

# Torrance County Code Enforcement



# Service is why we are successful

- I serve Christ.
- I serve the responsible property owners of the county.
- I serve the irresponsible property owners of the county.



# 1. Support and backup

1. County manager's office
2. P&Z Department head
3. Law enforcement
4. Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority
5. County commissioners
6. County attorney
7. Local Judge
8. NMED

# Presence

We make our presence known by:

- Returning calls
- Following up on complaints
- Visiting complainants when necessary
- Driving through neighborhoods regularly
- Go to neighborhood meetings from time to time and or keep in contact with their officers when needed.



# Camera enforcement for illegal dumping



# Getting creative





# Tire grants and County funds

Since 2010 our office will have cleaned up approximately 60,000+ illegally dumped tires and 60+ acres by utilizing NMED tire grant funds and County funds.

- We have learned how to effectively write grant requests to get NMED money
- Our office utilized \$6000 in County clean up funds to offer a tire amnesty program for a month in 2013

# Abandoned and dilapidated mobile homes

- Since 2010 we have forced removal of 120+ mobile homes and have about another 20+ in the process of removal where illegal activity, illegal dumping and tire dumping have taken place.



# Resources for identifying and finding land owners to contact and prosecute

- County clerk records
- GIS, Google Earth
- Public law enforcement records
- MVD records
- PRC records
- Internet IE: face book, google searches, phone records
- Patience

# TCCE has learned how to effectively prosecute court cases

1. Get written complaints when possible
2. Get to know local judge and how he does business
3. Understand basic constitutional law
4. Use search warrants when needed
5. Always use certified deeds
6. Always Use time stamped pictures
7. Use plea bargains when possible

