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UPDATE – ELECTRONIC DANCE CONCERT AT SAN MANUEL AMPHITHEATER

SAN BERNARDINO – Thousands of concertgoers gathered at the San Manuel Amphitheater at the Glen Helen Regional Park on March 16 to attend *Beyond Wonderland*, an electronic dance concert that San Bernardino County can now refer to as a case example of how to manage large-scale entertainment events in a safe and reasonable manner.

Law enforcement and security personnel were highly visible at the event. Live Nation, the amphitheater’s management company, assigned more than 300 private security guards to the venue. The San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department had close to 100 deputies assigned to the event and additional patrol units in surrounding communities to ensure overall compliance and safety of concertgoers and neighbors, resulting in zero hospital transports and zero violent arrests.

“I applaud our county staff for coordinating a safe event,” said Supervisor Josie Gonzales. “The board set a high standard for health and safety given that this concert would draw such a large crowd. The outcome is a result of the outstanding organizing efforts between the county, the venue management team and safety personnel.”

The county was proactive and took many precautions to host the music festival, all of which were entirely funded by the contracted vendor. Safety measures included utilizing undercover law enforcement officers, checking drivers licenses with high-tech scanners to prevent minors from entering, and testing for decibel levels in nearby neighborhoods to monitor noise. The few noise complaints that were received were responded to by deputies who used decibel readers to measure levels—all noise levels were within allowable limits.

The costs associated with staffing the county-owned venue were paid for by Live Nation.

“Despite disparaging comments expressed by others leading up to the event, the county demonstrated a commitment to keeping everyone safe,” said Supervisor Gonzales. “We established a plan and executed it well; however we will not rest on our laurels. We expect all events to be held to the same, if not higher standards. If at any time I believe the public’s safety is at risk, I will support taking action to amend or terminate the agreement.”

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