

Illegal Dumping Enforcement Workshop

The California Desert Managers Group is sponsoring a half-day, Illegal Dumping Enforcement Workshop in order to promote a better understanding of the illegal dumping problem among persecutors and enforcement officials. The workshop is formatted as a train the trainer and its goals are:

- Increase awareness of the seriousness of illegal dumping
- Make officers aware that many illegal dumpers are engaged in other criminal activity as well
- Give officers information on how to recognize illegal dumpers
- Give both officers and prosecutors a tool kit to help made and successfully prosecute illegal dump cases
- Better understand the barriers to prosecution of dumping cases
- A training video will be provided to each participant

The workshop will be held at the Agua Caliente Tribe's Spa Resort Hotel March 24, 2004. The Spa Resort Hotel is located in Palm Springs at 100 North Indian Canyon Drive. Workshop co-sponsors include DMG, Riverside County Board of Supervisors, City of Palm Springs, Agua Caliente Tribe, the California Hazardous Materials Investigators Association, and The Coachella Valley Association of Governments.

Agenda

1. Introduction/Statement of problem
 - a. Welcome/Statement of Problem
Riverside County Supervisor Ashley (15 minutes)
 - b. Environmental Health
Damian Meins- Riverside County Environmental Health (15 minutes)
 - i. Public health and safety
 - ii. officer safety
 - c. Economic impacts from illegal dumping to local communities
Ron Odem?- Palm Springs Mayor
2. Legal overview of state and local laws- Stephanie Weissman
Riverside County Assistant District Attorney (1 hour)
 - a. What laws exists
 - b. What is need to successfully prosecute under these laws
 - c. Other related criminal elements
3. Break (15 minutes)
4. Case study/How to recognize illegal dumpers
Curt Toovey- BLM Ranger (1 hour)
5. Sources of technical assistance and resources
Cal/EPA (30-45 minutes)
 - a. California EPA local government assistance
 - b. Federal assistance
 - c. Illegal dumping tool kit
6. Evaluation (15 minutes)