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STAFF REPORT: Law Enforcement

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SUBJECT: Public Safety and Law Enforcement Activities – POST LE course/Deployments

Summary

This report provides updates on various activities of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division law enforcement (LE) staff. This report includes events that have occurred since the last Law Enforcement Update. These activities include law enforcement deployments, POST certified Law OHV Law Enforcement classes and the review of law enforcement grants.

Discussion

As Covid 19 restrictions have lessened, the OHMVR Division LE staff has increased its activity level in more traditional areas

Law Enforcement Deployments

The OHMVR Division LE staff participated in deployments for fires and special events, as well as the Rubicon and Fordyce Trails, plus a new program with Sno-Parks.

LE staff staff participated in the emergency response efforts associated with McFarland, Dixie and Caldor fires. Staff provided security and evacuation assistance at these major fires.

The OHMVR Division assisted the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Marine Corps, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office and the California Highway Patrol with the 2022 King of the Hammers event (with all Covid-19 precautions). OHMVR Division provides specialized OHV patrol, utilizing motorcycles and ROV's, to patrol the boundry of the Marine base and BLM property to keep spectators out of the Exclusive Military Use Area and off of the race course. Nearly 200 public contacts at KOH 2022 – roughly 2/3rds for race course or military base incursion – roughly 1/3 for safety/education or

other issues. Due to lingering concerns over the Covid 19 pandemic, staff was limited to essential team member only being deployed including 8 dirt bike riders, and 2 teams of ROV drivers.

Other locations where LE staff was deployed include: Dumont Dunes, Tierra Del Sol's Desert Safari (Ocotillo Wells), Hangtown Motocross (Prairie City) and Presidents Day Weekend at Onyx Ranch.

Sno-Parks deployments were new this year and the OHMVR LE staff covered roughly half of the available dates. This program assists those visitors who purchase a permit to park in safe and lawful locations, while they enjoy some snow play.

POST Certified OHV Law Enforcement Training

After only being able to conduct POST OHV training at the State Parks academy in 2020 due to Covid 19 restrictions, LE staff delivered 7 LE Classes in 2021/22 as mitigation measures were employed. One new Covid response measure was to present the class on line to agencies not requiring the POST certification, but still needing the information from the class. More traditional, in-person classes were resumed with appropriate Covid 19 considerations.

Law Enforcement Grant Reviews

OHMVR Division's law enforcement staff assisted the grants team with the completion of 73 preliminary reviews law enforcement grants. Staff worked in three-person teams to review and make comments on the grants. Team members were also available to answer questions about specific programs, equipment needs, or to clarify any other questions regarding the grant applications. Teams will meet again when the time comes to review the final applications.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

None