



## ***FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT***

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### **\*PRESS RELEASE\***

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Jonathan A. McLaughlin  
Date: October 30, 2015  
Location of Incident: Noyo Beach, Fort Bragg  
Crime or Incident: Clean Up Operation

### **CIRCUMSTANCES:**

On October 30, 2015, members of the City of Fort Bragg Public Works Department, Fort Bragg Fire Department, and Fort Bragg Police Department conducted a clean-up operation at the north end of Noyo Beach in Fort Bragg.

Over the past several months, the number of transient encampments in this area had drastically risen. As many of these subjects are indeed transient, they typically camp overnight, and leave any refuse or unwanted items behind. Due to the amount of refuse, the Police Department had deemed the area a priority matter and a potential environmental issue. Because of this, a coordinated effort by the previously listed agencies was taken to correct the problem.

The end result was the removal of approximately twenty full contractor bags (approximately 15 cubic yards) of refuse, and several miscellaneous items from the area.

The Fort Bragg Police Department has identified several critical components regarding keeping our beaches and remote areas clean and free of illicit activities. In an effort to prevent these conditions from reoccurring, the Police Department will be partnering with several other local agencies in order to establish a plan of action in order to address and prevent future problems. Part of the plan will include making these areas more accessible to law enforcement and local agencies in order to assist with patrolling and maintaining the areas. It will also include the removal and modification of underbrush to make the areas less desirable for illegal activities.

The Fort Bragg Police Department is asking for assistance from the public in order to maintain this area. We ask if anyone observes violations such as littering, camping, open fires, or open alcoholic beverages, to please contact us on our non-emergency line at (707) 964-0200. Anyone with questions, suggestions, or ideas on how to better maintain these areas, is asked to contact the Fort Bragg Police Department at (707) 961-2800. Anonymous information regarding other potential nuisances or problem areas can be left on the Crime/Tip Hotline at (707) 961-3049.

The Department would like to thank all those who participated in this clean up, and everyone that has assisted us in the past with similar issues.



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