

Law Enforcement - Palmdale Station

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ITEM 2. Project Coverage

The Palmdale and Lancaster Sheriff Stations have the largest patrol areas of any other stations within Los Angeles County. We have jurisdiction over roughly 1,300 square miles, and serve over a quarter of a million community members. Our patrol areas cover the contract cities of Palmdale and Lancaster, and all the unincorporated county areas in the Antelope Valley. The largest areas of our responsibility are in rural towns surrounding both cities. These areas include Acton, Agua Dulce, Leona Valley, Lake Hughes, Green Valley, Lake Elizabeth, Littlerock, Pearblossom, Llano, Wrightwood, Lake Los Angeles and Antelope Acres. Those townships make up over 1,100 square miles of rural desert and mountainous areas. Many of these areas are not patrolled on a routine basis by normal patrol cars due to their remoteness, other than by our teams of riders on dual sport motorcycles. On a typical deployment day, our deputies ride between 75 and 110 miles. The patrol area is approximately 50 miles across and 40 miles top to bottom. On many days we respond to calls for service at opposite ends of our patrol areas. On days when we can afford to deploy two teams, we can share the duties and become much more effective in locating violators and addressing the issues related to the problem. The patrols regularly encounter illegal trash dumping, illegal shooting of firearms, abandonment of stolen vehicles and stranded or injured off-roaders.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

Our OHV team typically deploys on weekends, after school dismissal hours in the middle of the week and major holidays when the OHV activity seems to be the highest. Our shifts are very flexible and can consist of 4, 8, or 10 hour shifts. We also try to schedule our deployments on alternate dates and times. We want to avoid having any type of predictable or pre-scheduled type of enforcement. We will also deploy as needed during the week. Several of our team members are available for emergent or non-emergent deployment within 30 minutes from notification or sooner. At times, our team will be deployed for search and rescue missions in the rural area where a rapid response is needed.

Much of our problems arise everyday of the week during summer and spring school vacations. With the area being so rural, many riders originate directly from their residences and begin riding on the public roads and private property around their "neighborhood". These people and their riding times are much harder to impact by normal patrol vehicles as they are not able to follow the violators that are riding OHV specific motorcycles or all terrain vehicles. Our teams are able to deploy in the areas at the specific times in an attempt to make contact with the violators and educate them to the riding rules.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

Our deployment consists of a minimum of two deputies riding dual sport motorcycles. A standard deployment consists of a sergeant and one or two deputies. However, we can deploy up to four sergeants and ten deputies when needed. Our team has a full sized, four wheel drive truck for additional enforcement. This vehicle is a marked black and white Sheriff's Department emergency vehicle and is decal'd with large California State Parks OHV stickers. This vehicle will be manned

as staffing permits and allows for a trained deputy and up to three civilian volunteers. Civilian volunteers are utilized in the Lake Los Angeles area to patrol the vast desert areas that attract illegal off road activities. With a significant budgetary cutback pending for this grant period, we will have to significantly decrease both the frequency and number of personnel in the patrols if the State Parks funds are decreased or unavailable.

District and County Information

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

Our whole jurisdiction is a high priority given the high volume of calls for service for OHV violations. Many issues are related to trespassing onto private and commercial lands, where "quality of life issues" and damage to property are ongoing problems. The danger to the equestrian riding public is tremendous. Within our jurisdiction, we have precious vegetation habitats, equestrian specific trails and wildlife concerns. These areas need to be protected. Also being threatened by illegal OHV activities are the survival of many wildlife animals and plants. Some of those are the Joshua Tree Preserve & California Poppy Reserve, the Arroyo Toad and the California Desert

Tortoise. We patrol large portions of the Angeles National Forest because of the high fire danger that exists. Our patrols ensure that those riding in these areas are properly equipped with the approved exhaust systems, as well as our high visibility to quell intentional or accidental fires.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

Our program, through community events, allows us to teach OHV enthusiasts about proper equipment, its maintenance, specific rules and regulations for our areas and those of neighboring facilities. We hand out brochures which indicate the local areas and others available for their use. During these events we are able to indicate those areas which are "off limits" with an explanation which makes sense. We encourage responsible OHV activities. With regular patrols into these open or closed areas, we can maintain a level of protection and notification to those who violate the laws and redirect them to those areas which are open for their use.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

Many of our areas border Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station, Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station and that of the Forest Rangers of the Angeles National Forest. To the north, we also assist the Kern County Sheriff's Department with patrols of open desert at our county line. We will, and have provided manpower as needed in our collective areas. Due to our vast resources within our agency, we can respond not only with manpower but also with equipment and/or expertise to overcome our objectives. These may include patrol vehicles, off-road vehicles of various types, and air support with helicopters.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)

Explain:

We do not issue permits for OHV related events.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

Each deputy sheriff must complete an 80 hour POST approved OHV motorcycle training course which is hosted by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. These instructors are POST approved and are certified as OHV team members. Our program continues its training with in-house updates regarding local, state, and federal laws. OHV information is disseminated as it's received. Several of our sergeants, deputies, and civilian volunteers are also four wheel drive trained and have formal Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) skills. All deputies are trained in first aid and CPR. Our training includes operator awareness to the lands and remaining on trails so as not to destroy plants and habitat. Also in an effort to become more educated, we attend meetings or exchange e-mails with agencies such as the BLM, U.S. Forest Service, and other private groups which has OHV concerns or information.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
It is the policy of the Department to enforce all local, state, and federal laws. This enforcement can and will be either to the letter of the law or the spirit of the law. More often than not, using the law as an educator can produce more compliance from people than just with the issuance of citations.
9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:
We currently have an agreement and are receiving funds from LA County Parks and Recreation Department. This agreement stipulates that Parks and Recreation Department will provide \$15,000.00 of in-lieu funds to the Sheriff's Department. Of this \$15,000.00, \$7.5K is allocated to Palmdale Station and \$7.5K to Santa Clarita Station for dedicated OHV Enforcement in the respective areas. This funding has been critical in maintaining the level of OHV enforcement that is needed to combat the vast illegal OHV activity. These funds currently supplement OHV enforcement operations that are funded by State Parks funds. However, this is the last year of the agreement and the funds will no longer be provided for next year. This is why it is imperative that the State Parks funds be awarded and hopefully increased to allow us to provide the same level of service as in pervious years.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:
Our program does not currently manage any OHV facilities. Our focus is minimizing the illegal activity in the valley and assisting the Federal officers in educating and monitoring the legal riding in the Angeles National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands.
11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

Project Cost Estimate

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PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement - Palmdale Station	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G14-03-10-L01		
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DIRECT EXPENSES						
Program Expenses						
1 Staff						
1. Sergeant Notes : This cost estimate is based on conducting four (8) hour operations per month, utilizing one sergeant per operation.	703.0634	95.320	HRS	54,904.00	12,112.00	67,016.00
2. Law Enforcement Officers Notes : This cost estimate is based on conducting four (8) hour operations per month, utilizing two deputies per operation	1431.0349	84.260	HRS	97,068.00	23,511.00	120,579.00

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2014/2015
 Agency: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
 Application: Law Enforcement - Palmdale Station

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Req.	Match	Total
Total for Staff					151,972.00	35,623.00	187,595.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
	1. Safety Equipment	5.0000	500.000	EA	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
	1. Training Notes : This covers 2 sessions (8 hours each) of OHV POST mandates recurrent training for 14 current team members. Training to occur in the year of the grant award to include: 1. POST mandated skills recurrent training 2. Attending monthly meetings with other agencies (BLM, U.S. Forest Service (Angeles Division), Kern County Sheriff, San Bernardino County Sheriff and numerous local town council gatherings) in order address complaints and issues which assists us with our operational management of OHV recreation within our jurisdiction.	224.0000	49.760	HRS	0.00	11,146.00	11,146.00
Total Program Expenses					154,472.00	46,769.00	201,241.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					154,472.00	46,769.00	201,241.00
INDIRECT EXPENSES							
Indirect Costs							
1	Indirect Costs						
	1. Indirect Costs-Sergeant administrative d Notes : Provides for administrative sergeant billing, tracking and data entry related to contacts during enforcement, equipment maintenance, overtime reports and collection of OHV related complaints.	96.0000	59.630	HRS	0.00	5,724.00	5,724.00

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	TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES				0.00	5,724.00	5,724.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES				154,472.00	52,493.00	206,965.00

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4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	11,146.00	11,146.00	
Total Program Expenses		154,472.00	46,769.00	201,241.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		154,472.00	46,769.00	201,241.00	
INDIRECT EXPENSES					
Indirect Costs					
1	Indirect Costs	0.00	5,724.00	5,724.00	
Total Indirect Costs		0.00	5,724.00	5,724.00	
TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES		0.00	5,724.00	5,724.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		154,472.00	52,493.00	206,965.00	

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) Yes No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10.

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards:

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources:

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment