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STAFF REPORT: Law Enforcement / Public Safety
STAFF: Callan McLaughlin, Law Enforcement Superintendent
SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Update

Summary

This report provides updates on various activities of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division law enforcement staff. These activities include COVID-19 participation, recent and upcoming law enforcement deployments, and reviewing law enforcement grants.

Discussion

COVID-19

Along with other OHMVR Division staff, the law enforcement team have assisted since March with various assignments associated with COVID-19. To assist with the Governor's closure of parks to vehicular access, staff provided assistance at various parks throughout the state including beaches in Orange County, and assisted the Mendocino National Forest with patrol of Stonyford Recreation Area. OHMVR Division staff also provided support at the Department Operation Center (DOC) and distributed supplies throughout the state.

Law Enforcement Deployments

OHMVR Division law enforcement staff participated in deployments for COVID-19, civil unrest, and deployments on the Rubicon Trail and the Fordyce Trail.

The law enforcement team provided assistance to the Sacramento Police Department when the city enacted a curfew during a period of civil unrest. Staff also helped provide security at various businesses in the Sacramento area to help deter looting and vandalism. OHMVR Division staff received positive feedback from the public who were thankful for the community support.

OHMVR Division staff assisted the United States Forest Service, El Dorado County, Placer County and Nevada County Sheriffs' Departments with summer deployments on the Rubicon and Fordyce trails. The OHMVR Division has assisted these agencies during the past years to ensure public safety, provide outreach, and ensure there is

minimal damage to the resources. The agencies and public are very appreciative of the support.

The OHMVR Division assisted the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Marine Corps, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office and the California Highway Patrol with the 2021 King of the Hammers event (with all Covid-19 precautions). OHMVR Division provides specialized OHV patrol, utilizing motorcycles and ROV's, to patrol the boundary of the Marine base and BLM property to keep spectators out of the Exclusive Military Use Area and off of the race course. This year officer's issued 241 verbal warnings, wrote 5 citations and assisted with 1 major medical at King of the Hammers.

Law Enforcement Grant Reviews

OHMVR Division's law enforcement staff assisted the grants team with the preliminary and final reviews of last year's law enforcement grants. Staff worked in two person teams to review and make comments on the grants. Team members were also available to answer questions about specific programs, equipment needs, or to clarify any other questions regarding the grant applications. The team will be assisting with law enforcement grant reviews again this year.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

None