



OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING
Holtville, CA 92250

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STAFF REPORT: Law Enforcement/Public Safety
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SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Projects Update

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 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 the 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 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

The OHMVR Division continues to post site visit reports on the Division website for law enforcement agencies receiving grant money. Eighteen law enforcement reports for 2016 have been posted.

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 100 students from 26 agencies completed the

training. The OHV Sound Training class has also been offered at three locations, with 58 students from 24 agencies attending.

Law Enforcement staff are currently planning the class schedule for 2017. With many agencies requesting to host the training, we anticipate offering the class at least six times next year.

Law Enforcement Deployment Update

Rubicon Trail: OHMVR Division Law Enforcement staff deployed on seven occasions between June and September 2016 to 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. Eight officers from Division headquarters, six from SVRAs, and eight from traditional State Parks supported El Dorado County and Eldorado National Forest. These deployments resulted in over 600 public safety and educational contacts.

Prairie City SVRA: OHMVR Division Law Enforcement staff assisted Prairie City SVRA with the annual Hangtown Motocross Classic event. Three peace officers assisted with law enforcement and other public safety considerations.

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.

Eastern Kern County, Onyx Ranch SVRA: OHMVR Division Law Enforcement staff will assist the San Andreas District with multiple two-day deployments to provide law enforcement, education, and search and rescue support during periods of increased visitation, including the busy Thanksgiving weekend.

King of the Hammers: The OHMVR Division will deploy nine to eleven Law Enforcement officers for up to a week in 2017 to support the BLM California Desert District, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office, and the U.S. Marine Corps with boundary patrol, education, law enforcement, calls for service, and search and rescue.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

None