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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.

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

Explain:

There are no privately sponsored OHV events within our jurisdiction

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

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. The team also attends training presented by California State Parks & Recreation personnel. 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?  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:  
The Community Partnerships Bureau provides additional funds from other grant sources for OHV patrols as needed to assist the local stations regarding quality of life concerns due to illegal and unsafe OHV riding.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:  
There are no OHV recreation areas within our jurisdiction
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?  Yes  No