



Law Enforcement • Public Safety • Education • Partnerships

Public Safety Program

California State Park's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program was founded on the principle that "effectively managed areas and adequate facilities for the use of OHVs [off-highway vehicles] and conservation and enforcement are essential for ecologically balanced recreation" (Public Resource Code (PRC) Section 5090.02 (b)). The OHMVR Division Public Safety Program provides statewide leadership in OHV-related enforcement. Emphasis is placed on educating the public regarding OHV laws and regulations to encourage voluntary compliance and consistent enforcement to curb illegal activities and protect cultural and natural resources.

OHMVR Division law enforcement staff advise and assist city, county, and federal law enforcement agencies that provide public safety services related to OHV recreation. In addition to providing direct assistance through deployments to assist local law enforcement programs, they conduct training for these agencies to promote consistent statewide implementation of OHV laws. Staff also meet with stakeholders and law enforcement agencies around the state to identify issues, encourage partnerships, and resolutions to improve public safety. ❖



Education and Outreach

Education and public outreach are key components of the OHMVR Division law enforcement program. Personal contacts on the trail and at special events provide opportunities for law enforcement staff to facilitate connections between the interests of the visitors and the values of the OHMVR Program. These one-on-one contacts give staff the opportunity to provide information about trail conditions, rules, regulations, safety gear, and resource protection. Visitors often remark that they appreciate these interactions with staff and remember their conversations long after their visit.



Besides making personal contacts, OHMVR Division law enforcement staff attend county fairs, youth and career fairs, and other special events with the Division outreach team to promote responsible recreation, wildlife conservation, and recreational opportunities. The OHMVR Division also assists local law enforcement and federal agencies with patrols and outreach during busy weekends on popular trails and at special events. Law enforcement staff feel that these outreach efforts and personal contacts have gone a long way towards changing OHV recreational culture.

Furthermore, education and safety grants funded by the OHMVR Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program (Grants Program) provide money for projects that teach OHV vehicle safety, environmental stewardship, respect for

private property, and safety programs. Local and federal law enforcement agencies annually apply for these funds to enhance their OHV outreach and education efforts. Grants in this category fund ATV safety training, outreach efforts, trail maps and safety education materials. These education and safety projects are often paired with increased law enforcement patrols during peak visitation periods to reach the greatest number of people recreating. ❖



Participants learn the basics of human hearing and the effect of sound in the environment. They also learn how to use a sound meter and tachometer to measure sound levels on a variety of OHVs. Graduates of this course are qualified to provide court testimony for sound violations. ❖

Reducing Trespass

The OHMVR Division coordinates with and provides statewide grant funding to local, county, and federal agencies to monitor wilderness areas and private property. These agencies also provide public safety services and outreach in nearby communities. ❖

Statewide OHV Law Enforcement and Sound Testing Training Classes

The OHMVR Division provides OHV law enforcement and sound testing training to local, county, state, and federal agencies that offer OHV recreation opportunities to comply with PRC Section 5090.32 and Division 16.5 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC). The Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)-certified class applies toward the continued professional training requirement for law enforcement officers and is offered at no cost to the participants.

The six-hour POST-certified law enforcement class is intended for in-service law enforcement officers and other staff assigned to patrol, supervise or manage OHV areas, public safety, and educational programs. Through instructor presentation and hands-on activities, students learn how to apply California's OHV laws, OHV requirements, registration, equipment, spark arrestors, and an overview of the green sticker program.

The eight-hour POST-certified OHV sound testing class consists of instructor presentation and practical exercises.

Law Enforcement Deployments

The OHMVR Division law enforcement staff collaborates with local and federal OHV programs to provide assistance during special events and busy weekends. Deployments provide additional law enforcement presence for education outreach and patrols that ensure a safe environment for OHV recreation. Special events and popular weekends include:

- King of the Hammers – an annual, weeklong event in Johnson Valley National OHV Recreation Area
- Hangtown MX – an annual motocross event in May at Prairie City SVRA
- Tierra del Sol – an annual 4x4 event spanning San Diego and Imperial Counties
- President's Day weekend – a very popular weekend that draws thousands of people to BLM Imperial Sand Dunes OHV Area
- Summer on the Rubicon Trail – Holiday weekends in summer are popular days to enjoy this trail that runs through local towns in El Dorado County and the Eldorado National Forest ❖



OHMVR Law Enforcement Grants

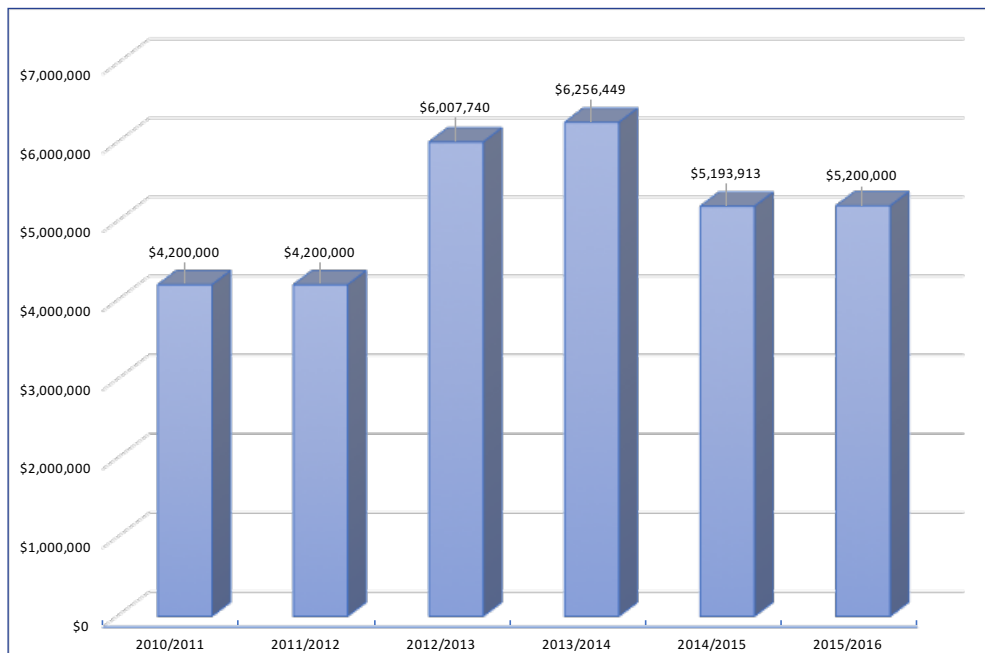
The California State Legislature appropriates 20 percent of the OHMVR Division Grants and Cooperative Agreements (Grants Program) funding for OHV law enforcement. Out of this 20 percent allocation, BLM receives 30 percent, USFS receives 30 percent, and local agencies receive 40 percent each year. Law enforcement grants are awarded to hire personnel and purchase equipment, such as vehicles to patrol OHV areas, protect resources, and prevent unauthorized access to public and private lands. Law enforcement funds are distributed on a non-competitive basis and are proportionate to the needs within each entity's jurisdiction. From 2008-2016, the Grants Program awarded approximately \$25 million in law enforcement grants to federal agencies—\$12.5 million to BLM, \$12.7 million to the USFS. Since 2008, \$17 million in

OHMVR law enforcement grants have been awarded to local law enforcement agencies with OHV recreation in their jurisdictions.

OHV grant funds help local agencies fill the gaps to offer quality services to keep OHV enthusiasts informed and safe. For example, the Imperial County Sheriff's Office was awarded funds in 2015 to purchase safety equipment for use in ATV safety courses for children and to develop and print outreach materials, brochures and a children's safety booklet. Safety and education grants have also been awarded to local Sheriff's Offices for safety equipment and programs that teach youth safe riding techniques, trail etiquette, and how rider behavior can impact the environment. For more information, view the Grants application website at: olga.ohv.parks.ca.gov/egrans_ohmvr/user/home.aspx ❖

Top Ten Local Law Enforcement Applicants	Total Grant Awards 2008-2016
Imperial County Sheriff's Office	\$1,891,601
San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department	\$1,428,505
City of California City	\$1,212,669
Kern County Sheriff's Office	\$1,038,540
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	\$1,035,680
Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department	\$652,362
Calaveras County Sheriff's Department	\$584,147
Inyo County Sheriff's Department	\$554,905
El Dorado County Sheriff's Department	\$544,082
San Diego County Sheriff's Department	\$520,783

Law Enforcement Grant Funding, 2010-2016



In-Lieu Funding Distributions

As part of the OHV registration fees (e.g. green and red registration stickers), a four dollar fee is imposed for the issuance or renewal of identification for each OHV subject to identification (registration) in-lieu of all taxes on value levied for state or local purposes (CVC Section 38230). These in-lieu funds are used by local agencies to provide OHV opportunities and facilities, including law enforcement efforts. In-lieu funds are distributed to counties based on how much OHV activity occurs in the county. Since 2008, over \$22 million has been distributed directly to the counties. (See the Top Ten Counties In-Lieu Funding Distributions for 2016 chart.) ❖



Top Ten Counties In-Lieu Funding Distributions for 2016

COUNTY	Total
Imperial	\$504,981
San Bernardino	\$295,347
San Luis Obispo	\$149,119
Los Angeles	\$133,814
Kern	\$131,941
San Benito	\$105,058
Riverside	\$96,571
Ventura	\$69,310
El Dorado	\$66,463
Plumas	\$63,720

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