

“Public’s Help Sought to Eliminate Theft”

Metal theft is on the rise in our community and the Cities of Hemet and San Jacinto are asking for the public's help in solving the problem. Recently, metal thieves have targeted public amenities as a source of quick cash. Thieves have stolen fire hydrants, chain link and iron fencing, back flow devices and wiring out of street lights. The thieves have even stolen manhole covers off of well traveled streets, creating potentially hazardous conditions for unsuspecting motorists. These people have little regard for the community and are jeopardizing our citizen's safety.

The Cities of Hemet and San Jacinto are committed to deterring this type of theft and are asking for the public's help in doing so.

Here is what you can do:

1. Be on the lookout for suspicious activity. If you see someone working on a city asset (fire hydrants, manhole covers, fencing or street lights) and they are not in an official city or water district vehicle then take their license plate down as well as a description of the vehicle and persons.
2. Call the police and report what you've seen.

Local police and safety departments are already working with recycling businesses to report any suspicious materials dropped off for recycling. Additionally, Eastern and Western Water Districts are offering rewards for the public's assistance in catching these thieves.

http://www.emwd.org/news/news-archives/news_11/FireHydrantThefts_MediaAlert.pdf

By working together, and watching out for our neighbors, we will be successful in stopping these thieves from taking advantage of our communities.

Thank you in advance, and stay safe!

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