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Photo attached: Supervisor Robert Lovingood and Sheriff John McMahon.



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The San Bernardino County Sheriff's 2015 Annual report is at:

http://cms.sbcounty.gov/Portals/34/AnnualReports/Sheriff_2015_AR.pdf?ver=2016-03-18-145858-567

Lovingood praises Sheriff as local crime rate falls nearly 14 percent

San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Vice Chair Robert A. Lovingood said overall crime rates declined by nearly 14 percent across the High Desert in 2015, continuing the downward trend.

"I commend Sheriff McMahon and his Department for all their hard work and innovative approaches that are paying off for our residents," Lovingood said.

The eight San Bernardino County Sheriff's stations within the First District saw a 13.95 percent decline in overall crime in 2015, according to Sheriff's Department statistics. Each of the eight stations saw overall declines. Overall crime rates fell sharpest in the unincorporated Victor Valley, with a 26 percent decline in 2015.

In Adelanto and unincorporated Barstow, overall crime was down 16 percent, according to Sheriff's statistics. Hesperia saw a 15 percent decline. Overall crime was down by 12 percent in Victorville and down 7 percent in Apple Valley. Reported crime fell 22 percent in Needles and 11 percent at the Sheriff's Colorado River station.

"I am committed to strengthening law enforcement," Lovingood said. "So once again, this year I will be allocating special funds for 'Desert Guardian' crime sweeps in the High Desert. I think these new crime stats show that these sweeps are effective."

Lovingood attributed the communitywide declines to several factors including outstanding work by the entire Sheriff's Department, from the Sheriff and his management team to Deputies, civilian staff and volunteers. Lovingood also pointed to several innovations:

- 25 additional Deputy Sheriff's added to unincorporated communities – without increasing taxes.
- Special funds for “Desert Guardian,” a four-month crime sweep in the High Desert.
- New approaches to refocus resources on gang crimes.
- New District Attorney’s program to reduce recidivism among low-level, non-violent offenders, projected to reduce the misdemeanor caseload by 25 percent.

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