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Chapter Summary

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VIII	Tactics and Techniques

The team found that LEOs working at the ISDRA on holiday weekends have been very innovative and creative in determining necessary tactics and techniques for dealing with unruly behavior. It appears much of this was done through "trial and success" or "trial and error." It has often been said that a given population of people will support and tolerate law enforcement only up to certain limits where the crowd begins to set it as intrusive. It is obvious that the BLM has found that limit with those that intend to participate in unruly behavior at the ISDRA. On the other hand, the BLM feels pressure from other groups of people to control the situation and make the ISDRA a safer place. This means that BLM LEOs must boldly go where no "BLM-er" has gone before. Because the BLM is in a position of providing an appropriate response, tactics must be employed that ensure the safety of the involved employees. This is best done in numbers and our LEOs have figured that out. The team observed the many LEOs present during the Presidents Weekend carry out their duties with utmost professionalism and effectiveness. One particular effective method is the use of K-9 units. There perhaps was no better tactic or technique for getting the attention of the "unruly" crowd.

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The team did find several ways that tactics and techniques could be improved. The span of control between team leaders and members in the current tactics at the "sand drags" and Competition Hill gathering is a too large. This could be corrected by breaking up the large group into smaller squads that could be rotated in and out of the crowds. It also allows for some squads to be held in reserve for back-up or response to other creas. The team also thought that the incident commander (IC) should not be part of the group of LEOs that inserts into the crowd. Rather, the incident commander should be stationed at a control point with good crowd visibility. The IC would utilize "spotters" whose sole assignment would be to observe crowd behavior and report conditions to the IC. The IC uses information from "spotters" and LEOs in the squads to make deployment decisions or, ultimately, decisions to withdraw, should thing; become too dangerous. The team also believes that suspects and offenders need to be extracted from the crowd to safer control points to effect the arrest or issuance of citations. This could be done through use of a sand rail transportation vehicle by which the offender is transported immediately to a point where the arrest can be finished or citation issued outside of the crowd.

When planning for Incident Command System (ICS) operations and tactics, the team believes that a public information officer for the weekend operation would go a long way towards providing for a pro-active response should a given situation become media sensitive.

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Office Evaluated: California Desert

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Type of Evaluation: Special

Date: February 20, 2000

By: National Law Enforcement Office

Inspection Worksheet

Worksheet Subject: Tactics and techniques

Findings:

- 1. The span of control between team leaders and members in the current tactics at the sand drags" and Competition Hill gathering is a too large.
- 2. Spotters or "lookouts" are not being effectively utilized for spotting officer safety problems.
- 3. Law enforcement presence in the crowds was intermittent at best. The time taken in the crowds with citation issuance, arrests, and vehicle impounds was excessive.
- Use of K-9 units appears to be a very effective tactic.
- 5. Public affairs concerning crowd situations and BLM enforcement posture appear to be reactionary.

Recommendations:

- 1. Crowd control team members need to be organized based upon small squads. An effective ICS needs to be set up where the IC remains at a command post or high point and directs the squads based upon crowd behavior and spotter information.
- Spotters should be utilized at high points above an operation to watch for dangerous activities or changes it crowd behavior.
- 3. The small squads should be rotated in and out of the crowd rather than all the available officers at once.
- 4. Consideration should be given to placing a K-9 unit in the El Centro Field Office.
- A public information officer should be part of the ICS team set up for the dunes operation.

Final Reviewing Officer	Title: Chief, National Law Enforcement Office	\$ignature:	Date:	
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California Desert District Incidents by Offense Type 1999

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	Endangered Species (Plant or Anima	Untawful Possession	0	0	+	0	0	+	2
	Endangered Species (Plant or Anima	Unlawful take	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
	False Report/Information		0	0	0	0	*	0	4
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	Fire - Non artion	Unattended	0	0	0	0	2	2	*
	Fire - Non arrors	Without Scense permit, or authorization	0	0	0	1	0	0	-
	Fire Prevention Order (NOL)		0	0	0	0	9	0	80
	Fireworks	Unlawful Possession	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
	Freworks	Uniawful use	0	0	0	0	1	0	-
	Game Animal	Unlawful take	0	0	1	0	0	0	-
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	Passenger Vehicle	Off road or trail	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
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	Regulations (NOL)		0	1	3	11	2	9	23
	Resisting Arrestiviol Notice		0	3	0	9	1	0	10
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	Solid Waste Dieposel/Dumping	Other	0	1	0	0	0	0	-
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	Accident Investigation	Property damage only	0	-	0	2	•	0	7
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	Assists	Law enforcement agency	0	9	25	3	17	3	\$
	Assists	Other	0	0	2	0	3	2	7
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	Off Highway Vehicle	Registration violation	0	11	5	35	9	0	57
	Off Highway Vehicle	Speed	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
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	Pessenger Vehicle	Hit and run	0	0	+	0	0	0	+
	Passenger Vehicle	Other	0	0	2	50	9	0	46
	Passenger Vehicle	Other state/local laws	0	3	=	16	0	0	8
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	Pessenger Vehicle	Registration violation	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
	Passenger Vehicle	Speed	0	0	0	7	0	0	7
	Passenger Vehicle	Stolenfecovered	0	0	*	0	n	-	8
	Search and Rescue	Lost person	0	9	₹	0	4	-	15
	Search and Rescue	Medical aid	0	2	2	1	58	0	34
	Search and Rescue	Other	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	Search and Rescue	Rescue person	0	0	7	7	-	0	2
	Security Detail		6	#	8	#	4	*	11
	Special Events		0	2	2	0	7	2	13
	Trakho	Other	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
	Training	Presented	0	0	0	0	5	0	3
	Training	Taken-formal course	0	7	٥	0	15	0	11
	Training	Teken-informal course	0	1	Ţ	0	0	0	2
	Unsecured installation	Government Property	0	2	0	0	-	0	60
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Managament Perspective of the Imperial Sand Dune -Presented to the L.E. Evaluation Team - February 2000

In summer 1999, El Centro F.O. did an informal review of the Dunes operation to see what was going well, what could we improve, what was within the capability of the ECFO, CDD, or California BLM, and what was bigger than that and required a policy change, more resources, etc. We discussed this within the office, with other Chief Rangers and Managers, and with the Dunes Technical Review Team (IRI) of dunes users. Findings/needs:

a) a more concerted LE, EMS (emergency medical services) and VSS (visitor services) effort; specifically

a more comprehensive plan for the busy use season of major holiday weekends

* the need to pull in more resources - personnel and equipment

better coordination between the LR, EMS and VSS staffs

b) more participation from other LE agracies

Improvements in 1999-2000 Dunes season

1) better operational plan

a) clear priorities for LE staff, putting a hire priority on more serious incidents like DUL, minors in possession, open container, assentia, also on implementing the fee demo program. A lower priority was put on minor infractions such as double riding riding without a heimet, etc. These priorities were developed internally and presented to the TRT for their legat.

b) better coordination within CDD and with the State Office in securing resources. As a result, pulled in more LB staff than ever before, at or close to our goal for each holiday. Better radio communication through use of the Riverside Sheriff's Office portable system and dispatching and

borrowing of NIFC radios.

This has clearly improved our on-the-ground capability, but has not been easy. Has required an inordinate amount of time from ECFO, CDD and State Office to recruit these resources. Has caused us to overstend our budget, even though we have fielded fewer EMB and VSS personnel than needed, which reduces public service and puts more of a load on LE staff to perform these functions.

2) more participation from other LE agencies, especially Imperial County Sheriff's Office

a) To solicit help from the Sheriff, have used a two staged approach

i) in fall 1999, signed a LE Agreement with him to pay off-duty deputies to augment our LE staff, handle more serious crimes like assembs, and transport offenders to jail. The Sheriff and the County Board of Supervisors are concerned set the growing problems at the dutes, such as the incidents over Tambagiving 1999, in that they strain the counties resources (hospitals, jails, personnel) and create a bad image of the dunes.

ii) in Fobruary 2000, met again with the Sheriff and asked him to take a greater role in the dunes, which are in his jurisdiction. He responded favorably and wants to pull together a mobile interagency LE coalition and seek funding for it through a combined green sticker grant for personnel and equipment (off-highway vehicles, radio/dispenshing).

Results on Ground/What We Have Learned

- are making a deat, have a more visible presence, are receiving positive comments, are creating a backlasts from the offending metre
- have issued notably more elisticus/made exrests for more serious infractions
- is increased interest/concern (especially since Thanksgiving) in the OHV community.

environmentalists, regional media, the 2 US Senature Offices.

a) ORVers - the #1 concern they have expensed in surveys conducted by the TRT and in the 7 recent public meetings to rewrite the Dunos plan is safety and law enforcement

b) the Sierra Clab is focusing in on the duries, the effect of the users on sensitive resources like adjoining wilderness and tortoise habitat and on a listed plant species; and that their belief that BLM is putting all or too much of its LE staff in the Dunes at the expense of other sens live areas such as the Yuha Desert and Jacomba Wilderness Area

- we've become more aware of the extent of the challenge in getting a handle on the problem areas in the

dunes.

a) a bad element of young rowdies more interested in partying and lawless behavior than officeding has come to the dance as a destination point

b) we are questioning whether we have enough officers with proper training and equipment in

crowd control to safely tackle the problem areas.

c) we are open through revision of the Dunes management plen to ways to change management strategies for the dunes, e.g. implementing carrying capacity, rules like no sicolol out of camps, etc.

Needs

ECFO has a strong need for a greater local LE (and EMS) capability on a sessonal basis, as well as more effective equipment, particularly the radio system. Local LE includes mainly BLM and the Sheriff. It takes a major effort in terms of time and money to goer up for the 6 belicky weekends, which overwholms our ability to adequately manage other priority PO programs and is very expensive. Plying in NPS SET teams and cut-of-state BLM rangers often requires equipping them with vehicles and other equipment. There are several ways to seasonally increase the BCFO staff, which is clearly undermanned;

a) shared LE rangers with another BLM or other agency office

b) seasonal rangers, like NPS

c) an increase above the 9 LE rangers on the ECFO T.O. Several of these could be assigned to Northern California/Oragon for summer projects/details.

BLM can't afford to do all of this alone, seed to support the Shoriff's proposal for an interagrancy mobile LE costition.

Also need to improve our ability to use the federal quest system, many federal estations are dropped by the magistrate due to workload priorities.

by Jim Kilberg

Chaos reigned in the Southern California desert over the hanksgiving weekend. Reports of 60,000 to 110,000 ampers and ORV enthusiasts were in the Algodones Dunes n eastern Imperial County over the long weekend. Imperial /alley Press newspaper reports of drunken driving, alcohol nd drug violations, riots and attacks on law enforcement fficers have been confirmed in discussions with BLM staff nd BLM Field Office Manager Greg Thomsen. Attacks on ederal employees and law enforcement officers have not courted in the past. One BLM employee was "run over" y a dune buggy and received a broken hand. BLM staff nd rangers were assigned to work in the dunes, leaving the est of the Public Lands resource areas with special managenent prescriptions and restrictions related to use of motorzed vehicles unguarded without any BLM presence. hroughout the rest of Imperial County there were hundreds r thousands of motor homes camped along with their even nore numerous motorcycles, three-wheelers and 4 wheel rive ORVs.

Vehicles were observed repeatedly ignoring BLM's osted signs stating that off road vehicle travel in Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) and lands desiglated for Limited Use is allowed only when posted as open." Wilderness areas were clearly posted as being losed to all travel by motorized vehicles...where those signs and not been removed or destroyed by repeatedly being run wer by vehicles. There was illegal "cross country" off-road ravel by motorcycles and other ORVs both in the ACECs nd in the Wilderness Areas, both during daylight and after he moon came up. Repeated calls to BLM emergency lispatch resulted in no rangers being sent to areas from which violations were being reported. I was told that there vas no possibility of any law enforcement unless people vere dying or there were dead bodies. In response to respass, BLM ranger station said it was the jurisdiction of he County Sheriff's office. The Sheriff's dispatcher said it vas BLM's responsibility since the ORVs were coming from ublic lands and onto private property.

It was obvious from the newspaper accounts that crowds were out of control in the dunes with 50-60 law enforcement officers in addition to other BLM resource staff, and illegal DRV activity caused much permanent damage to sensitive esources and wilderness areas where there was no BLM presence elsewhere in the county. To date there are continued reports of illegal OHV activity in the North Algodones Dunes, Indian Pass, Pichacho, Jacumba Mountains, and Coyote Mountains Wilderness Areas. A magnificent table dune in the Jacumba Wilderness was heavily damaged, in part, because BLM failed to dispatch any ranger wen after reports of vehicle activity in part of the wilderness area from which ORV entry was made. Citations could

have been issued if a ranger had been present. BLM secured the approval of a Conservation Agreement, rather than ar BSA listing which it had earlier sought for the flat-tailed borned lizard, to establish Flat-Tailed Horn Lizard (FTHL) Management Areas in four major habitat areas, including 3 ACECs in Imperial County. No BLM ranger was dispatched even after several reports of cross-country travel through the Yuha Desert ACEC and FTHL Management Area.

Management decisions are responsible for determining the allocation of staff time and financial resources for fulfilling the agency's marklate for resource protection or America's Public Lands managed on behalf of the American Public. However, a tenderness toward OHV use, influences by the California Green Stilcker money collected for licensing OHVs and from the Fire Demonstration project in the Algodones Dunes appears to have resulted in a failure of BLM to afford protection to sensitive resource areas such as ACECs, wildlife habitat management areas, and wildernes: areas. Repeatedly blaming management decisions or inadequate funding and inadequate staffing has resulted in much irreparable damage to resources and resource areas for which BLM has specific rhanagement requirements by itown Plans, including the California Desert District Conservation Area Plan, and as required by the Federal Land Management and Policy Adt.

What happened over the Thanksgiving weekend must not happen again, either in terms of threats to federal employees or to public lands resources!

Grand Opening of the Los Angeles River Center

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy will celebrar the opening of the Los Angeles River Center on Saturda; March 4, at 10:00 am. The River Center is located at 57 West Avenue 26.

On Wednesday, March 1, the Conservancy will host reception and dinner at the River Center in support Propositions 12 & 13. Special guests will include Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigesa, Secretary of Resources Markichols, Executive Director of the Santa Monlea Mountain Conservancy Joe Edmistor and Ed Begly, Jr. RSVP to Re-Concoff at 310-636-1654.

Priorities: 1-not important, 5-very important. Numbers represent averages of all responses in a given camp area. Age item: Since age was requested by group, this number is the average of the median age of each age group.

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