

## **RV dwellers asked to leave Airport Street**

Citing a need to be fair to everyone, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office is cracking down on people who are living in and parking their recreational vehicles along Airport Street in Moss Beach.

Capt. John Munsey, who covers the Coastside as the chief of police services for the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, said his office has received several complaints from the community and the Midcoast Community Council about the vehicles left on the street — and not just the motor homes.

Munsey says that auto-repair shops are leaving vehicles out on the road there, others leave cars they don't want, and the street has been serving as overflow parking for people living in the neighboring Pillar Ridge Manufactured Home Community.

"There's a plethora of issues from all over that street," Munsey said. "We're just trying to get some control of it."

Munsey says Sheriff's deputies have been asked why they appear to be turning a blind eye toward the RVs. County rules state that vehicles are allowed to park on the public roads for 72 hours, but then must move.

Further complicating the issue, Munsey says, the recreational vehicle owners have been dumping human waste in the area and building onto vehicles that are transformed into something resembling a home.

"It got so out of control," Munsey said. "We got people putting out decks out on the motor homes."

Munsey said most of the RV residents have been understanding and that only three vehicles had to be towed.

Eric DeBode, who works with the homeless through the Coastside nonprofit Abundant Grace Coastside Worker, acknowledged the situation wasn't ideal but expressed frustration at the turn of the events.

DeBode said he heard from one RV dweller who said "Where am I going to go? The churches aren't letting anybody park (in their lots)."

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