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**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 participated in the annual Grant Workshop this January. 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 for King of the Hammers event at Johnson Valley and the bi-annual closure of the Johnson Valley share use area. Once again OHMVR Division staff, along with other State Park Peace Officers from around the state helped supporting these annual events. 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 from Twentynine Palms in the safe conduct of race activities throughout the week. In addition to law enforcement staff, OHMVR Division sent elements of the Interpretation and Outreach section once again.

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

State Parks Basic Visitor Services Training class (BVSTs) 50 just graduated on April 11th. The class, BVST 50, has a total of 32 Cadets, which 3 will be assigned to State

Vehicle Recreation Areas (SVRA). 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 January 2024 to December 2024. Statistical data at the SVRA's can be affected by staffing, and closures for fires and weather events.

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

- DUI Arrests - 18
- OHV Citations - 56
- Non- OHV Citations - 100
- Medical Injuries - 11
- Fatalities - 1

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

- DUI Arrests - 0
- OHV Citations - 17
- Non- OHV Citations - 17
- Medical Injuries - 1
- Fatalities - 0

#### **Hungry Valley SVRA:**

- DUI Arrests - 2
- OHV Citations - 47
- Non- OHV Citations - 90
- Medical Injuries - 24
- Fatalities - 0

#### **Prairie City SVRA:**

- DUI Arrests - 2

OHV Citations - 19  
Non- OHV Citations - 21  
Medical Injuries - 2  
Fatalities - 0

**Hollister Hills SVRA:**

DUI Arrests - 9  
OHV Citations - 87  
Non- OHV Citations - 101  
Medical Injuries - 64  
Fatalities - 2

**Carnegie SVRA:**

DUI Arrests - 0  
OHV Citations - 6  
Non- OHV Citations - 6  
Medical Injuries - 10  
Fatalities - 0

**Ocotillo Wells SVRA:**

DUI Arrests - 13  
OHV Citations - 40  
Non- OHV Citations - 59  
Medical Injuries - 71  
Fatalities - 1

**Heber Dunes SVRA:**

DUI Arrests - 0  
OHV Citations - 4  
Non- OHV Citations - 5  
Medical Injuries - 2  
Fatalities - 0

**Clay Pit SVRA:**

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

**Commission Action**

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**Attachments**

None