



# California Association Of Code Enforcement Officers

## CACEO

### Key Messages

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#### **Code enforcement officers make a difference in their communities.**

- CACEO members make the communities in which they work safer and more attractive.

#### **Code enforcement programs enhance the quality of life and safety for residents and businesses.**

- Code enforcement programs eliminate blight and reduce crime.
- Code enforcement programs address a vast number of problems in communities, including abandoned and substandard structures, graffiti, unsanitary conditions, scavengers and more.
- Code enforcement officers deal with gang members, drug dealers, homeless and violent or unstable individuals.
- Code enforcement helps maintain, and even increase, property values.

#### **Community involvement is the key to successful code enforcement.**

- Code enforcement officers work closely with community residents to establish priorities and identify problem properties and code violations.
- Code enforcement officers partner with state, county and city agencies to reverse blighted and gang- and crime-infested neighborhoods. The agencies include:
  - ◆ Police, sheriff and fire departments
  - ◆ Probation departments and municipal attorneys
  - ◆ Planning, building, housing, public works and community development departments
  - ◆ Animal control and health departments
  - ◆ Adult protective services and county mental health departments
- Community residents assist code enforcement officers by reporting illegal and unsafe activities in their neighborhoods, being informed about state and local codes and regulations and reporting code violations.

**As highly trained professionals, code enforcement officers can solve difficult community problems and improve conditions to maintain property values. The California Association of Code Enforcement Officers advocates for public safety and supports code enforcement officers in making California communities safer for residents.**