

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:  
September 14, 2006

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Sheriff's Department

Subject: REPORT BACK – Sheriff's Department cooperation and coordination with allied law enforcement agencies relative to violent crime suppression in Central Division

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**Overview**

The attached document provides the requested information concerning the Sheriff's Department's cooperation and coordination with allied law enforcement agencies relative to violent crime suppression in Central Division.

**Recommendation**

That the Board receive and file this requested information.

**Measures/Evaluation**

Not applicable

**Fiscal Impact**

Not applicable

**BACKGROUND:**

The Board of Supervisors has requested, as part of the Final Fiscal Year 2006/2007 budget deliberations, to know how the Sheriff's Department is cooperating with allied law enforcement agencies in the effort to suppress violent crime in the Central Division.

Violent crime suppression is occurring within the Sheriff's Central Division through the deployment of specialty units working in cooperation with local Sheriff's personnel as well as personnel from allied law enforcement agencies. The following is a list of specific cooperative endeavors currently occurring relative to this initiative:

The Sacramento County Gang Suppression Unit (GSU) is a member of the local Sacramento Regional Gang Task Force and works cooperatively with all local law enforcement agencies as well as the District Attorney's Office and the Department of

Justice, focusing on gang intelligence development and the investigation of gang related crime.

The Sheriff Department's 44-person Violent Crime Suppression Unit (VSU), consisting of the Special Enforcement Detail (SED), Gang Suppression Unit (GSU), Narcotic Suppression Unit and the High Impact Motor Team have been actively targeting gang violence in the Central Division through enforcement activity. They are working cooperatively with the Sacramento Police Department's Gang Unit, the Sacramento County Probation Department and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Unit (ICE). The unit meets with these agencies as well as the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, the California Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and internal SSD gang intelligence and analyst units to share intelligence information. Meetings are held weekly at the SPD headquarters and at the District Attorney's Office.

Central Division POP officers are working directly with officers from Sacramento County Probation, California Department of Corrections - Parole, the Sacramento Police Department and the California Highway Patrol on regional POP projects on an ongoing basis.

Central Division POP officers and detectives are working together with the California Department of Justice and the FBI on prostitution and child exploitation activity in the local area.

Central Division patrol personnel are working with members of the California Highway Patrol, Elk Grove Police Department and the Sacramento Police Department, targeting drivers suspected of operating vehicles while intoxicated or under the influence of other drugs.

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, along with personnel from the California Highway Patrol, Sacramento Police Department and Elk Grove Police Department are working together on joint operations to target "swarm" activities wherein groups move into an area to commit criminal activities.

Discussions are ongoing with all of these agencies in an effort to identify other ways in which we can work cooperatively to efficiently target the local violent crime trend. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Department is also meeting with the Sacramento Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to discuss the potential for a joint federal-local task force to target gang related criminal activity.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Sheriff's Department has recommended that the Board of Supervisors receive and file the attached information.

**MEASURES/EVALUATION:**

None

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**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:**

**None**

Respectfully submitted,

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