

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM: Public Safety Report – Law Enforcement Training Courses

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Issue: In accordance with mandates in PRC 5090.32 to provide for enforcement of Division 16.5 of the California Vehicle Code, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division law enforcement team recently developed two off-highway vehicle (OHV) law enforcement courses, one focusing on OHV enforcement, and the other on OHV operation. These two courses will be offered to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies throughout California.

Background: The goal of the OHV law enforcement training is to provide improved understanding and consistent application of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) as it relates to OHV recreation.

Discussion: The OHMVR Division law enforcement team developed a 6-hour Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Law Enforcement course. The course was submitted and approved by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), as a certified course for law enforcement personnel. The OHMVR Division law enforcement team also developed a comprehensive 32-hour Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Law Enforcement and Driving course, which will be submitted to POST for approval. This extended course will include instruction in ATV safety operation, motorcycle safety operation, and sound testing training.

The OHMVR Division plans to offer four sessions of the 6-hour course and one session of the 32-hour course, by the end of June, 2012. Tentatively scheduled locations include Bureau of Land Management's Jawbone/ Dove Canyon, the Napa/ Clear Lake region, and in the Sacramento region at Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area.

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Action: For information only. No action is required.