



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

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Lieutenant Eric Dickson Graduates from the Drucker School of Management Executive Leadership Institute

On July 27, 2019 Lt. Eric Dickson successfully completed the California Police Chiefs Association's Executive Leadership Institute. This prestigious program is hosted by Claremont Graduate University's Drucker School of Management. Founded on the principals of Dr. Peter F. Drucker, this course is designed to develop today's law enforcement leaders and equip them with the tools necessary to guide public safety agencies through a changing society.

This course promotes service to community through Dr. Drucker's leadership principals of; a belief in the importance of a functioning society, a focus on people-centered management, a focus on performance, a focus on self-management, and a prac-

tice based, transdisciplinary, and life long approach to learning.

While attending, Lt. Dickson received instruction on the science of decision making, creating an exemplary policing organization, systems thinking, women in leadership, and creating a culture of accountability

just to name a few.

Lt. Dickson currently leads the department's Community Services Bureau which includes Traffic, R.O.C.S., Crisis Intervention, School Resource Officers and our Volunteer Program. Both R.O.C.S. and the Crisis Intervention Team are new programs to our department and funded through Measure U.

Measure U not only funds department personnel, it also provides much needed funding for advanced training like what is offered through this program. We would like to congratulate Lt. Dickson on completing this program and look forward to his continued service and leadership.



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Hemet Police Department Welcomes Another New Officer

Police Officer Rudy Moreno was appointed effective Monday, July 15, 2019. Rudy Moreno was born in Southern California and completed high school at Rancho Vista High School in Perris. During the course of middle school and high school, Rudy participated in several sports to include, Football, Basketball, Soccer and Volleyball. He also participated in his high school's Naval Junior ROTC program and took part in a Regional Occupation Program class in law enforcement.

Rudy served as a volunteer with



the Escondido Police Department from February 2009 until December 2013. He also served as a Reserve Police Officer with the Westmorland Police Depart-

ment from September 2014 until he was hired as a Police Officer by the Blythe Police Department in January 2015 where he worked until being hired by HPD. Officer Moreno worked a variety of assignments to include a narcotic task force. Rudy is eager to continue his law enforcement career with our department and is looking forward to serving our community.

Officer Moreno is an excellent addition to the Hemet Police Department and is funded through Measure U.

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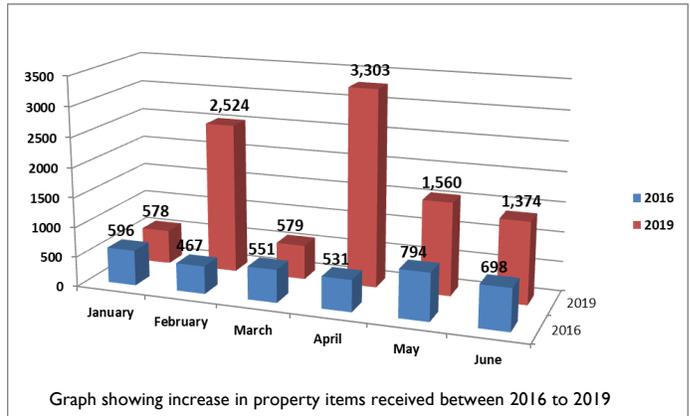
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Property Division Gets Part-Time Help

The City of Hemet Police Investigations Division includes Property and Evidence Technicians. These employees are non-sworn members of the police department. Property and evidence duties were the responsibility of one full-time Property and Evidence Technician in prior years. Property and Evidence Technician Chonte Keene has been employed with the Police Department and fulfilling these responsibilities for about 5 years. As sworn personnel increased as a result of Measure U, support staff duties such as property and evidence responsibilities continued to increase. In May 2019, the City of Hemet Police Department hired part-time Property and Evidence Technician Christine Abbarno. Her part-time position is funded through the department's Gen-

eral Fund budget. Property and Evidence personnel are required to process incoming and outgoing property and evidence in accordance with strict evidentiary rules. Below is a chart that reflects the number of items handled in accordance of evidentiary rules from January – June 2016 compared to January – June 2019.



HPD Receives Traffic Safety Grant to Focus on DUI Enforcement



The Hemet Police Department was notified by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to expect grant funds to help combat impaired drivers in Hemet. OTS tentatively agreed to award the city \$100,000.00 to be used during a year-long anti-DUI program. The grant is aimed at preventing deaths and injuries on our roadways, and is expected to commence in

November of 2019. The grant will be administered by the department's traffic bureau, who has managed similar traffic safety grants in the past.

for impaired drivers. Additional funding is available in the grant for officers to address traffic violations made by bicyclists, pedestrians, motorcyclists, and other vehicle drivers.

The special DUI enforcement and awareness grant will assist our efforts to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol and other drug related collisions in the community. The grant activities will specifically target impaired drivers as well as educate the public on the dangers of impaired driving. During the grant, Hemet Police Officers will conduct specialized enforcement details. That means extra officers on the streets, working overtime and looking

This grant represents the broader effort by the Hemet Police Department to reduce the number of traffic collisions through focused enforcement. Although these funds are completely separate from Measure U funds, it is the additional personnel made possible through Measure U that provide the manpower to bring these enforcement efforts forward.

Another Hemet Police Department Crisis Intervention Success Story

Over the past year, the Crisis Intervention Team dealt with a male on numerous occasions involving drug abuse along with mental health needs. The Crisis Intervention Team received numerous calls from this man's mother pleading for us to help her son. After numerous contacts and attempts to help this man out our contacts with him came to a standstill and we did not hear from him or his mother in several months.

The Crisis Intervention Team unexpectedly encountered the

male on Florida Avenue and he appeared to be in good spirits. He proceeded to inform the Crisis Intervention Team that he was no longer abusing drugs or alcohol. The male reported that he has been sober for several months now and was back on his feet. He expressed his gratitude to the Crisis Intervention Team for regular contact, follow-ups and interventions along with his mother/sister. The male stated, "In my worst moment, you guys always treated me with respect and were patient and for that I

will always be grateful." The male was apologetic for causing so much grief and "wasted" resources to the Crisis Intervention Team but he wants to pay it back by being productive. The male reported that after his social security finally kicked in; he was able to purchase a working vehicle, and is now a self-employed handy man, and his relationship with his mother has been restored. The male stated, "I'm now able to take care of my mother due to her ailing health as opposed to her always worrying about

me." The male is optimistic about his future these days and claims that he regularly advocates for the Crisis Intervention Team to his homeless and mentally ill friends. He stated, "I tell them to give you guys a try because it was your consistent presence, interventions and encouragement and to not give up on my social security claim that helped get me to this point."

Hemet CIT is funded through Measure U.

From Teacher to Police Employee, Public Safety Office Specialist Bryant Continues to Serve Our Community

It seems like there's never a dull moment in the Hemet Police Department's Records Lobby and Bureau. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., citizens walk-in for a variety of reasons: to file a police report, to pick-up a police report, to obtain a vehicle release because their car has been impounded or stored, to obtain a repo release, or to follow-up with a detective. The Records Bureau strives to provide the best customer service and

individualized attention to every citizen they come in contact with, regardless of the influx of people in the lobby or over the telephone.

In 2018, the Hemet police Department had approximately 12,500 police reports generated with over 4,000 arrests. In an effort to keep up with data entry and other ancillary support, tax revenue generated from the City of Hemet's Measure U has allowed the Records Bureau to expand by an additional Records Clerk

and for the first time ever, a civilian supervisor. The Records Bureau is now staffed by six highly-qualified and experienced staff members with over 65 years of experience among them. Carla Bryant, the latest member to join the Records Bureau, comes to the team following two years of substitute teaching with the San Jacinto Unified School District. She is usually the person behind the window assisting an average of 70 walk-in requests each weekday. Aside from

facilitating the requests brought to her at the window she fulfills requests for documents faxed in from numerous other agencies and entities, and assists in the flow of the work of the unit. She brings a true enjoyment of customer service to the lobby to assist our citizens. If you need to report a new crime, there is no need to wait in line. Please, call the non-emergency line at 951-765-2400, or pick up the phone in either lobby and call into dispatch.

HPD Gets Two Trucks to Help Pick-up and Store Abandoned Property

In July the Hemet Police Department took delivery of two new F-150 trucks with special lift gates to help clear abandoned property from city streets. While not a traditional role for law enforcement, our officers are driving around 24/7 and often see abandoned property before others. Typically calls are made to other city departments during normal business hours for removal and storage, however after hours this abandoned property may sit until someone was available.

These new trucks will help the Hemet Police Department remove items of blight from our neighborhoods. These are not a trash truck, however recent court decisions require cities to store some types of property for up to 90 days in hopes that the owners may come to retrieve it. General trash will be left to more conventional disposal methods. That being said, these new Measure U funded vehicles will go a long way in helping to keep our community clean!





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Hemet Police Department Awarded ABC Grant from State

City of Hemet Police Chief Rob Webb announced that the Hemet Police Department has been awarded a \$51,104.00 grant from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to battle alcohol-related crime.

"This is important to the City of Hemet in order to increase protection for youth and to shut down problem locations that have contributed to an increase in crime," Chief Webb said.

The grant is one of 49 awarded in California to local law enforcement agencies through ABC's Alcohol Policing Partnership Program. The grants strengthen local law enforcement efforts by combining the efforts of local police officers and ABC agents. ABC agents have expertise in alcoholic beverage laws and can help communities reduce alcohol-related problems.

"The program improves the quality of life in neighborhoods," said ABC Director Jacob Appelsmith. "We've seen a real difference in the communities where the grant program resources have been invested."

The Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP) Program was created in 1995 to strengthen partnerships between ABC and local law enforcement agencies. The program is designed to put bad operators out of business, keep alcohol away from minors and bring penalties such as fines, suspensions or revocations against businesses that violate the law.

The funds will be used to reduce the number of alcoholic beverage sales to minors, obviously intoxicated patrons, illegal solicitations of alcohol, and other criminal activities such as the sale and possession of illegal drugs.

The APP Program has distributed over \$20 million to local law enforcement to combat alcohol-related crime. ABC is a Department of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.

This grant will be administered by the Hemet Police Department R.O.C.S. Team. R.O.C.S. staffing is made possible through Measure U. One of the primary mission for R.O.C.S. is to identify nuisance properties throughout the city, notify owners of issues, and using the City of Hemet Municipal code to help the property owners come into compliance with all applicable state and local laws. This grant fits right in line with their current mission. The Hemet Police Department expects that this grant will not only help reduce the ability for minors to acquire alcohol, it will ultimately assist with training for owners and staff to maintain compliance with all laws.

A look back at July through our Facebook Photos!

