

I am writing to you in regards to the Grant Application that has been submitted by the city of California City. My family and I have been visiting California City for over 15 years, enjoying the entire off road terrain in the area. California City is conveniently located outside the Los Angeles area and can be easily accessed by all. We have visited other OHV areas, but we have always felt a stronger presence of patrol and emergency services available in the California City area. Borax Bill Park/Station is a central "hub" for the OHV riders. Borax Bill Park is a "go to area" for the community of riders. At the "park" you will find, Police/D.I.R.T (Desert Incidence Response Team), EMT's, maps & GPS information, "wristbands" with their emergency # available to all riders (donated to the PD) water, electricity, bathrooms, vendors with off- road parts & equipment, rider safety equipment (for sale) & food vendors. Along with our large group of other OHV riders, we all feel this is the safest "community" to be in with the rapid increase of so many OHV enthusiasts these days.

Five years ago, Presidents weekend, my son was riding along with several others in our group. Tragically my 15 year old son was hit head on while jumping a jump and was struck "head on" by another teen rider. An emergency call was made into their Rescue Department and the medic's arrived within a few minutes. They were actually in the area patrolling when the call came in. Due to his extreme injuries he succumbed to his injuries. For me and my family our lives will never be the same. We can't comprehend this happening to another family.

Over the years we have noticed a huge increase of off road families joining the growing sport especially on holidays and weekends. Thanksgiving and New Years can have as many of 100,000 visitors to the off-road sites. Borax Bill Station in California City is the hub for this OHV community. The Grant request will help continue to provide rapid response times with additional man power, training of personnel, updated equipment and supplies to secure the safety of the off road community day and night.

Any assistance in the form of grants or other financial resources that are available will definitely be appreciated by the OHV families to ensure that the health and safety of riders that have the misfortune to be injured, stranded or need assistance will continue to receive the best care available.

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