



March 24, 2010

Steve Knight  
Lieutenant  
Humboldt County Sheriff Department  
980 Lycoming Avenue, McKinleyville, CA 95519

Subject: Beach Patrol and Livestock Deputies

Dear Lieutenant Steve Knight

I am writing this letter regarding the Humboldt County Sheriff Department's Beach Patrol and Livestock Deputies. On the last several deer season opening day patrols I have worked U.S.F.S. Route 1 from South Fork Mountain to Horse Mountain. During these patrols I have seen your Deputies enforcing OHV regulations on deer hunters who are riding "quad runners" and motorcycles. I have received comments from numerous hunters that they are complying with the OHV regulations because the Deputies are writing citations. In my opinion your Deputies efforts, have noticeably increased the compliance to OHV regulations. In particular, I have seen an increased compliance to the helmet requirements and the prohibition of multiple persons riding on "quad runners".

I would also like to thank Deputy Todd Fulton and Deputy Rick Chandler for working a deer hunting violation on the 2009 deer season opener. They handled a deer poaching call from the Deer Creek Ranch when my staff was unable to respond. This type of interagency cooperation is to be commended.

Sincerely,

Richard Banko  
Lieutenant