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PRESS RELEASE

Red Bluff Police Introduce POP

On June 19th, 2017 the Red Bluff Police Department assigned Corporal Harper to develop a Problem Orientated Policing (POP) team to address areas high in crime and the repeat offenders who commit crime.

The idea of Problem Orientated Policing is not new in law enforcement. The concept uses statistical information, also known as intelligence led policing, to identify problems and drive creative solutions to solve those problems. The goal is to ultimately reduce or eliminate the problem as well as document what worked and what didn't work in the event the problem reoccurs. The success of Problem Orientated Policing is through the cooperative efforts of traditional (law enforcement) and non-traditional (social services, other city departments, private parties) entities working together toward a common goal.

Corporal Harper was first directed to focus his attention on cleaning up the City Park and on the crime in the area of retail stores. Corporal Harper is also tasked with handling citizen reports of crime, which requires more attention than can be given by a patrol officer, as they come in. Corporal Harper does much of the ground work by himself but also works cooperatively with the RBPD investigative and traffic units, Parks and Recreation, Probation, California Fish and Wildlife, and the Tehama Interagency Drug Task Force. The following is a list of the POP team's notable efforts to date:

06/29/2017

The POP team, comprised of Red Bluff Police and Tehama County Probation Officers conducted saturation foot patrols of the City Park, Wal-Mart, the Brick-Yard apartments and other business and residential areas in the city for the purpose of identifying issues related to residential burglaries, auto-thefts, illegal camping/loitering and to develop investigational leads on persons committing crimes. The operation resulted in:

- Katy Curry, 26 years old, from Red Bluff---Arrested for a Felony Warrant (narcotics)
- Amber Elliott, 36 years old, from Red Bluff---Arrested for Illegal Camping
- Brian Tynes, 41 years old, from Red Bluff ---Arrest for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- William Merwin, 33 years old, from Red Bluff---Arrested for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Brendon Dunbar, 21 years old, from Red Bluff---Arrest for a Misdemeanor Warrant (weapons)

07/07/2017

The POP team, comprised of Red Bluff Police, Red Bluff Police Volunteers and Tehama County Probation Officers searched 6 storage units at 3 separate storage facilities belonging to criminals on

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probation in an effort to locate stolen property from burglaries and other theft related incidents. The operation resulted in the discovery of a stolen firearm, stolen property belonging to the Corning Fire Department and information on other crimes. This operation will require additional follow up and may lead to arrests at a future time.

07/10/2017

The POP team, comprised of Red Bluff Police and the Tehama County Interagency Drug Taskforce served a search warrant at the Brickyard Apartments, 1275 Walnut Street, after Corporal Harper learned of a possible butane honey oil lab inside one of the apartments. This operation resulted in:

- Michael Martinez, 33 years old, from Red Bluff, arrested for Manufacturing of a Controlled Substance, Felony Child Endangerment and Possession of Marijuana for Sale.
- Angelica Pelham, 23 years old, from Red Bluff, arrested for Manufacturing of a Controlled Substance, Felony Child Endangerment and Possession of Marijuana for Sale.
- Two children ages 5 and 7 were taken into protective custody.

The Red Bluff Police Department is pleased with the efforts of Corporal Harper in coordinating these operations in the short time he has been in this new assignment and we would like to thank the outside agencies, departments and people that have assisted in this proactive effort to reduce crime and once again make Red Bluff a "Great Place to Live."

Lt. Matt Hansen

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