



**OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING  
Susanville, CA 96130**

**April 28, 2017**

**STAFF REPORT:** Law Enforcement/Public Safety  
**STAFF:** Mark Hada, Visitor Services Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Law Enforcement Update

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**Summary**

Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 5090.50, law enforcement entities that receive funds from the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program are subject to financial and performance audits at least once every five years. As of January 2016, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division started posting site visit reports for law enforcement agencies that receive grants from the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trust Fund. The reports are located on the [OHMVR Division Grant Site Visits web page](#).

The OHMVR Division law enforcement team offers a POST-approved (Peace Officer Standards and Training) OHV law enforcement class to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies statewide. The goal of this class is to educate other agencies regarding OHV-specific laws, and promote environmental stewardship and consistent statewide application of those laws.

The law enforcement team provided law enforcement, public safety, and educational support on the Rubicon Trail during the summer. The team continues to be active in supporting State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRAs) during periods of peak and special events, as well as assisting other agencies with their large events, such as the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) King of the Hammers.

**Discussion**

***Grant Site Visit Reports***

During the 2015/16 grant cycle, law enforcement agencies were awarded grants totaling \$5.2 million. The OHMVR Division continues to post site visit reports on the Division website for law enforcement agencies receiving grant money. Thirty-six (36) law enforcement reports for 2016 have been posted. Thirty-four (34) site visits are scheduled for 2017.

### ***OHV Law Enforcement Training Classes***

OHMVR Division law enforcement staff presented five OHV law enforcement classes to local, state, and federal agencies that provide OHV recreation opportunities. To date, classes have been held at the following cities: Sonora, Truckee (2), El Centro, and Castaic. Since May 2016, more than 170 students from 36 law enforcement agencies completed the training. The OHV sound training class has also been offered at three locations, with 76 students from 36 agencies attending.

The law enforcement staff has ten law enforcement classes and five sound testing classes scheduled for 2017. Staff continue to receive additional training requests.

### ***Law Enforcement Deployment Update***

***Rubicon Trail:*** Through a Memorandum of Understanding between California State Parks and the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Forest Service, and the El Dorado Department of Transportation, the OHMVR Division has deployed law enforcement staff to the Rubicon Trail for the past seven years. They assist the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, the Placer County Sheriff's Office, and the Eldorado National Forest with education, law enforcement, calls for service, and search and rescue. In 2016, OHMVR Division reduced the number of deployments to seven occasions between June and September 2016. In 2017, the Division anticipates reducing the number of deployments to the Rubicon Trail to six, while adding two deployments to the Fordyce Creek Trail.

***Prairie City SVRA:*** OHMVR Division law enforcement staff will assist Prairie City SVRA with the annual Hangtown Motocross Classic event.

***Ocotillo Wells SVRA:*** OHMVR Division law enforcement staff provided two peace officers for two days to assist Ocotillo Wells officers over the Halloween holiday weekend during 2016. Two officers were also deployed for the Tierra Del Sol event.

***King of the Hammers:*** For the past five years, the OHMVR Division has deployed law enforcement staff to the week-long King of the Hammers event to provide support to the BLM California Desert District, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office, and the U.S. Marine Corps. In 2017, the OHMVR Division deployed 12 law enforcement officers and four seasonal lifeguards. Officers and lifeguards worked ten-hour shifts totaling more than 800 hours of assistance. In addition to providing expert motorcycle skills for boundary patrols, staff from all OHMVR Districts made more than 650 law enforcement, base incursion, education, and medical contacts during the event.

***Oroville Dam Spillway Incident:*** The OHMVR Division deployed four State Park Peace Officers to the Oroville Dam regional emergency within a few minutes after the call for assistance. Within a few hours, four additional Officers arrived at the Oroville Dam Incident Command center. Staff logged more than 200 hours assisting the State Office of Emergency Services with evacuation, patrol, and other peace officer functions.

### **Commission Action**

For information only.