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**STAFF REPORT:** Law Enforcement / Public Safety  
**STAFF:** Steve Schory, Law Enforcement Superintendent  
**SUBJECT:** Law Enforcement Update

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**Summary**

This report provides updates on various activities of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division law enforcement staff. These activities include Grant Workshop participation, recent and upcoming law enforcement deployments, off-highway vehicle (OHV) law enforcement training for Basic Visitor Services Training classes, and updated statistics for State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRAs).

**Discussion**

***Law Enforcement Grant Workshops***

Along with staff from the Grants Section, OHMVR Division law enforcement staff assisted earlier this week, and will assist again next week, with the annual Grant Workshops. During these workshops, grantees receive instruction on how to apply for, write, and administer OHV-related grants, and are given the opportunity to ask for advice on what equipment, rehabilitation techniques, and other industry trends the experts from the OHMVR Division are seeing.

***Law Enforcement Deployments***

OHMVR Division law enforcement staff participated in deployments over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend at Ocotillo Wells SVRA and Eastern Kern County Onyx Ranch SVRA. These deployments provided additional staff to assist the SVRAs during the busy holiday weekend.

Planning for the upcoming King of the Hammers event at Johnson Valley is underway. Once again OHMVR Division staff will help support this annual event which is scheduled for January 31 through February 9, 2020. Officers will assist Bureau of Land Management (BLM) law enforcement Rangers, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputies, and members of the U.S. Marine Corps Twentynine Palms Marine Air Combat Ground Combat Center Provost Marshall's Office in the safe conduct of race activities throughout the week. This year's event has been extended by one day in order to see

the return of the King of the Motos motorcycle race. In addition to law enforcement staff, OHMVR Division will be sending elements of the Interpretation and Outreach section once again.

### ***Basic Visitor Services Training Classes***

In an effort to address ongoing Peace Officer staffing shortages and normal attrition, State Parks is currently running two Basic Visitor Services Training classes (BVSTs). The two classes, BVST 43 and BVST 44, have a combined total of 59 Cadets. The BVST is State Parks P.O.S.T. approved law enforcement academy that runs between 30-35 weeks (depending on training cycles). During this training, Ranger and Lifeguard Cadets are instructed in 42 different topics (or learning domains) that directly relate to their new careers as State Park Peace Officers. In addition to the P.O.S.T curriculum, Cadets receive additional instruction above and beyond what normal police officer cadets receive. This additional training is what sets them apart and allows them to succeed in the challenging varied environments found in State Parks.

To this end, OHMVR Division law enforcement staff provided both classroom and field training in the areas of OHV laws and OHV vehicle operation. This training will allow those officers who will be assigned to SVRAs and those who may have OHV recreation in their immediate area, to effectively enforce OHV laws.

### ***Law Enforcement Statistics for SVRAs***

The statistics provided in this report are specific to OHV recreation and may include some crimes and violations that are required to be reported to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) on an annual basis. There are also statistics in this report that are not reportable to DOJ but have a bearing on SVRA operation, such as medical response.

The statistics from the SVRAs are from June 2019 to approximately November 2019.

#### **Oceano Dunes SVRA:**

- DUI Arrests - 76
- OHV Citations - 338
- Non- OHV Citations - 474
- Minor Medical Injuries - 42
- Major Medical Injuries - 6
- Fatalities - 0

#### **Onyx Ranch SVRA:**

- DUI Arrests - 1
- OHV Citations - 19
- Non- OHV Citations - 1
- Minor Medical Injuries - 1
- Major Medical Injuries - 2
- Fatalities - 0

**Hungry Valley SVRA:**

DUI Arrests - 4  
OHV Citations - 184  
Non- OHV Citations - 101  
Minor Medical Injuries - 59  
Major Medical Injuries - 29  
Fatalities - 0

**Prairie City SVRA:**

DUI Arrests - 1  
OHV Citations - 41  
Non- OHV Citations - 5  
Minor Medical Injuries - 9  
Major Medical Injuries - 1  
Fatalities - 0

**Hollister Hills SVRA:**

DUI Arrests - 2  
OHV Citations - 56  
Non- OHV Citations - 69  
Minor Medical Injuries - 118  
Major Medical Injuries - 9  
Fatalities - 1

**Carnegie SVRA:**

DUI Arrests - 0  
OHV Citations - 21  
Non- OHV Citations - 19  
Minor Medical Injuries - 23  
Major Medical Injuries - 1  
Fatalities - 0

**Ocotillo Wells SVRA:**

DUI Arrests - 13  
OHV Citations - 112  
Non- OHV Citations - 184  
Minor Medical Injuries - 9  
Major Medical Injuries - 39  
Fatalities - 3

**Heber Dunes SVRA:**

DUI Arrests - 0  
OHV Citations - 0  
Non- OHV Citations - 0  
Minor Medical Injuries - 0  
Major Medical Injuries - 0  
Fatalities - 0

**Clay Pit SVRA:**

DUI Arrests - 0

OHV Citations - 0

Non- OHV Citations - 0

Minor Medical Injuries - 0

Major Medical Injuries - 0

Fatalities - 0

**Commission Action**

For information only.

**Attachments**

None