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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 increase in applications up 104% since 2022, encouraging turnout during a Women’s hiring seminar held at the academy, another huge narcotic bust during routine traffic stop, updated stats as Organized Retail Crime Task Force continues to make progress and the CHP Memorial Motor Squad representing the Department during National Police Week in Washington D.C.

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1. APPLICATIONS CONTINUE TO INCREASE SINCE 2022 FOR CHP

CHP continues to see an increase in applications showing significant support with an increase of 104% since 2022. Since the inception of the CHP 1000 Recruitment campaign, CHP has made a concerted effort to recruit 1,000 new CHP officers ranging from various backgrounds and communities. Thus far for 2024, there has been a total of 7,615 applications submitted which in comparison to the 3,732 applications submitted in 2022. Governor Newsom stated, “The officers of the California Highway Patrol are the best of the best. I encourage more Californians to answer the call to serve their neighborhoods and continue helping build community-oriented bridges.”
2. **GREAT TURNOUT AS CHP HOLDS A WOMEN’S HIRING SEMINAR FOR FUTURE OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

In effort to encourage more women to apply to the CHP either as an officer, public safety dispatcher, and professional staff, CHP held a women’s hiring seminar over the Academy. Participants were able to tour the Academy grounds while being provided an educational opportunity of the multiple areas in the department where the participants could apply to work. After the seminar, they were able to join in a post-seminar workout.

For more information on job opportunities and upcoming seminars, please check out [CHPMadeforMore.com](http://CHPMadeforMore.com)

3. **ANOTHER HUGE NARCOTIC SNIFFED OUT IN ROUTINE TRAFFIC STOP**

On May 13 around 10 pm, CHP officer and his canine partner, Sully, conducted a traffic stop on a silver Honda for a mechanical violation. Shortly after pulling on city streets, it was discovered that 35-year-old Rubin Natael Turcios Castro of San Lorenzo was unlicensed and eventually detained. K9 Sully was deployed and alerted to an area within the vehicle where a large number of narcotics and a loaded pistol as well. The officer and K9 Sully seized 511 grams of fentanyl, 158 grams of methamphetamine, 73 grams of heroin, 20 grams of unknown pills, and 80 grams of suspected Xanax. The suspect was charged with drug-related felony charges and booked into San Francisco County Jail.

4. **UPDATED STATS FOR THE ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME TASK FORCE**

CHP’s Organized Retail Crime Task Force continues to make progress combating retail crime. Currently, the task force has made up to 541 arrests with over 220 investigations. In its totality, there has been over 185,561 assets recovered with the estimating value of over $4.6 million. The efforts of the task force have proven to be effective by keeping the public safe and holding criminals accountable.

5. **CHP HEADS TO WASHINGTON D.C. CELEBRATE NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

From Friday, May 10, to Wednesday, May 15, CHP participated in a week-long observance of National Police Week in Washington DC. This annual event honors the service of all fallen officers and to pay tribute to the sacrifice they made in the line of duty. [Commissioner Duryee](http://CommissionerDuryee) and the
CHP Memorial Motor Squad led the weeklong of events with the Police Unity Tour where they are helping to raise awareness for the Law Enforcement Officers killed in the line of duty. CHP also joined in the 36th Annual Candlelight Vigil to show their respect and appreciation for all of the officers killed and watch as their names are engraved on the walls at the National Peace Officer’s Memorial.

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