

## Sheriff's Forum Minutes for 9 July 2015

The regular quarterly Mendocino Sheriff's Forum, sponsored by the Gualala Municipal Advisory Council (GMAC), was held on Thursday, 9 July 2015 at the Elaine Jacob Center (GCC), downtown Gualala. Special Guests in attendance: Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman and Sheriff Area Commander Lieutenant Gregg Stefani. Sixteen members of the public also attended. Sheriff Allman convened the meeting at 18:00.

## 1. Various New Items:

The Sheriff's office has remodeled a very large log cabin in Ukiah for its new substation and dedicated it last month.

The new K-9 training center will open soon in Willits. The Sheriff's Office hopes to hold K-9 trials competing with other K-9 units in Northern California.

The new patrol cars were bought via drug confiscation program monies, not tax monies. This was good for the Sheriff's overall budget.

Though Mendocino County usually has around six homicides a year, the first one happened about a week ago, so the rate is down by 2/3 to date.

Soroptimist International of Mendocino-Sonoma Coast's sponsored Food-handler's Classes, with the in-house cooking program, were the most successful programs ever run by the Sheriff's Office to benefit inmates. The Office now pays for both men and women to attend Food handling Classes.

The rise in Coast tourism, County Mental Health visits, the new Social Host Ordinance in Point Arena. the abandoned trailer on Highway One, and the new graffiti in Anchor Bay were discussed.

## 2. Staffing:

**Sheriff Allman**\_said the three new deputies who graduated from the academy in May will be coming to the Coast. Last Monday Sheriff Allman took a potential deputy to lunch, he wants to serve on the Coast and may be on duty by 2016. A new CHP officer is now serving on the Coast as well.

It was decided to hold a community Welcome for new deputies in September; an organizing committee will be formed. How the community can help welcome a deputy and his family was discussed.

A new Animal Control officer has been hired who will patrol the Coast and will live in Point Arena. This will make the forth officer for County Animal Control.

## 3. Next Meeting Date:

It was agreed the next meeting will be on Thursday, 5 November 2015.

**4. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 19:05.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Mobert, GMAC Administrator