

I. QUARTERLY NARRATIVE

A. Results/Outcomes

1. During the first quarter of the Measure Z funding from July 1st 2015 to September 30th 2015 the following Measure Z activities were completed.

An internal selection process was conducted with Fortuna Police Department personnel to identify and select the Fortuna Police Department's representative at the Humboldt County Drug Task Force.

Initial needed equipment was purchased and assigned. The selected employee/agent was issued an unmarked police vehicle. Arrangements were made with Task Force and the selected employee/agent was transferred to the Humboldt County Drug Task Force on August 21st 2015. An initial training/mentoring period was conducted with the Fortuna Police Department Drug Task Force Agent and he is currently an active member assisting with and conducting investigations.

2. During the first quarter Measure Z funds are making a positive impact in our department and community. Without these funds our department did not have the ability to have representation on the Drug Task Force. The DTF position has made a great impact in the Eel River Valley. Our agency now has an avenue to reach out for assistance in combating drug sales and use in the Eel River Valley. Since selecting and placing an agent of the DTF, we have seen a dramatic rise in DTF enforcement activity in the area. This measure Z funded position has been responsible for writing and executing two (2) search warrants and several undercover operations have been completed in the Eel River Valley, leading to several arrests and additional information regarding the drug trade.
3. Initially we intended to use Measure Z funding to purchase a new unmarked unit for the DTF agent. After looking at all funding considerations, we found that we did not have adequate funding to purchase a new vehicle and instead assigned a current older unmarked vehicle to the agent.

I. FINAL SUMMARY REPORT

A. Lessons Learned

1. The Fortuna Police Department and the entire Eel River Valley have already reaped great benefits with the addition of this position to the Drug Task Force. The FPD now has a direct conduit to the DTF and the DTF now has an agent with a great deal of knowledge and expertise of the drug activity occurring in the Eel River Valley. The addition of this agent has resulted in a much more increased level of drug enforcement operations in the area. We have learned that this Measure Z funded position has had a direct and effectual impact on drug sells and operations throughout the entire county. We know there has been a very positive impact in our community with recent arrests and DTF related operations in the area. As the agent becomes more familiar with the day to day functions of the DTF, we know that we will continue to see beneficial results and outcomes for the Eel River Valley and the entire county.
2. As stated above; we have seen a direct improvement in overall public safety in the Eel River Valley as it relates to drug crimes. The addition of this position has resulted in investigations, operations and arrests in our community and has a direct correlation in making the community a safer place and ultimately reducing the amount of drug related crimes in the county.