



# College Place Police Department

## Media Release

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The College Place Police Department conducted a code enforcement emphasis over the weekend (July 8 & 9, 2017). Officers made contact with 46 homeowners requesting compliance on the removal of junk, junk vehicles and nuisances from property. Junk and neglected property reduces property value which has a negative impact on our neighbors, business and the entire community. This can create health issues, attract crime, and promote neighborhood disputes.

“We were expecting you” said one home owner as the officers made contact according to Chief Tomaras. Our goal is to gain compliance with home owners through communication and education before enforcement becomes necessary. Failing to comply results in civil penalties that begin at \$250 the first day, \$500 the second day and \$1,000 for each subsequent day the violation exists up to a maximum monetary penalty of \$5,000. Our goal is to promote a safe and healthy community says Tomaras.

Homeowners contacted over the weekend were provided 14 days to gain compliance before being assessed for civil penalties. Most violations can be remedied by a long day working in the yard. Chief Tomaras recommends working with your church for assistance if needing help. Alternatives to the landfill include researching scrap companies that will remove metal and vehicles for free.