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Labor Day Weekend Enforcement Report

In an effort to reduce large public gatherings and slow the spread of COVID-19, all Monterey County beaches were closed over Labor Day weekend. Monterey city beach closures were announced through several methods including social media, in the press, on digital displays along roadways, and at the entrances to each beach. Additionally, metal, wooden, and plastic fencing barricades were placed at some entrances to increase public awareness of the closures.

From Friday 9/4/20 through Monday 9/7/20, the Monterey Police Department increased staffing and assigned them to directly patrol the beaches. During the weekend, our staff contacted over 2,000 people in violation of the beach closure. The vast majority of people contacted complied with officers' warnings about the beach closure, however several individuals refused. Officers issued 17 citations for violations that included violating the beach closure, possession of open containers of alcohol, and illegal parking.

We understand the beach closures were unpopular with some individuals, but we appreciate the numerous others who were respectful and understanding of our efforts.

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