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TOP FIVE CHP STORIES OF THE WEEK

#ICYMI: A roundup of notable incidents involving the California Highway Patrol (CHP) this past week, including a strong start to the crime suppression effort in Bakersfield, the San Francisco operation one year later, an aquatic rescue in Tehama County, a new class of canine teams ready to fight crime, and a traffic incident that created a noteworthy buzz in the Central Valley.

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1. STRONG START FOR COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO FIGHT CRIME IN CENTRAL VALLEY

The newly announced enforcement effort in Bakersfield in stopping crime and improving public safety is off to an encouraging start. Results of the CHP and Bakersfield Police Department collaboration were highlighted in a press release issued last week by the Governor's Office. Within the first six weeks of the crime suppression operation in the greater Bakersfield area, there have been 127 stolen vehicles recovered, 211 arrests and 277 vehicles stored or impounded.

2. ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF SAN FRANCISCO OPERATION

It's been one year since Governor Newsom deployed CHP and California National Guard personnel to a multi-agency operation in San Francisco. A May 1 press release detailed the impressive results, which include more
than 500 arrests and nearly 700 pounds of fentanyl seized as part of the effort. Additionally, over the last year, the CHP has issued over 6,200 citations for illegal activity and recovered over 115 stolen vehicles. The public safety partnership has yielded tremendous in San Francisco in the fight against crime.

3. **CHP NORTHERN DIVISION AIR OPS RESCUES TWO JEEP DRIVERS IN TEHAMA COUNTY**

An attempt to cross a waterway in personal vehicles turned into a helicopter rescue for two Jeep drivers in Tehama County. On April 26, a helicopter crew from the CHP’s Northern Division, was joined by CHP personnel on the ground, Tehama County Fire, and CALFIRE personnel, in formulating and implementing a plan to safely hoist the drivers to the shoreline with the helicopter.

4. **CHP DEPLOYS EIGHT NEW CANINE TEAMS ACROSS THE STATE**

The CHP introduced eight new canine teams during a certification ceremony May 3 at the Canine Training Facility on the CHP Academy grounds in West Sacramento. The ceremony marked the end of months of intense training and the beginning of a valuable public safety partnership for the crime fighting duos. A video posted to social media following the ceremony offers insight into the CHP’s canine program and how these teams are essential resources in our public safety mission.

5. **HIGHWAY COLLISION WITH A TRUCK CREATES A BUZZ NEAR FRESNO**

CHP officers in Fresno responded to an un-BEE-lievable scene May 1 on Highway 99 in Selma. A truck carrying a shipment of bees had been involved in a crash, scattering its shipment of bee boxes all over the highway. The officers found themselves in a sticky situation for nearly an hour as they worked to clear the swarming worker bees and load them onto another truck.

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