

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM: Public Safety Update
STAFF: Loren Rex, OHMVR Division
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- I. OHMVR Division Law Enforcement staff conducted three *Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) Law Enforcement Update Classes*. The classes were four hours long and covered a variety of law enforcement topics.

The first class was hosted by the Trinity County Sheriff's Department in Weaverville.

Agencies in attendance:

- Trinity County Sheriff's Department
- Department of Fish and Game
- U.S. Forest Service

The second class was hosted by the OHMVR Division at the Prairie City SVRA.

Agencies in attendance:

- California State Parks
- El Dorado County Sheriff's Department
- Department of Fish and Game
- U.S. Forest Service

The third class was hosted by the OHMVR Division at the Hungry Valley SVRA.

Agencies in attendance:

- California State Parks
- Kern County Sheriff's Department

- II. Staff conducted law enforcement site visits with the following agencies:

- BLM - Eagle Lake Field Office
- BLM - El Centro Field Office
- U.S.F.S. Angeles National Forest
- U.S.F.S. Cleveland National Forest
- U.S.F.S. Lassen National Forest
- U.S.F.S. Los Padres National Forest
- U.S.F.S. Plumas National Forest
- Alpine County Sheriff's Department
- Fresno County Sheriff's Department
- Imperial County Sheriff's Department

- Lompoc Police Department
- Plumas County Sheriff's Department
- Riverside County Sheriff's Department
- San Diego County Sheriff's Department
- Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department
- Trinity County Sheriff's Department
- Yolo County Sheriff's Department

- III. The OHMVR Division implemented a program of enhanced OHV law enforcement on the Rubicon Trail beginning 4th of July weekend and operating every weekend thereafter through the end of September. The project was a joint effort between multiple agencies, and was successful in affecting the behavior and environmental awareness of the trail users. Division Staff distributed over 5,000 "Eradicate the White Flower" yellow bandanas which are being displayed on the trail in a variety of ways and serve as a constant reminder of the issues of sanitation on the Rubicon Trail.
- IV. Staff participated in targeted enforcement efforts directed at motorcycle use on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) and vehicle trespassing in the area. The three persons arrested on the first weekend were convicted in federal court for operating a vehicle on the PCT and were fined \$200 each.
- V. Staff patrolled the Cache Creek area in Yolo County, the Fordyce and Prosser areas of the Tahoe National Forest in Nevada County investigating claims of OHV trespass, resource impacts and registration/identification issues.
- VI. Staff consulted with state park personnel regarding OHV intrusions into Tolowa Dunes State Park.
- VII. OHMVR Division Public Safety Superintendent John Pelonio transferred to the Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Division of California State Parks as *Superintendent of Emergency Services*. We thank him for his contribution and wish him well in his new assignment.