



NEWS RELEASE

COLTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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New Changes for the City of Colton Code Enforcement Division

Date of Incident: 04/15/2013

Time of Incident: N/A

Location of Incident: N/A

Summary: "Compliance" is the new term for the Colton Police Department's Code Enforcement division. The division's new name is now City of Colton Code Compliance. Other changes are also happening within the division. Often mistaken for police officers, Code Enforcement Officers are mostly met with resistance and non compliance. A reason for this includes code enforcement officer uniforms being similar to police officer uniforms, plus code officers driving marked police trucks. In an effort to change that perception and get more compliance, their new official title will be Code Compliance Officers. This includes new uniforms, plus the marked trucks being painted white with the City of Colton's emblem on it.

Code Compliance also wants to emphasize they want to make the City of Colton a better place to work and live. The mission of the Code Compliance Division is to enforce the codes of the City of Colton in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community; and, where violations occur, to work with citizens to achieve compliance through an efficient and fair process.

The ultimate goals of the Code Compliance Division are to...

- *Maintain an attractive, safe, and healthy environment in order to provide a high quality of life for our residents and visitors;
 - *Improve both the appearance and value of residential and business property;
 - *Provide prompt, courteous and professional service to the citizens of the City of Colton;
 - *Encourage responsible property maintenance;
 - *Seek voluntary compliance with the provisions of the City Code; and
 - *Maintain open communications and continuing education with the community.
- *While these goals may sound simple, cooperation and support from businesses, property owners and residents are necessary to make them attainable.

The City of Colton is not only focused on improving the quality of life for residents but also working with businesses to succeed within the city. The City of Colton wants to find ways to say "Yes" to local businesses, including new businesses, instead of saying "No". The main goal is to promote a positive image to the community and allied City Departments fostering a culture that is helpful, approachable, and knowledgeable and of the highest integrity. Please feel free to contact the City of Colton at (909)370-5555 or City of Colton Code Compliance division to discuss code compliance issues at (909) 370-5114.

Must be approved by the Office of the Chief of Police prior to release
For additional information contact Code Compliance Officer Martha Chavez, 909.370.5082

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