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SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Strategies

Summary

The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division Public Safety Program provides statewide leadership in OHV-related law enforcement. With an overall goal of providing lawful, sustainable OHV recreational activities in California, the Law Enforcement team (LE team) provides public education and law enforcement training throughout the state.

The LE team conducts statewide training for federal, state, and local agencies to promote consistent implementation of OHV laws. The LE team also provides law enforcement assistance to these agencies.

Discussion

Public Education

The most effective way to achieve lawful and sustainable OHV recreation is to educate the recreating public. Many times a year, the LE team attends OHV events to engage with the public, promoting OHV safety and environmental stewardship.

Enforcement

To promote consistent implementation of OHV laws, the LE team travels throughout the state to present POST Certified OHV Law Enforcement and Sound Enforcement classes to state, federal, and local law enforcement agencies. In addition, the LE team provides statewide law enforcement assistance to these agencies by deploying staff to many special events and emergency situations related to OHV operations.

The Division's LE team created the "Off-Highway Vehicle Law Enforcement Information" booklet (also known as a law enforcement quick code) to help OHV law enforcement staff identify statewide OHV laws. This pocket-sized quick code also includes laws specific to BLM and USFS lands.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

None