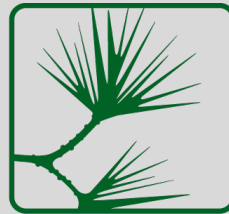


# Community Services Department

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# Department History

- Established in 1965
- Community Services Department
  - Lifeguard Services
  - Enforcement Services
  - Open Space Operations
- Roughly 90 employees
  - 6 full time and 50 part time Lifeguards
- Open daily year-round



# Department Operations

- Planning and permitting for over 300 public and private events in parks, City buildings, and beach each year
- Beach permits include local school PE and club programs, surf and volleyball camps
- Maintain public beach restrooms, Powerhouse Community Center, and Beach Safety Center
- Parking management and enforcement
- Enforcement of municipal code in parks, beach and the San Dieguito Lagoon



# Lifeguard Operations

- Public safety through education – *Safe Fun in the Sun*
- Beach and ocean safety, emergency medical care, enforcement of local laws for roughly 3 million beach patrons annually
- Capabilities include EMT's, SCUBA, Technical Rope Rescue, Technical Animal Rescue, and Swiftwater
- King Tube and EMT skills training by Scripps EMS Coordinator
- AED's in all towers and vehicles
- 986 ocean rescues, 16,485 safety contacts, 9445 dog contacts, and 1050 medical aids in 2022



# Coordinated Regional Approach

- Integral part of the EMS system with response efforts 24/7
- Training, coordination, and reciprocity with regional agencies
- SDR ALERT – Regional Aquatic Task Force
- California Chief's Association
- *United States Lifesaving Association*
- *California State Lifesaving Association*



# Updates

- New Sergeant position
- Completed second year of in-house Junior Lifeguard program
- Focus on training for technical teams
  - Weekly, interdepartmental training
  - Medical, Swiftwater, Ropes, IRB, SCUBA



# Challenges

- Hiring qualified and motivated staff
- Wages (Student LG \$16.40, LGI 17.37)
- Public education efforts for beach visitors
- Challenging interactions
- Procuring new vehicle
- Maintaining and replacing equipment

# Thank you and Questions

- Questions?

