

SOLUTIONS TO PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

A Brief Introduction to Code Enforcement

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Before We Begin



No Attorney -Client Relationship

This presentation is not substitute for actionable, legal advice. Please retain an attorney that can review all relevant information.



Please Ask Questions

This is intended to be interactive, and a great opportunity to discuss scenarios your agency may be facing.

What is a Code Enforcement Officer?

(LEGALLY SPEAKING)

Any person who is not described in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) + NOT Peace Officers



AND

who is employed by any
governmental entity

AND

who has enforcement
authority for health, safety,
and welfare requirements



AND

whose duties include
enforcement of statute, rule,
regulation, or standard

AND

who is authorized to issue
citations or file formal
complaints.



What does a Code Enforcement Officer Do in Real Life?

THE SWISS-ARMY TOOL OF CITIES AND COUNTIES



Examples of Code Enforcement Issues

SOLUTION

Dilapidation/Blight/Unmaintained
Properties

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Hoarding/Egress/Junk -Trash -Debris
Properties

SOLUTION

Pest/Rodent Infested
Properties

Examples of Code Enforcement Issues



SOLUTION

Public Camping/Storage



SOLUTION

Gang and Drug Houses/Dens



SOLUTION

Human Trafficking/Prostitution
Properties

Examples of Code Enforcement Issues



Illegal Gambling Dens
("Tap Taps")



Graffiti

Examples of Code Enforcement Issues



Public Nuisances That Affect
Quality of Life or Health & Safety



Public Safety

Code Enforcement Safety Risks

SB 296 declares that Code Enforcement Officers are disproportionately at risk for



**THREAT, ASSAULT, INJURY, AND
EVEN HOMICIDE**



NEGATIVE PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS

due to the nature of their obligations.

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Reported safety incidents involving code enforcement officers were documented between 2015-2021.

SB 296* Compliance Requirements

**EVALUATE ANY
RISKS, THREATS AND
HAZARDS IN YOUR
JURISDICTION**

**IDENTIFY AND
ANTICIPATE FUTURE,
ISSUES/SCENARIOS**

**ADDRESS SAFETY
STANDARDS,
PROTOCOLS, ETC.**

*SB 296 DOES NOT MANDATE PROCESS; DOES MANDATE
STANDARDS ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED

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