

County Administrator's Office

Mono County Wins Statewide recognition – One of Mono County's outstanding programs is being honored in the 2013 CSAC Challenge Awards. The following Mono County program is being honored:

- ***Challenge Award – Taking on Health Care Reform: Pioneers in a Frontier County***

CSAC's annual statewide program honors innovation in county government. This year, CSAC received more than 200 Challenge Award entries in its four population categories. An independent panel of judges with expertise in county programs and challenges selected the award recipients.

This award will be formally presented at an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting by CSAC staff.

Congratulations to Robin Roberts and the staff at Behavioral Health that brought us some Mono County kudos!

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Mono County Recognized highlighted as one of California's most beautiful counties – As our intrepid team of explorers who can personally attest Mono County is one of the most beautiful places on the planet. Don't look too close but Marshall is whispering for Advil.

Recently Mono County was highlighted by PUBLICCEO.com as one of California's most amazing destinations. The link <http://www.publicceo.com/2013/09/instacal-monocounty/> has a few incredible images and has also been highlighted on the California State Association of Counties web page.

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Legislative visits to Mono County – Must be the fall colors but Mono County had visits from our Congressman Paul Cook as well as the Field Representative for senator Boxer, Ameen Khan. CAO was able to meet with Senator Boxer's staffer for the area and brief him on issues facing the county. We will be keeping the Senator's office informed of our concerns on Yellow Legged frog and other endangered species issues.

On Wednesday Supervisor Stump, Supervisor Alpers and the Sheriff and District Attorney participated in a series of meetings with Congressman Paul Cook. These were individual meetings and covered a range of issues facing the County. CAO will be working with Congressman Cook's staff to follow up on items raised.

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This Landing Party includes Greg Newbry, Marshall Rudolph, Scott Burns and Mark Magit – Notice no one is wearing a red shirt...

Public Works Foreman's Meeting – a thank you to Jeff Walters for inviting me to the Roads crews Foreman's meeting at Lee Vining on September 5th. The Foreman were joined by their crews and a number of issues were discussed as part of this monthly effort to keep information moving through the department.

June Lake CAC meeting – Roads and Budget – I had a opportunity to hear the presentation of the upcoming community road works for June Lake as it was discussed at the Tuesday September 3rd June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee. The meeting also provided a chance to discuss the Budget.

Supervisor Alpers left a copy of the whole Budget document so folks could view it at the library. If other Board members would like us to provide copies to libraries or community centers in their districts, please let us know. Everything is online as well.

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Economic Development

State Route 120 reopening! - From Groveland to Yosemite Highway 120 reopened September 6th at noon. However, Tioga Road remains closed from Crane Flat to White Wolf and visitors traveling from Mono County will not be able to continue into Yosemite Valley.

The YARTS September weekend service from Mono County into Yosemite Valley will be suspended until the road opens. YARTS has extended its Tuolumne Meadows route service and will be operating 2x a day, every weekend, for the remainder of September. Please visit YARTS.com or 877-989-2787 for pick up times and locations.

Visitors are being encouraged to explore some of the parks other options including Tuolumne Meadows, Lembert Dome, Tenaya Lake and Olmsted Point, that are all still accessible from Mono County. Please feel free to watch and share this video we produced in collaboration with Yosemite National Park on "Trip Tips for Visiting Yosemite Like a Pro"

<http://youtu.be/HQmiCdcgM2w>

Fall Colors are approaching – The updated version of the Fall Color Guide & Map is available. The Map is attached in a PDF along with a JPEG Image of the cover. Feel free to pass this along!

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Information Technology

CPUC Supports additional dollars for D395 - The CPUC adopted the resolution granting D395 approximately \$10m. Although this amount was not the entire amount requested, this funding will help close gaps in the project. In addition, construction started on M122 on the backside of Crowley Lake Dam today. They anticipate the dirt work taking about a month.

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Public Health

Flu clinics underway – The Mono County Health Department is hosting a series of Flu clinics to allow folks who choose to get vaccinated that opportunity. The flyer of the dates and locations is attached and reproduced here as well.

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Public Works

Benton Thunderstorm impacts - On Sunday Sept 1st a thunderstorm with heavy rain caused flooding in Old Benton. This included damage to Highway 120 and minor damage to a few county roads. Mono County road crews responded and performed necessary repairs to Yellow Jacket Road and Cattle Drive Road. Caltrans closed Highway 120 in order to perform repairs to HWY 120. Traffic was able to be routed through the two county roads listed above. Caltrans expects to open HWY 120 in both directions on Friday afternoon.

CONTACT: Jeff Walters, (760) 932-5459

Bridgeport Courthouse washing Underway – The Bridgeport Courthouse has begun to be cleaned of nest. The Public works crew started the week of August 23 and is still working on removing the empty nests. Looking forward, Public Works will be developing preventive efforts to protect the courthouse from nest placement next year.

Annex II Boiler to be replaced - During our bi-annual inspections of heating and cooling systems a significant/non-repairable problem was discovered on the Annex II boiler. The boiler is over 40 years old and was planned for replacement in the near future. The good news is modern boilers are vastly improved in efficiency and the new boiler will provide improved heating and significant energy savings.



Community Flu Clinics 2013
MONO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



Date	Location	Day/Time
09.11.13	Bridgeport Health Department	Wednesday 1:00-3:30 PM
09.16.13	Walker Senior Center	Monday 1:00 – 3:00 PM
09.18.13	Paradise Fire Station	Wednesday 4:30-5:45 PM
09.18.13	Swall Meadows Fire Station	Wednesday 6:15 – 7:15 PM
09.19.13	Chalfant Community Center	Thursday 5:00 – 6:00 PM
09.19.13	Benton Community Center	Thursday 6:30 – 7:30 PM
09.24.13	June Lake Community Center	Tuesday 5:00 – 6:30 PM
10.01.13	Lee Vining Community Center	Tuesday 5:00 – 6:30 PM
10.07.13	Mammoth Lakes Elem. School	Monday 4:00 – 7:00 PM
10.10.13	Crowley Lake Community Center	Thursday 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Flu vaccine is now recommended for **everyone** over the age of six months. FluMist® nasal spray is available for healthy, non-pregnant 2-49 year olds. The pneumococcal vaccine is also available. Free with Medicare Part B card present; otherwise \$74.00

Cost for Flu vaccine:
\$10 for adults (19 yrs and older)
\$2 for children (6mo -18 yrs)
Medicare Part B free with card present.

Additional Clinics:
10.17.13 Mammoth Health Department Thursday 1:30-4:30 PM, by appt
10.21.13 Mammoth Health Department Monday 8:30-11:00 AM, by appt
10.30.13 Mammoth Health Department Tuesday 4:30-6:30 PM, drop-in
11.06.13 Mammoth Health Department Wednesday 4:30-6:30, drop-in
Children may also receive flu vaccine at school clinics to be held this Fall.

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Social Services

On-the-Job Training (OJT) Program Now Available in Mono County - On-the-Job Training (OJT) services are now available to Mono County employers via the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program offered by the Career Services Center. The OJT Program is designed to mitigate some of the risk associated with the recruitment and training of new employees by addressing recognized skill gaps and enabling businesses to grow a highly qualified workforce. The OJT Program allows businesses to hire qualified employees and receive a reimbursement of 50% of that employee's wages during a training agreement that can last up to a maximum of three months or 480 hours.

The OJT Program is representative of the employer services that will be the focus of the strategic five-year local plan for the Kern, Inyo and Mono (KIM) Workforce Investment Board (WIB). As affirmed in the 2013 – 2017 Strategic Workforce Development Plan, the State of California has expressed concern regarding statistical evidence showing California employers remain unable to find the skilled workers necessary to meet their labor force needs. In response to the State's findings, the KIM WIB has developed a plan to use regional economic data and convene with employers in order to resolve skills gaps. For more details, the KIM WIB approved plan can be viewed at:

http://www.etronline.com/wib/Five_Year_Plan_13-14.pdf.

Currently, the Career Services Center is actively collaborating with the Economic Development Department to identify and build career pathways to Mono County's growth industries through on-the-job training. A comprehensive outreach plan has been in effect for the past year, and will continue to disseminate information about the OJT Program. For additional program details or to schedule an appointment with an OJT contract writer, please contact Employment & Training Worker Stacy Gabor at 760-924-1788 or sgabor@mono.ca.gov.

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Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Obenberger and District Attorney Kendall attended a meeting with Congressman Paul Cook in Bridgeport. The Sheriff and District Attorney lobbied the Congressman on the continuing need for Byrne Justice Assistant Grants.

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The Sheriff's Office held a Unified command meeting was held and 38 attendees.

The Sheriff's Office will soon start background on a lateral who currently works with the San Bernardino Sheriff's Dept. This will be to fill one of the current vacancies on the patrol side of operations.

The Sheriff's Office responded to two press agency inquiries about recent law enforcement action / activities associated with the Saturation patrols. One Press agency did a radio spot and the other did a written article this week.

A copy of the response provided is below:

"I am aware that CHP conducted a DUI / Drivers License checkpoint in the Bridgeport area on Saturday August 24th, but you will have to contact the CHP Commander for comments on this.

The Sheriff's Office had a planned saturation patrol scheduled for both Friday and Saturday August 23rd and 24th. This was planned months in advance with multiple agencies involved. We were aware that this weekend did coincide with the possible travel dates of individuals attending the Burning Man gathering in Nevada.

When the Sheriff's Office observes any type of traffic infractions, violations of the law, or suspicious activity, etc. we will take action such as a consensual encounter, traffic stop, etc. and conduct an investigation.

Through that investigation the deputy will at some point give the individual a warning, citation, or arrest the individual for a violation of law. The Sheriff's Office does not target any person just due to their associations with groups. We do not and will not condone illegal activity in Mono County (e.g. DUI's, narcotics possession, narcotics trafficking, etc.).

We conduct saturation patrols several times a year and I believe the last one we did was in the south county area.

In researching the dates for the weekend in question (Aug 22-25) the following are statistics for our office:

Calls for service: 28

Traffic Stops: 166

Officer Initiated Activity: 60

Business Checks: 5

Vehicle/Pedestrian Cks: 8

Total Reports: 23

SAR's: 1

Citations: 20

As you can see the Sheriff's Office was quite busy during the days in question.

In talking with my staff, most individuals contacted that weekend did not or would not identify themselves with being associated with Burning Man, nor would it matter if they did. If a deputy has legitimate probable cause to search a person or vehicle, they will. If the deputy has the opportunity to arrest an individual for violating the law, they will, it's their job. It does not matter if that person is heading to Burning Man, heading through the county on a business trip, or heading to one of our local communities, if they break the law they risk going to jail.

I am sorry if any business owner(s) believe that our saturation patrol caused them a loss of revenue, but the Sheriff's Office is tasked to ensure the safety of both residents and visitors of Mono County. I will continue to direct my staff in a manner to ensure the safety of all individuals in Mono County.

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Ralph Obenberger"

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