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On March 29, Caldwell Police announced the formulation and deployment of a new specialized unit titled: Operation Safe Streets (OSS). OSS is responsible for the prevention and or apprehension of offenders involved in gang-related crimes. The officers assigned to the OSS unit collaborate with neighboring law enforcement agencies to reduce gang-related crimes. OSS consists of one Sergeant, one Corporal, and three police officers. This press release and attached presentation will outline their successes over the past month.

Arrests: 21, including seven documented gang members.

Gang member identification/contacts: 14.

In addition to making arrests, OSS officers are also engaging with their community. OSS is actively working with and collaborating with other local agencies such as juvenile probation, misdemeanor probation, felony probation and parole, and many other police agencies in the valley. In order to develop relationships that will have a positive impact on the community and the job they undertake, officers interact with families, schools, and other partners. They have also met with local businesses and are keeping in contact regarding large events that may attract gang-affiliated people.

These are just a few of the contacts OSS officers have made over the last month. They will continue their community outreach and their investigations in order to hold offenders accountable at the highest level for their participation in criminal street gang activity.

All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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