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**THIEVES STRIKE DISTRICT FIRE HYDRANTS**

In recent weeks thieves have tampered with and removed caps from Nipomo Community Services District fire hydrants. The brass caps on at least ten District hydrants have been stolen. The District has over 650 hydrants throughout the community and is actively reviewing all hydrants to see the extent of the theft.

The District has informed the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department. District customers are being asked to check hydrants in their area and report any missing caps or suspicious activity to the District and/or Sheriff's Department.

Tampering with fire hydrants is considered a serious offense that threatens public safety. Caps protect the threads on the fire hydrants so the fire department hoses can be installed quickly and achieve a tight seal.

Hydrant caps are reasonably easy to remove in order to allow quick access by firefighters. A single brass fire hydrant cap may bring \$10 in scrap value.

For more information or to report possible theft, please contact the Nipomo Community Services District at 929-1133 or [info@ncsd.ca.gov](mailto:info@ncsd.ca.gov).

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**Established in 1965 to meet the health and sanitation needs of the local community, Nipomo Community Services is pleased to provide a wide variety of services throughout its district including the provision of water, sewer, and waste management services as well as lighting and drainage in limited areas. The mission of Nipomo Community Services District is to provide its customers with reliable, quality, and cost-effective services now and in the future.**