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## **JURUPA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ASKS FOR PUBLIC COOPERATION TO STOP HYDRANT THEFT**

Fire Protection May be Compromised when Theft Occurs

MIRA LOMA, Calif. – April 16, 2010 – Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD) is asking for the public's help to notify the District if they see suspicious activity around a fire hydrant in the area. Police reports have been filed by both Jurupa Community Services District and Rubidoux Community Services District concerning stolen fire hydrants. An individual was seen shutting off the main valve and removing parts of the hydrant.

JCSD wants the public to know that only JCSD trucks and operators clearly identified with Jurupa Community Services Department logo should be working on fire hydrants (photo attached). If unmarked trucks claim they are doing maintenance, or if you see a fire hydrant that appears damaged, please call Riverside County Sheriff's office at (951) 776-1099 or JCSD at (951) 685-7434, 24 hours a day to report any suspicious activity.

Eldon Horst, JCSD General Manager said, "When a fire hydrant is tampered with, we immediately replace it. However, because of a technical process that needs to take place to reconnect to the water system, it will be at least 48 hours before there is fire protection in that area. This is why we need the public's help to identify this criminal activity." JCSD is co-operating with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department to stop these thefts.

Founded in 1956, The Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD) is a public agency known as a Special District, governed by a 5-member, elected, Board of Directors. JCSD is responsible for providing water, sewer and street lights for over 91,000 people and for maintaining more than 130 acres of parks and over 25 miles of frontage landscape in an unincorporated, 48-square-mile region of western Riverside County. For more information, visit the web site at [www.jcsd.us](http://www.jcsd.us).

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