

# HBPD

## Homelessness

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# Identification of Problem

- In October 2013, HBPD identified 130-150 homeless persons
- Currently we have identified 200-220
- An ancillary team of officers was formulated to address the issues and attempt to provide services.
- Discovered many were interested in food, clothing, but not shelter or rehabilitation

# Our Initial Response



- Gathered a resource list to pass out
- Started the relationship with several non-profit organizations
- Networked with public works to assist with problem areas/cleanup

# Statistics

30 day sample 8-24 thru 9-24



- Total calls for service in 2014= 6820
- Total Calls for service in 2015=7186
- Homeless/transient related 2014=338
- Homeless/transient related 2015=460

# Statistics Continued

- Primary Officer hours dedicated to handling the homeless related calls
  - 2014= 136
  - 2015= 170

Cost (E Step hourly only)

2014= \$ 6,098.24

2015= \$ 7,622.80

# What We Are Doing Now

- Hired a full time officer to address the issues.
- Hired a part time coordinator to help network with all organizations
- Established a contract with Coast to Coast Foundation
- Meet monthly with other cities within the County to discuss issues/best practice

# Officer G. Ricci



- Started present assignment September 28, 2015 (35 working days)
  - Has contacted 190 homeless individuals
  - Provided outreach data to 45 persons
  - Has housed 7 persons
  - Provided bus passes to 5 persons
  - Provided gas card to 3 persons
  - Made 35 arrests

# Officer G. Ricci

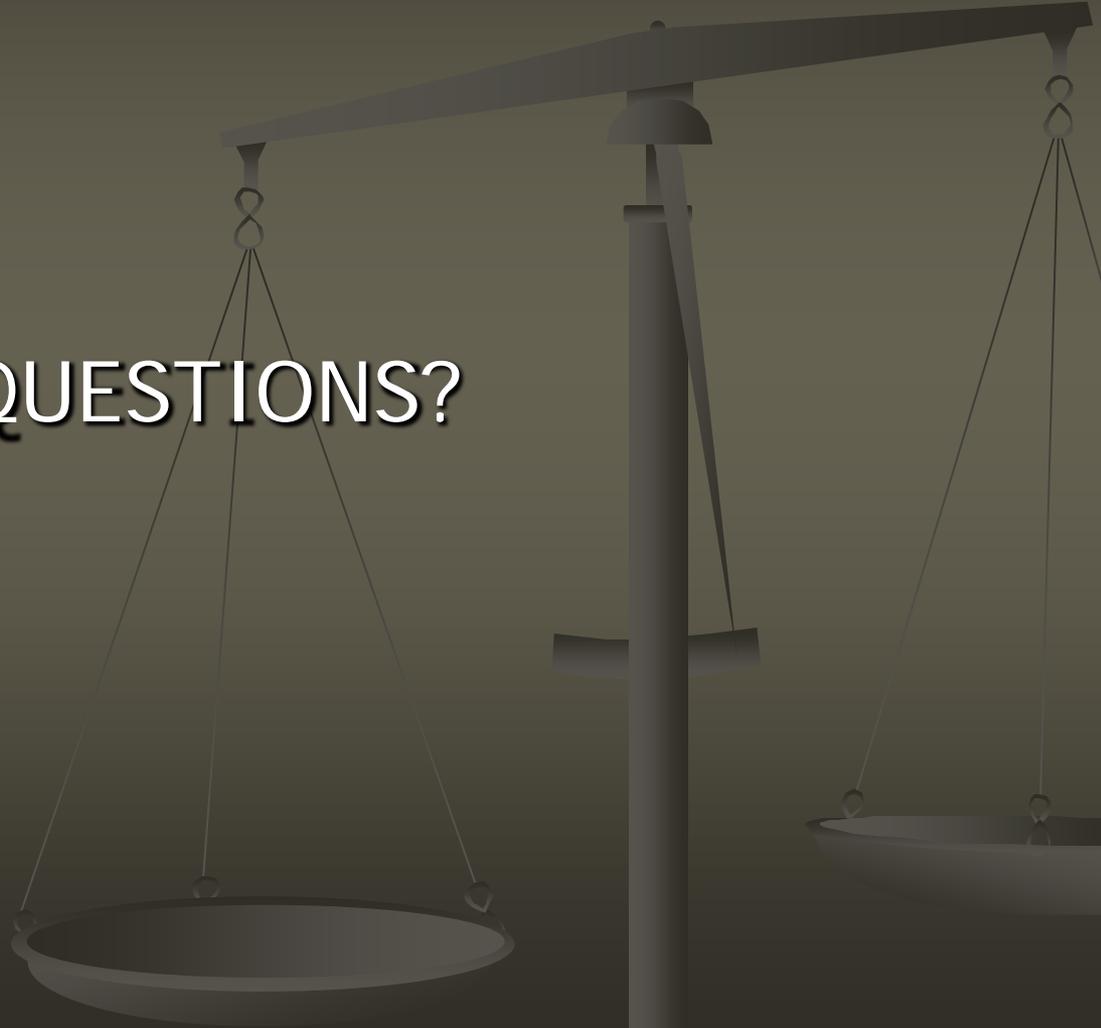


- Has driven 2 subjects to the VA outreach center in Santa Ana
- Met with Colette's and currently has 16 people in the application process for housing
- Located several local businesses to assist in vehicle repair
- Located several restaurants to assist with food.

# Current Outreach



- Officer Ricci meets the first Thursday of every month with Coast to Coast
- Officer Ricci has a dedicated staff member from OC Mental Health riding with him 2x a month effective January 2016



- QUESTIONS?