and design)! I remember when it would cost nearly \$2 million just to build a **fire station**. Now the price is somewhere north of \$7 million to \$9 million. When it comes to our government being able to utilize our hard earned tax dollars to carry out needed community improvements – either the outrageous costs and/or the endless bureaucracy of analysis-paralysis is making progress in our communities very difficult to achieve. Something has got to give!

The Left & Right Hand – Riverside County government has been directed by California State mandates to make sure that thousands of affordable homes (and granny-flat type units) can be built in our unincorporated (non-city) communities. Most of our unincorporated communities do not have city-style municipal sewer systems and rely instead on old-fashioned septic tank systems. The installation and utilization of septic tanks is now closely regulated by different State created organizations known as Regional Water Quality Control Boards. With recent regulations, typical septic tanks are extremely frowned upon, and the new home treatment systems can cost as much as a nice new car! Want to build a decent little affordable granny-flat in the back yard? Well, one State agency (Housing) is going to applaud you, while another state created agency (Water Quality) will likely have standards that will make it impossible for you to afford it or be successful. Again – something has got to give!

Some Good News! Riverside County has enjoyed a very long running contractual relationship with CAL FIRE (formally CDF) going back to the 1920's. The Riverside County Fire Department and most of our local (continued to page 2)

cities have been provided fire protection services under an agreement that puts the Cities, County, and State under one roof with a regional approach to our emergency services (everyone backing each other up). No community goes it alone. Unlike many other counties, when we have rapidly growing fires anywhere in our county, 20 to 40 fire engines can be quickly dispatched and on the road to help. (Note: Even local cities that are not contracting with CAL FIRE are all working with the county to make sure that the mutual aid system is doing its job to protect us all). The good news is that the County has just renewed the contract with CAL FIRE for another three years. This contract continues the use of State employees to staff County and Contract City fire stations (nearly 100 fire stations total). Unfortunately, the cost of the contract has increased by \$68 million since FY 2020/21, and will continue to increase as CALFIRE changes the workweek for employees to a 66 hour workweek instead of the current 72 hour workweek. The County will be keeping an eye on the rising costs. Nothing is inexpensive anymore.

Neighbors Battle Over Peace and Quiet – The saga of Short Term Rentals (STRs) continues. Those who pay attention to our meetings will recall that we spent many hours receiving testimony and hearing complaints from STR neighbors and owners last year, as we tried to craft a county-wide (unincorporated areas only) ordinance to better regulate these businesses. The goal was to protect neighborhoods while still allowing these property owners to earn incomes by providing a very popular service for visitors to the area. We did eventually pass a new ordinance to better track, educate, and regulate STRs, but it was agreed that even stricter standards might be necessary in Wine Country and the Idyllwild/Pine Cove area, where STRs have been the most popular, leading to what some believe to be an over-concentration of these, leading to problems with parties and noise in previously quiet neighborhoods. We put a moratorium on new STR permits in these two areas and staff began working on “enhanced” standards for those communities. They have now completed their work, and the new rules include limits on numbers of STRs that can be owned by an individual or group, buffers between STRs, and a cap on total numbers in each of these zones. This ordinance passed the Planning Commission mid-August following hours of testimony and complaints, which means as soon as October the full Board of Supervisors will again be hearing---hours of testimony and complaints. Stand by!

Respectfully,

Kevin Jeffries

Got an old mattress? You've got options!

1
Retailers
Take It

2
Drop It
Off

3
City
Pick Up

byebymattress.com
A Program of the Mattress Recycling Council®

More than 75% of a mattress can be recycled into other products, diverting valuable resources from local landfills! Learn how to recycle your mattress and free disposal options that may be available to you at [ByeBye-Mattress.com](https://www.byebymattress.com) #byebymattress

You can visit our website www.byebymattress.com to find a recycling location and additional information. If you would like these materials in Spanish, please let me know!

For more information about the program in your area, your local Bye Bye Mattress coordinator is Tyler Douthitt at (949) 534-6693.



Interested in serving your local community?

Perhaps you are more of a regional advocate?

If you live in or have a business in District #1, be sure to look at the list of openings we have below for local commissions.

CURRENT OPENINGS:

Good Hope Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - One (1) Member & Two (2) Alternates

Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - One (1) Alternate

Solid Waste - One (1) Alternate Representative

In Home Support Services (IHSS) - Recipient or Consumer of IHSS Services - One (1) opening

Behavioral Health Commission - Family Member - One (1) opening & Public Interest - One (1) opening

Community Action Commission - One (1) Alternate

Assessment Appeals Board No. 3 - One (1) Alternate

First 5 Children & Families Advisory Committee - (2)

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions please see a link and instructions to an application below:

<https://rivcodistrict1.org/sites/g/files/aldnop256/files/2023-08/Boards%20and%20Commissions%20Application%2C%208-22-23.pdf>

FREE RIDE FRIDAYS
Every Friday. All Day. Anywhere we go.

RTA is offering free rides on all local, CommuterLink and GoMicro buses every Friday through June 28, 2024. Let us take you to your next destination for free!

Get your Free Ride Friday pass on the GoMobile app. It's free!

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RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY

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RiversideTransit.com | (951) 565-5002

Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) is offering free rides on all local CommuterLink and GoMicro buses every Friday, starting September 1, 2023 and will continue through June 28, 2024.

Let RTA take you to your next destination for free!

Get your Free Ride Friday Pass on the GoMobile app. It's Free!

For any questions please reach out to RTA at (951) 565-5002 or visit their website at

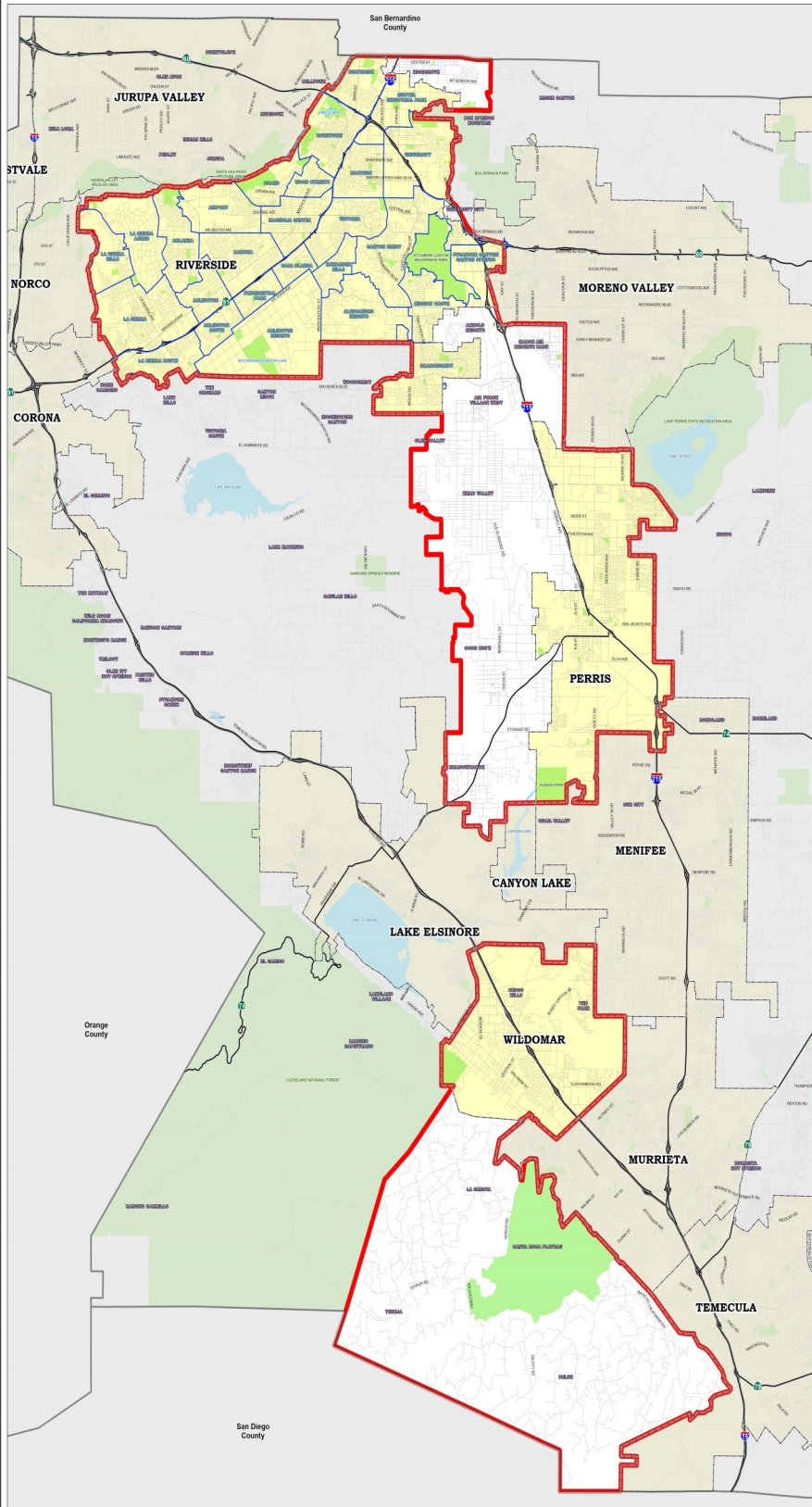
RiversideTransit.com

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 County of Riverside

First District Profile



Kevin Jeffries was elected in November 2012 to Represent the residents of the 1st Supervisorial District on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. This district covers the cities of Riverside, Perris, and Wildomar, and the unincorporated communities including Highgrove, University City, Mead Valley, Good Hope, Meadowbrook, March Joint Powers Authority, La Cresta, Tenaja, and De Luz.



- Roads
- Highways
- City Boundaries
- Neighborhoods
- District 1 Boundary
- Parks
- Waterbodies

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
District 1
(951) 955-1010

Representing the Cities of:
Riverside
Jurupa Valley (portion)
Perris
Wildomar



NOTE: Wildomar, La Cresta, Tenaja, and De Luz will move to the 3rd District in January of 2025.

Upcoming Community Clean Ups

University Heights Community Clean-Up

WHEN: September 2, 2023

TIME: 8am-12pm (or until bins are full)

WHERE: Trash bins will be located at the end of Cornell and Tulane Ave. White Goods/Metal can be dropped off at Stanford and Claremont Ave.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Oversized household solid waste • Washers/Dryers • Refrigerators/Freezers
- Chairs/Couches/Tables • Box Springs/Mattresses • Barbecue/Patio Furniture • Bundled Branches • Bagged Green Waste

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Latex, Oil or Paint • Fluorescent Light Tubes • Empty Drums • Batteries
- Pool Chemicals • Commercial or Remodeling Waste • Automotive Oils/Cleaners & Fluids
- Poisons/Pesticides/Herbicides • Bleach/Tub & Tile Cleaner • Solvents/Gasoline
- Auto Parts & Engines • Treated Wood Waste (fence posts, railroad ties)

Participants will be required to unload their vehicle without assistance.

* Proof of residency is required. Please bring a photo ID, along with this postcard or a Waste Management bill to the clean-up.

Please call Waste Management with any questions you may have at (800) 423-9986



Other District One Clean Ups

- Meadowbrook/Good Hope.....October 28, 2023
- Mead Valley.....November 18, 2023
- Highgrove.....December 9, 2023

HIGHGROVE TOWN HALL

HOSTED BY THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

HIGHGROVE TOWN HALL MEETING



DISTRICT 1 HIGHGROVE INAUGURAL TOWN HALL

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.
HIGHGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
690 Center Street, Highgrove, CA 92507

**Please join us to discuss important community issues
with various county agencies and meet OUR First
District Supervisor!**

Invited Departments

Animal Services
Auditor Controller
District Attorney
Environmental Health
Executive Office
Facilities Management
Fire Department
Highgrove Library
Office of Aging

Emergency Management Department
Housing and Workforce Solutions
Office of Economic Development
Department of Public Social Services
Riverside University Health System
– Behavioral Health
Assessor County Clerk Recorder
Riverside County Transportation Commission

Registrar of Voters
Sheriff
Building and Safety
Code Enforcement
Planning
Transportation
Tax Collector
Waste Management
Veteran Services



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 951 955-1010

MEAD VALLEY & GOOD HOPE TOWN HALL

HOSTED BY THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

MEAD VALLEY

&

GOOD HOPE

TOWN HALL MEETING



**MEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
10th ANNIVERSARY**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.
21091 Rider Street, Perris, CA 92570**

**Please join us to discuss important community issues
with various county agencies and meet OUR First
District Supervisor!**

Invited Departments

Riverside County Sheriff

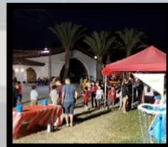
- Code Enforcement
- Animal Services
- Environmental Health
- Fire Department
- Auditor Controller
- Auditor Clerk Recorder

Executive Office

- Dr. Rios - Clinica Medica Familiar
- Transportation Department
- Eastern Municipal Water District
- Emergency Management Department
- Office of Economic Development
- Riverside University Health System
- Behavioral Health

Mead Valley Library

- Riverside Transit Agency
- Waste Management
- Office of Aging
- Building and Safety
- First 5
- California Highway Patrol



Activities will start after meeting. Opportunity Drawing, Carnival Games, Live Band, Food Trucks

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 951 210-1580

MEAD VALLEY UPDATES

Mead Valley Back to School Event

On Saturday, August 5th 2023, the Mead Valley Community Center (operated by the Grove Community Church) hosted the “Back-To-School Bash”. There were games, food, and school supply giveaways. 650 people attended and 381 backpacks were distributed to students.



Highgrove Updates



Do Not Feed Donkey Signs Are Here!

Please note that signs indicating “Do not feed donkeys/wildlife” have been and continue to be installed in Highgrove. We would like to express our gratitude to the Highgrove CSA 126 for their efforts in ordering and installing these signs.

HOMWORK HELP PROGRAM AT THE HIGHGROVE LIBRARY



Highgrove Library
530 Center St
Riverside CA 92507
951-682-1507

HOMWORK HELP HOURS
TUES & THURS: 2PM - 6PM
WED: 1:30 PM - 6PM
FRI: 12 PM - 6PM
SAT: 10 AM - 3PM

Tutors courtesy of UCR College Corps



NOW OPEN

LOCATION & HOURS
Date September 29, 2023
Location Norton Younglove CC
459 Center Street
Highgrove, CA 92507
Hours 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

MOBILE HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Riverside University Health System offers primary health care services inside our mobile clinic at various locations throughout Riverside County.

SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Exams, Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute and Chronic Illness
- Prescriptions Written as Needed (No Controlled Substances)
- Patient Education
- Immunization
- Preventative Health Screenings
- Women's Health Exams
- Laboratory Services
- Nutrition education

Serving your healthcare needs in one convenient location! Referrals are available as needed for specialists, mental health treatment and other public health services.

FEES
Our helpful staff will assist you in determining which programs are available to help pay for the services you need.

To schedule an appointment call:
833-434-2229
You can also schedule your appointment in-person.



www.ruhealth.org/medical-center/medical-services/mobile-health-clinic



September is National Preparedness Month

Preparedness for Earthquakes and more makes for a more resilient Riverside County

September is National Preparedness Month, and the County of Riverside Emergency Management Department is encouraging all residents to take steps to prepare for emergencies, including earthquakes. The Ready Campaign's 2023 National Preparedness Month campaign will focus on preparing older adults for disasters, specifically those from communities that may need additional support. Everyone can benefit from being prepared for emergencies, and earthquake preparedness is especially important in Riverside County. Each resident can play a part in preparing our whole community by helping family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to be ready for emergencies.

Why Earthquake Preparedness is Important

Major earthquakes could come from any of the three major faults here in Riverside County; the San Andreas fault, the Elsinore fault or the San Jacinto fault. Earthquakes can strike without warning and cause significant damage to buildings, roads, and other infrastructure. They can also cause injuries and fatalities. Being prepared for an earthquake can help you and your family stay safe and minimize damage to your property.

Steps to Prepare for an Earthquake

Here are some steps you can take to prepare for an earthquake:

- Create an emergency kit: Your emergency kit should include enough food, water, and supplies to last for at least three days. You should also include a first aid kit, a flashlight, and a battery-powered radio.
- Make a plan: Create a family emergency plan that includes a meeting place and contact information for family members. Make sure everyone knows what to do in case of an earthquake.
- Secure your home: Secure heavy furniture and appliances to prevent them from falling during an earthquake. You should also make sure your home is up to code and can withstand seismic activity.
- Older adults should pay extra attention to securing items that might fall in an earthquake and make moving in the home more difficult. Additionally, those taking medications should ensure they have a plan have enough medication to last 3-7 days. Power companies often have programs to assist those with powered medical devices with batter back up equipment.
- Stay informed: Sign up for the Alert RivCo notification system to receive emergency alerts and warnings. You should also stay informed about earthquake risks and preparedness by following the County of Riverside Emergency Management Department on social media and attending preparedness training and events.

Sign Up for Alert RivCo Now to Get Alerts for Local Emergencies

The Alert RivCo notification system is a vital tool for staying informed about emergency events in Riverside County. The system is used by local public safety agencies to rapidly alert and warn residents of emergencies requiring action for their address, such as earthquakes, wildfires, and hazardous materials incidents.

Signing up for Alert RivCo is easy and free. You can register online at <https://rivcoready.org/alert-rivco/> or by calling (951) 358-7100. Don't wait until it's too late - sign up for Alert RivCo today and stay informed about emergency events in your area.

National Preparedness Month is an excellent opportunity to take steps to prepare for emergencies, including earthquakes. By creating an emergency kit, making a plan, securing your home, and staying informed, you can help protect yourself and your family. Remember to sign up for Alert RivCo to receive emergency alerts and warnings. If you have older adults in your life, reach out to see if you can help them with their own preparedness. With a little preparation, you can be more resilient when emergencies occur. For more preparedness tips, go to RivCoReady.org.

NATIONAL CLEAN UP DAY 2023



Saturday • September 16th
Meeting Location • Elks Lodge #2951
 33700 Mission Trail, Wildomar

Please join the Wildomar Beautification Volunteers for a clean-up in Wildomar.

We will be picking up litter, picking weeds, cleaning graffiti, and more!



- 7-7:45am Check in and Street Assignment
- 7:45am Announcements and Thank You
- 8am Drive to Your Assigned Area
- 10am Return tools to Elks Lodge Parking Lot

A HUGE THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:

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For more information, please contact
 Bridgette Moore (951) 440-6796

@WILDOMARBEAUTIFICATION

www.WildomarCPF.com



JOIN OUR TEAM

We are looking for professionals who are willing to support and improve the health, safety, well-being and independence of our county's families

OPEN DPSS POSITIONS

- Eligibility Technician I/II
- Social Services Practitioner III
- and many more!!



BENEFITS INCLUDE

- Medical, Vision, Dental
- Competitive Work Schedules
- 12 Paid Holidays Per Year
- Vacation and Sick Time Accruals
- 457b Deferred Compensation Plan
- CalPERS Pension
- Education Support Program



APPLY TODAY!

Scan the QR code to see more employment opportunities.

For all Riverside County job openings, visit: RC-HR.com



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For more information please visit us at: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/riverside/dpssjobs>



RIVERSIDE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Requirements to Join

- Attend a high school within Riverside County
- Be able to attend bi-weekly meetings and service events
- Eager to make changes in your community

Open Recruitment!

Join the Riverside County Youth Commission today and learn how you can serve your community, gain leadership skills and make your voice heard. Serve on one of our five Youth Advisory Councils under the Board of Supervisors and become a leader of tomorrow!

Interested in joining?
 Scan QR code to complete an interest form:



@RivCoYAC
 www.rivcoyac.org

Let's talk about: PET WATER SAFETY



- Never leave pets unsupervised around water.
- Never throw a pet into the water, assuming it knows how to swim.
- Keep pools fenced off or enclosed.
- Learn pet CPR.
- Invest in a colorful pet life vest or life jacket.



As the weather heats up...



REMEMBER:

NEVER leave pets in the car on a warm day.

Cars can heat up to dangerous temperatures in minutes, even with the window slightly open.

If you see a dog in distress, call 911





SPECIAL NEEDS REUNIFICATION PROGRAM

RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Enroll today!

Riverside County Sheriff's Office Special Needs Reunification Program helps law enforcement locate missing individuals with disabilities such as autism and dementia, as well as those with behavioral health challenges.



Families can pre-register to provide a detailed physical description of their loved one, photographs, possible destinations, and suggested calming strategies. Deputies and dispatchers can immediately access the information at the time of a missing persons call, expediting a safe return.

The Special Needs Reunification Program is sponsored by the Riverside County Sheriff's Office and is supported by the Riverside University Health System.

THE GOAL OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO REUNIFY INDIVIDUALS WITH THEIR FAMILIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Register online or call any Sheriff's station for an in-person appointment.

For more information or to find a station near you, visit www.riversidesheriff.org.

Scan the QR Code to register or learn more



bit.ly/RIVCOREUN



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LATIN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

CELEBRATE LATIN VOICES AND CULTURE

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 16TH
4 - 9PM**

PERFORMANCES - FOOD - ART - GAMES

TICKETS

\$10 AGES 18+

\$5 AGES 5 - 17

4 AND UNDER FREE

LOCATION

VERNOLA FAMILY PARK
5211 WINEVILLE AVE.
JURUPA VALLEY CA 91752

BEER & WINE GARDEN 21+

WWW.JARPD.ORG 951-361-2090 INFO@JARPD.ORG

CATT

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT TRANSPORTATION TEAM

The Community Assessment Transportation Team (CATT) can be requested by notifying AMR Dispatch Tuesday - Friday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

People in crisis require appropriate care at the right time and in the right treatment setting. The Community Assessment Transportation Team (CATT) partners a Behavioral Health Clinician from Riverside University Health System -Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH) with an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) from American Medical Response (AMR) to respond in the field to people in crisis. CATT can assess people in crisis, provide resources, and connect them to services. This team will respond to crisis calls in the Hemet area. Examples of resources the team can help connect people to:

<p>MENTAL HEALTH URGENT CARE</p>	<p>HOSPITAL</p>	<p>SOBERING CENTER</p>
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The clinician on the team can initiate 5150 holds. CATT can provide the client with transportation to an LPS-approved hospital, such as ETS. If it is unsafe for the team to transport other options can be utilized, such as law enforcement or requesting a BLS unit.

The clinician can also reassess a 5150 and interrupt a hold when the criteria is no longer met. Interrupting a 5150 hold requires a thorough assessment, a safety plan, and consultation with a supervisor. This can benefit the client by allowing them to access treatment options which are more appropriate for their needs.

The team can assist people in accessing a mental health urgent care where they can stay up to 24 hours for crisis services and stabilization. Clients under the influence can "sober up" for up to 24 hours and be connected to ongoing treatment for substance use.

Criteria to Request CATT:

- People in crisis
- 18 years of age or older
- With no medical complaint or life-threatening injury

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT TRANSPORTATION TEAM 951-782-5234