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Lovingood: Sheriff's crime sweeps arrest 376

With key funding arranged by San Bernardino County Supervisor Robert Lovingood, a series of 16 Sheriff's Department crime sweeps in the Victor Valley has ended with 376 arrests.

The three-month "Desert Guardian" operations focused on Hesperia, Apple Valley, Adelanto, Victorville and unincorporated Victor Valley areas between July 8 and Oct. 1.

Thirty-seven probationers or parolees were among those arrested. Deputies completed 31 information cards on gang members, seized 16 dangerous weapons and 44 ounces of methamphetamine.

"I was glad to arrange special funding for these Desert Guardian crime sweeps, which ended with 376 arrests," County Supervisor Robert Lovingood said. "So on behalf of High Desert residents, I want to thank Sheriff McMahan and his local Deputies for these outstanding results and for making our neighborhoods safer."

Arrests included 122 in Victorville; 86 in Apple Valley; 95 in Hesperia and 73 in Adelanto and unincorporated Victor Valley areas.

Supervisor Lovingood arranged for \$50,000 in special county funds to support this year's "Desert Guardian" operations. Local cities made contributions as well. In 2014, 2015 and 2016, Supervisor Lovingood has requested county funds for the special crime operations, that combined have resulted in well over 1,000 arrests in the Victor Valley.

OPERATION DESERT GUARDIAN

• Victorville City Operations

Four Desert Guardian Operations.

227 proactive contacts.

122 arrests. (36 Felony – 86 Misdemeanor)

11 gang cards documenting gang members.

4.328 ounces of methamphetamine seized.

6.6 ounces of marijuana seized.

40 ecstasy pills seized.

One stolen vehicles recovered, suspect in custody.

Three dangerous weapons seized.

Twenty-two citations issued

• Hesperia Operations

Four Desert Guardian Operations.

138 proactive contacts.

95 arrests. (36 Felony – 59 Misdemeanor).

A total of 20 probationer/ parolee arrests. One A.B.109 arrest made.

11 gang cards documenting gang members.
34.987 ounces of methamphetamine seized.
513lb .102 ounces of Marijuana seized along with 50 plants.
One stolen vehicle recovered.
Six dangerous weapons seized.
Three search warrants served. One Honey Oil Extraction Lab and \$8,161.00 in US Currency seized.
Fifteen citations issued

• **Adelanto & Victor Valley Operations**

Four Desert Guardian Operations.
206 proactive contacts.
73 arrests. (18 Felony – 61 Misdemeanor)
13 probation searches. One A.B.109 arrest made
Four gang cards documenting gang members.
3.103 ounces of marijuana seized.
24 ounces of Marijuana seized
One stolen vehicle recovered.
Two dangerous weapons seized.

• **Apple Valley Operations**

Four Desert Guardian Operations.
147 proactive contacts.
86 arrests. (22 Felony – 64 Misdemeanor)
Ten probation searches.
Five gang cards documenting gang members.
1.754 ounces of methamphetamine seized.
2.34 ounces of marijuana seized.
3 grams and .5 ounces of heroin seized.
60 schedule 2 pills seized.
Stolen Yamaha Rhino recovered.
Four firearms seized.
Five dangerous weapons seized.
Seven citations issued.

• **Grand Totals:**

16 Desert Guardian Operations.
718 proactive contacts.
376 arrests (112 Felony – 652 Misdemeanor)
37 Probation/Parole arrests. 6 A.B. 109 arrests
31 gang cards
16 dangerous weapons seized.
Approximately 44.172 ounces of methamphetamine seized.
Approximately 0.105 ounces of cocaine seized.
Approximately 515 pounds of marijuana seized.
51 citations issued.

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