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**STAFF REPORT:** Law Enforcement/Public Safety  
**STAFF:** Steve Schory, Law Enforcement Superintendent  
**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. The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division conducts site visits with law enforcement agencies that receive grants from the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trust Fund to determine if awarded funds are being used appropriately and enhancing their department's program related Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation. The associated reports from these site visits are currently posted on-line for law enforcement agencies.

The OHMVR Division Law Enforcement Section 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 the consistent statewide application of those laws. The OHMVR Division Law Enforcement Section also facilitates a Sound Testing class that trains Officers to be able to conduct sound testing of OHVs pursuant to California Vehicle Code section 38370.

The Law Enforcement Section partners with local county and federal agencies to provide law enforcement, public safety, and educational support on the Rubicon Trail, as well as the Fordyce Creek Trail and surrounding areas. The Section continues to be active in supporting State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRAs) during periods of peak use and during special events. Similarly, this assistance extends to other agencies' large events.

Outreach, education, and Department recruitment efforts are also supported by the OHMVR Law Enforcement Section. Officers attend various community events in furtherance of these efforts. In addition to these duties, the OHMVR Division Law

Enforcement Section responds to Law Enforcement Mutual Aid System requests providing assistance to allied agencies with law enforcement or emergency service support.

OHMVR Division staff provide support to three of the four State Park Commissions, ensuring the safe and orderly conduct of public Commission tours and meetings. The Law Enforcement Section provides officers to assist with event planning and safety oversight during these tours and meetings.

## **Discussion**

### ***Grant Site Visit Reports***

The OHMVR Division completed final review of 76 Law Enforcement grant applications for the 2017/18 grant cycle and will start its normal cycle of site visits to Law Enforcement grantees before year's end. Since Law Enforcement grants are not competitive, a two-stage review process safeguards the funding of public monies for appropriate OHV activities.

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

OHMVR Division Law Enforcement staff completed seven Law Enforcement classes and six Sound Training classes in 2018. These classes are presented free of charge to local, state, and federal agencies that provide OHV recreation opportunities. These courses provide the basis for consistent and fair enforcement of OHV laws across the State.

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

***Rubicon Trail:*** In 2018, OHMVR Division Law Enforcement staff deployed on nine separate occasions between June and October. Teams of 2-4 Officers assisted the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, the Placer County Sheriff's Office, and the El Dorado National Forest with education, law enforcement, calls for service, and search and rescue duties.

***Fordyce Creek Trail:*** Division Law Enforcement staff completed two deployments to the Fordyce Creek Trail and surrounding areas to assist the Placer County Sheriff's Office and the Tahoe National Forest with education, law enforcement, calls for service, and search and rescue duties.

***Prairie City SVRA:*** The OHMVR Division Law Enforcement Section assisted Prairie City SVRA with the 50<sup>th</sup> annual Hangtown Motocross Classic event in May of 2018.

***Tierra Del Sol Desert Safari:*** The OHMVR Division Law Enforcement Section deployed Officers to assist Ocotillo Wells SVRA staff during the Tierra Del Sol Desert Safari event in March of this year.

***King of the Hammers:*** The OHMVR Division Law Enforcement Section deployed Officers from OHMVR Headquarters along with State Park Peace Officers from various units across the State to assist Bureau of Land Management (BLM) staff, San Bernardino Sheriff's Office (SBSO), San Bernardino County Fire Department

(SBFD), and the United States Marine Corps (USMC) during the King of the Hammers off road race event in Johnson Valley OHV Area. This was a weeklong event with an attendance exceeding 35,000.

***Outreach, Education, and Recruitment:*** The Law Enforcement Section also assisted with a number of Outreach and Education events throughout the State, such as county fairs, hunter education events, and even the CHP Cops and Rodders Show and Shine Fly-in community event. Staff also assisted with Department recruitment efforts by attending various career fairs as well as proctoring Department Physical Agility Testing and PELLETB (POST Entry Level Law Enforcement Test Battery) written testing.

***Wildfire, Emergency, and Mutual Aid Support:*** As defined in the California Penal Code, State Park Rangers are Peace Officers whose authority extends statewide. As such, they are part of the Statewide Law Enforcement Mutual Aid System (LEMAS) and may respond to requests for assistance from allied agencies. Several such requests happened this year, most notably during the Carr Fire and the Mendocino-Complex Fire. Peace Officer staff from the OHMVR Division were able to rapidly respond to requests for assistance with evacuations of people and irreplaceable artifacts, patrols to prevent looting, and staffing various incident command posts and emergency operations centers. The central location of the OHMVR Headquarters along with the depth and breadth of experience of OHMVR Officers, allow for a flexible and rapid response to any number of emergency situations.

***Commission Support:*** In addition to the mandated support that the OHMVR Division supplies to the OHMVR Commission, the Law Enforcement Section and other OHMVR staff have been tasked with an increasing role in the support of other Commissions. These include the State Park and Recreation Commission and the Boating and Waterways Commission. This support from the Law Enforcement Section includes security for Commission tours and public meetings, encompassing site security and safety for all participants, emergency contingency planning, and even executive protection for Commissioners, Executive staff, and visiting VIPs.

During the previously noted events and deployments, there were 820 contacts recorded by Public Safety personnel—231 of those contacts resulted in verbal warnings of violation, mainly related to registration, safety, or equipment violations; 16 for medical emergencies; 8 for citations of various violations; and numerous other undocumented interpretive contacts.

### **Commission Action**

For information only.

### **Attachments**

None