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HERMOSA BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT OF OVERCROWDING

DATE: 07/03/05

TO: Watch Commander

FROM: Capt. Garofano

RE: Occupancy violation, Underground

CC: Chief Tingley, Asst. Chief Gomez

DR # 1005

On 07-03-2005 at approx. 12:55am personnel from E11, and A12 arrived at the Underground 1340 Hermosa Ave. / 1332 Palm Dr., Hermosa Beach CA to complete a calendared occupancy check.

Summary

On arrival I requested the count total from the doorman he said the count was 53. I instructed fire department personnel to enter the business and give me two (2) separate head counts on the interior using mechanical counters. Resulting in an average count of 88. The current occupant load for the business is 49. The establishment did have a posted occupancy load certification that corresponded with the information I had of their occupant load.

I found them in violation of:

Section 2501.16.3 of the uniform fire code. Overcrowding and admittance of people beyond the approved capacity of a place of assembly is prohibited. Section103.44ufc/15.20.010HBMC Maintaining a hazardous condition

Interior Inspection

Overcrowding that occupancy with 88 people presents a clear danger due to lack of egress.

Issuance of the Citation

I issued the citation to doorman Marco Venegas, that took responsibility for the cite. Mr. Venegas accepted the cite and reduced the occupancy level while in our company.

Violations Observed

Permitting Overcrowding Uniform Fire Code Section 2501.16.-3 Maintaining a hazardous condition 103.4.4 UFC / 15.20.010 HBMC

Attachments Fire Department Incident Report

Michael Garofano Captain Hermosa Beach Fire Department

CC: Fire Chief Tingley Asst. Fire Chief Gomez

HERMOSA BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT 540 PIER AVENUE, HERMOSA BEACH, CA 90254-3822

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	LOCKS AND LATCHES PRESENT ON DOORS WITH REQUIRED PANIC HARDWARE SECTIONS 1207.3 & 2501.8.2 UFC
	USE OF UNAPPROVED DECORATIVE MATERIALS CAUSING INCREASED FIRE LOAD - SECTION 1103.3.3.1 UFC
	ILLUMINATED EXIT SIGNS AND EXITWAYS INOPERATIVE OR BLOCKED FROM VIEW DUE TO OVERCROWDING - SECTION 1211.1 UFC
	OCCUPANT LOAD SIGNS NOT POSTED AS REQUIRED - SECTION 2501.16.1 UFC
	PATRONS SMOKING IN AREAS DESIGNATED "NO SMOKING" - SECTION 1109.4.1 UFC
	OVERCROWDING CONDITIONS PRESENT - SECTION 2501.16.3 UFC

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