



What's New With Measure U.....

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Measure U Funds Help Traffic Bureau Expand and Reduce Collisions

Over the past month, the Hemet Police Department Traffic Bureau enhanced traffic safety on Florida Avenue by increasing the amount of officers patrolling the main roadway in Hemet. How did we do it? In 2018, the department was awarded a traffic safety grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (O.T.S.) Although the focus of the grant is enforcing DUI laws, there is a provision in the grant designed to address Primary Collision Factors; vehicle code violations which cause traffic collisions. Dangerous violations like speeding, failing to obey traffic signals, unsafe turns and failing to yield are some of the most common causes of traffic collisions in Hemet. Using O.T.S. grant funds, the traffic bureau asked officers who are normally assigned to patrol, detectives or other special teams, to work

overtime on Florida Avenue and enforce the California vehicle code.

The extra effort was successful. Increased police presence on Florida Avenue decreased traffic collisions and helped achieve our objectives outlined in the O.T.S. grant. Approximately 132 additional man hours were spent on Florida Avenue by 17

officers. During the enforcement period, the operation had a clear impact on unsafe driving behavior and decreased Florida Avenue traffic collisions by 13% compared to the month before the operation began.

The Hemet Police Department Traffic Bureau has experienced a resurgence since the passage of Measure U. Prior to Measure U our traffic bureau was staffed by one officer. With the staffing help that Measure U has provided the Hemet Police Department Traffic Bureau is now staffed by three sworn police officers and two non-sworn civilian employees. Our non-sworn Community Service Officers are a tremendous asset to our operations as they respond to and investigate most traffic collisions freeing up our sworn officers to focus strictly on enforcement.



Measure U Recruiting Update

In volume 2 of this newsletter we introduced you to three new police officers who were currently in training. Officers Vera, Hurtado, and Nicot were all proceeding through field training at that time. As of July 1st all have completed their field training. Officers Vera and Nicot have been assigned to Patrol Team 1 and Officer Hurtado is assigned to Patrol Team 2. Community Service Officer Maker has also com-

pleted his field training program and is now working on Patrol Team 4.

Beyond these new employees, the Hemet Police Department is recruiting for several positions. We have an open and on-going recruitment for lateral police officers and academy graduates. We currently have 5 lateral police officers in the hiring process. As of July 1st, recruitment for Community

Service Officer is still open. Our recruitment for entry level police officer just closed with over 200 applicants. If you did not get your application in this time around keep watching, it will open again in the future. Last but certainly not least, we received over 50 applications for our call taker position, hired a full time dispatcher, and we are currently process two additional dispatch applicants.

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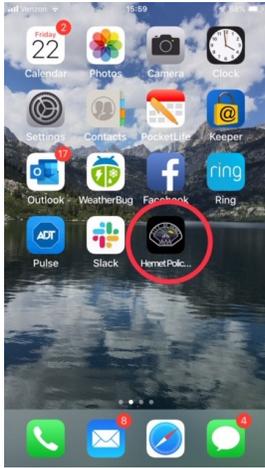
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Hemet Police Department to Introduce a Citizen's Academy

One of the things that the Hemet Police Department prides itself on is community involvement. From attending community events to developing one of the largest police volunteer programs in the region, we recognize the importance of robust community interaction. It is along this theme that we have been working on a Citizen's Academy, inviting our community in and sharing every aspect of their community police department.

Over the past several months, Sgt. Maddox of our Community Services Bureau has been working hard to put this program together. While we have worked with other law enforcement agencies to learn from their programs, we are proud to have made our pro-

gram distinct and unique.

In the coming weeks the Hemet Police department will invite community members, 18 years old and over, to submit an application if they are interested in attending. Once we begin in late August those attending will be treated to visits by representative from each of our Bureaus and Task Force. These officers will give an inside look at how our department operates and answer all the "how and why" questions you may have.

Each community member in attendance will be given an opportunity to take part in hands on training ranging from how to perform a high-risk traffic stop, tactical room clearing and use of force to include time with our state-of-the-art force options simulator.

Topics will include; Patrol, Gang Task Force, Investigations, Probation Compliance, Traffic, Dispatch, Records, School Resource Officer, Crime Suppression Unit, R.O.C.S., K-9 and much more! Classes will be held one night a week at the Hemet Police Department and the entire program will last 10 weeks.

Information and updates related to this new program will be provided through the Hemet Police Department webpage, social media, and the Hemet Police Department App.

A variety of Measure U funded personnel will be assisting with these classes and the entire program will help by providing additional information about the improvements to our department Measure U has made possible.

HPD Offers Active Shooter Training to Local Business and Organizations

The City of Hemet Police Dept. recently partnered with the Hemet Unified School District for 'train the trainer' classes for some of our officers through the ALICE Institute. ALICE is a program that teaches options based strategies for civilians to use during an active shooter or other violent situation. ALICE is an acronym for:

Alert, Lockdown, Income, Counter, Evacuate. Lt. Eric Dickson was able to provide this training to a local church and we are now accepting requests for this training. The training can be provided to up to 20 people at a time and generally takes about three hours. It is best to complete the training at your location,

however the police department can host if needed.

Option based strategies are nationally recommended and the City of Hemet Police Department now offers basic training in the ALICE principals to our residents, free of charge. This training is designed to help you be more aware of your options during this kind of event and what you can do to decrease a suspect's chances of harming people.

If you would like to obtain more information about the program, you can stop by their website at alicetraining.com. If you would like to schedule basic training for your organization, please contact Lt. Dickson

at edickson@cityofhemet.org

Although the instructor training was provided by the Hemet Unified School District, Staffing provided by Measure U allows the Hemet Police Department to offer this new and exciting training to our community!



Hemet Police Department R.O.C.S. Team Helps a Homeless Hemet Family Return to Arkansas

Early in June 2019, ROCS Det. Gordon came into contact with Danny H. and Cherie C. He learned that Danny came to California from Arkansas a few weeks prior to get Cherie but he was robbed in Long Beach. Danny was able to get to Hemet but this left them stranded with very little money and no way to get back.

Det. Gordon was able to find and contact Danny's family in Sheridan Arkansas. Danny's family confirmed that he had a job, and a home and they agreed they could pick them up from the bus station if they

could get back. Det. Gordon reached out to our partners at Valley Restart and the United Way however; neither program had enough money to get them back.

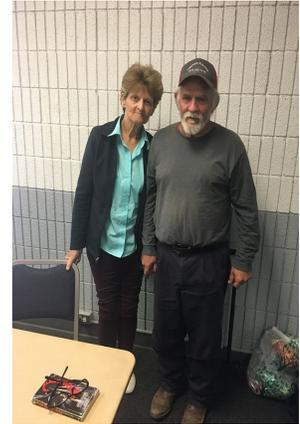
As Det. Gordon sought other options, he suggested that they wait at the Simpson Center cooling station. While Danny H. and Cherie C. waited, they met Donna Fredericksen who contacted the Hemet Gate Keepers on their behalf. The Hemet Gate Keepers were able to raise the required funds from the following donors:

Pastor James Mock, Communi-

ty Help Ministries, Hemet Gate Keepers, Bill Wolfson of Hemet Christian Assembly, Donna Geier of Homeless Outreach Volunteers, The Central County United Way, Hemet Travelodge and an Anonymous Donor.

On Friday June 14th, the family was driven to the bus stop in Perris by HPD and they have since been reunited with their family in Arkansas. This is an amazing example of what can be accomplished when the community comes together to help those in need.

The Hemet R.O.C. S. Team is completely funded by Measure U.



The Hemet Police Department Family Grows by Two in July!

Recruiting new police officer is extremely competitive. Most police departments are hiring new officers right now and we are all trying to attract from the same pool of applicants. Although those looking to take on an exciting career in law enforcement have many options, we are celebrating the addition of two police officers during the month of July.

Police Officer Trainee Whitely Walker resides locally. Whitely was a dual sport athlete in high school and was team captain for both the Water Polo and Swim team. She has studied Criminal Justice at Santa Rosa Junior College and at Mendocino Community College where she picked up her interest in law enforcement. Whitely will be attending the

San Bernardino Basic Academy class 216.

We also hired Lateral Police Officer Rudy Moreno. Officer Moreno comes to us from the Blythe Police Department. Before working in Blythe, Officer Moreno worked as a Reserve Police Officer in Westmorland and was a volunteer with the Escondido Police Department. Officer Moreno was

also an athlete in high school participating in football, Basketball, Soccer, and Volleyball. Officer Moreno was involved in the Naval Junior ROTC program. Officer Moreno will begin his field training program July 15th.

Both Police Trainee Walker and Police Officer Moreno are completely funded through Measure U.

Next Generation 911 Helps with Cell Phone Location

Technology is advancing every day. With these advancements have come very positive improvements in the area of public safety especially with our ability to receive calls for help. Years ago California began pursuing "Next Generation 911" technology to make it easier for people to get police, fire, and medical help during their time of need. An example of this is 911 calls from cell phones.

911 from a cell phone you were routed to CHP who then had to figure out where you were calling from. Now nearly all calls to 911 from cell phone are routed to the correct jurisdiction with no need to be transferred.

The mobility of cell phones can leave someone who needs help in an area they are not familiar with and they do not know street names let alone an address. Although cell

phones provide GPS information when you call 911, it is often not accurate enough to determine the location of the caller.

Hemet Police Department has partnered with "Rapid SOS" to solve this problem. Rapid SOS provides a much more accurate location that helps emergency personnel to locate you in an emergency. It only works when the subscriber calls 911 and only for a

short time. Although this service works with only the latest Apple and Android platforms, they are working to expand the coverage.

The Hemet Police Department Dispatch Center is now under the management of a Civilian Supervisor funded by Measure U. This supervisor has been instrumental in locating and applying many new systems in our dispatch center

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Hemet PD Crisis Intervention Assists Again.....

Over the past year and a half, the Hemet PD CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) has been attempting to assist a Hemet resident with mental health needs. The subject has been placed on several involuntary holds during this period to protect himself from harm. In late May of 2019, CIT checked in on the subject and his family and learned that he was due for his next medical appointment at the Hemet Mental Health Clinic but had been refusing to go. The subject's father noted that he was afraid his son would eventually spiral out of control if he did not receive his medicine. The subject's father told CIT that he and his wife were desperate for solutions but they had also concluded that if their son did not take responsibility for his mental health, they would ask him to leave and he would become homeless. The subject's father stated, "We can't do this no more." His main concern was

that if his son became homeless, he would begin to use drugs again and add an additional burden for the police department. CIT collaborated with the subject's father and determined that CIT would pay his son a home visit in hopes of influencing and encouraging him to receive his medication and ensure he receives his services.

In early June, 2019, CIT arrived at their home and spoke with the subject in the backyard while he smoked cigarettes. The subject appeared surprised and nervous by CIT's unannounced visit but CIT proceeded to normalize his concerns and noted that our purpose for the visit was to support him. The subject was guarded, non-trusting and rejected all efforts to go to the mental health clinic. The subject's father also pleaded with him; but to no avail. The subject stated: "I don't want to go. I do not need help. All I want to do is

smoke." CIT kept talking with him and reassuring him and eventually the subject agreed to go to the mental health clinic if his family was there to support him. The subject's entire family including his father, mother, two brothers, and grandmother transported him to the mental health clinic in Hemet, while CIT trailed behind. Upon arriving at the clinic, CIT reached out to clinic partners and explained the nature of the visit. The clinic staff was receptive to CIT's request and initiated services for the subject without delay. As of this writing, the subject has been continuing to follow up with his appointments. The subject's father stated, "I don't think he would have ever come if you guys didn't make time for him."

The Hemet Police Department Crisis Intervention Team is entirely funded through Measure U.

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