

Probation News

Supporting Positive Change



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“The mission of this newsletter is to inform our County Supervisors and their constituents of events and program accomplishments. Probation is dedicated to Supporting Positive Change by building strong partnerships and providing the best possible services to our community.”

Chief Probation Officers of California Annual Statewide Conference

Sacramento County Probation Chiefs, Supervisors, Probation Officers, and Administrative Professionals proudly represented the department at the statewide Annual Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) Conference, which took place October 22 - October 24, 2025. This year’s theme, “Invest in People, Invest in Safety,” featured inspiring keynotes, agency collaborations, and important conversations about the future of probation.

Senior DPO’s Erin Burton and Patrice Pratt, along with Sacramento Sheriff Deputy Officer Chansavang Oriyavong, presented “*The Power in Partnership: Advancing Probation Outreach Through Collaboration.*” They shared success stories and insights from working with multidisciplinary teams to address homelessness, earning praise from attendees for their dedication and impact.

The conference provided an invaluable opportunity for Sacramento County Probation to share best practices, strengthen partnerships, and continue advancing innovative strategies that enhance public safety and community well-being.





2025 T.H.R.I.V.E. Summit

Probation Participates in 2025 T.H.R.I.V.E. Summit & Community Engagement Mixer



On October 15, 2025, several Sacramento County Probation staff members proudly participated in the T.H.R.I.V.E. Summit & Community Engagement Mixer, a countywide event aimed at fostering community connections, hosted by Sacramento State University.

The summit, organized by the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, brought together County departments, community organizations, and members of the public to explore strategies for fostering equity, collaboration, and inclusive service. The T.H.R.I.V.E. principles Transparency, Healing, Renewal, Inclusion, Voice, and Empowerment, served as the foundation for the day's programming.

Chief Probation Officer Jamal Rowe was invited as a guest speaker, providing insights into the intersection of public safety with community-driven change and transparency. Shelly Cortez, Administrative Services Officer II, collaborated with Cephoni Jackson, Sacramento County's Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer, and the program committee to create and facilitate the summit program, agenda, and branding. Several Probation officers and staff were in attendance, demonstrating our department's commitment to engaging with broader County initiatives and advancing inclusive, community-informed practices. The afternoon mixer provided a unique opportunity to connect with other departments, local organizations, and community advocates. All participants were united by the shared goal of building a more responsive and equitable Sacramento.





Multi-Jurisdiction Collaboration

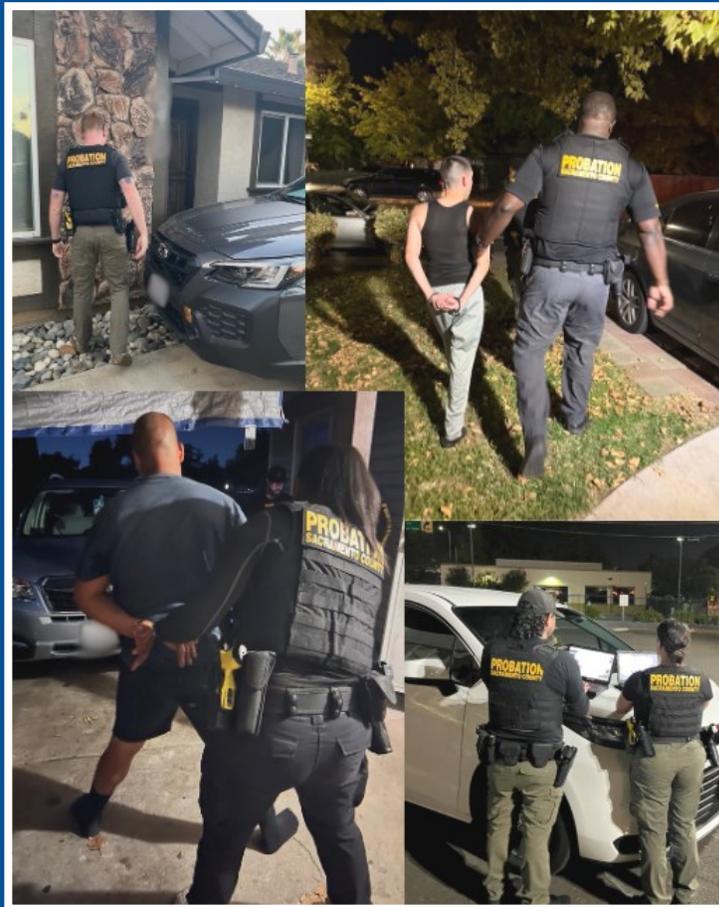
Countywide SAFE Team Operation

On Halloween night, Sacramento County Probation Officers and Sheriff's Detectives assigned to the SAFE Team partnered with Parole Services for a countywide compliance operation. The goal was to ensure registered sex offenders were following the terms of their probation and parole.

During the operation, officers contacted 28 individuals, resulting in 11 arrests for probation and parole violations. In addition, four individuals were arrested on new charges, including:

- Felon in possession of a firearm (PC 29800(a)(1))
- Failure to register a concurrent address as a sex offender (PC 290.010)
- Possession of child pornography (PC 311.11(a))
- Possession of a controlled substance (H&S 11377(a))

This collaborative effort underscores the ongoing commitment of Probation, Parole, and the Sheriff's Office to enhance community safety and ensure accountability among supervised offenders.





Unit Spotlight

Family Violence Unit Recognized for Outstanding Service

On October 2, 2025, the Family Violence Unit and Deputy Probation Officer Aracely Hurtado received the Symbol of Service Award from the Domestic Violence Prevention Collaboration. This award honors their dedication and compassion in supporting survivors of domestic violence in Sacramento, as well as their extraordinary efforts to help end the cycle of violence.

The Sacramento Domestic Violence Prevention Collaboration is a multi-agency initiative focused on preventing domestic violence through advocacy, education, intervention, law enforcement, and coordination of resources.

The recognition underscores the team's commitment to providing safety, support, and resources to families affected by domestic violence. Their collaborative work with community partners continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of survivors throughout Sacramento County.





Unit Spotlight

Family Violence Compliance Sweep

On October 22, 2025, in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Sacramento County Probation Department's Family Violence Unit conducted a county-wide probation compliance sweep. The operation was carried out in partnership with the Sacramento Police Department (Family Abuse Unit), Sacramento Sheriff's Office (North POP Unit), Galt Police Department, Rancho Cordova Police Department, Folsom Police Department, Elk Grove Police Department, and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation K-9 Unit.

The sweep focused on contacting clients on probation for domestic violence-related offenses to ensure compliance with court-ordered conditions. Officers also conducted searches, served warrants, and arrested individuals in violation of probation terms. Victims were provided access to resources through the Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center. Evidence seized included approximately 460 rounds of 9mm ammunition, firearm magazines, and controlled substances including fentanyl, heroin, and methamphetamine.

Sweep Results:

- 67 clients contacted
- 89 searches conducted
- 26 probation violations filed
- 15 arrests made
- 2 citations issued
- Controlled substances and firearms seized



This operation reflects our ongoing commitment to community safety and supporting survivors of domestic violence.





Staff Spotlight

Chief's Roundtable Recognition

At this month's Chief's Roundtable meeting, we recognized the outstanding contributions of several staff members.

We thank each of these individuals for their hard work and commitment to our mission and values.



- The Family Violence Unit for successfully leading the annual Domestic Violence Sweep in partnership with multiple law enforcement agencies.



- DPO Kirstie Williams for her quick action and coordination that helped safely recover a child that was unlawfully taken by the non-custodial guardian and apprehend the suspect.



Staff Spotlight

Western States Police Canine Association Trial

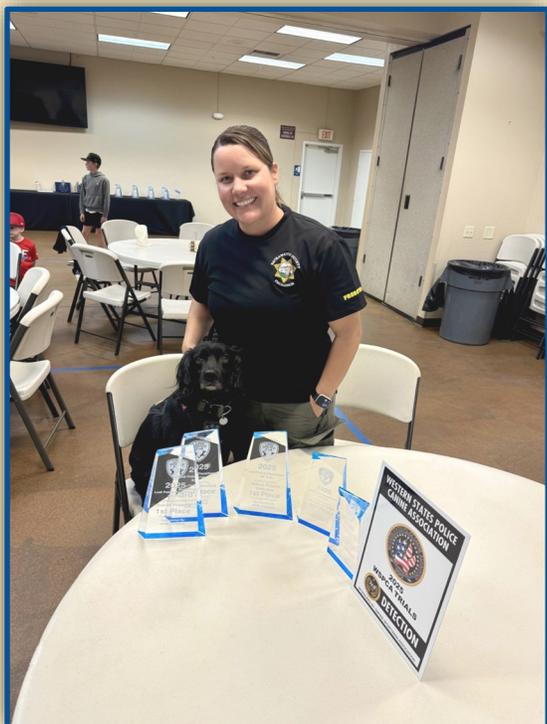
On Friday, October 10, 2025, Sr. DPO Heather Fristoe and K9 Ace competed against 13 teams in the Western States Police Canine Association (WSPCA) trial hosted by the Lodi Police Department and had an incredible day of results!

- 1st Place Overall – Firearms
- 1st Place – Vehicle Firearm Search
- 5th Place – Building Firearm Search
- 3rd Place – Building Narcotics Search
- 4th Place Overall – Narcotics

This was their third trial of the year, and their outstanding performance helped them finish the competition season ranked 3rd Overall for the Year in Detection with WSPCA.

K9 teams earn points throughout the year at each WSPCA trial, which contribute to year-end rankings. At the end of the season, WSPCA recognizes the Top 10 K9 Teams based on total points accumulated across all competitions.

“I’m incredibly proud of Ace’s work, focus, and drive,” said Sr. DPO Fristoe. “Every competition is a chance to learn and grow together, and I’m thankful for the opportunity to represent our department.”





Staff Spotlight

Sacramento City College Hosts Fall 2025 Speaker Series



On Thursday, October 30, 2025, Sacramento City College (SCC) welcomed Senior Deputy Probation Officer (Sr. DPO) Jeffrey Rhoades as part of the Fall 2025 Speaker Series "Virtual" Presentation.

SCC is an exceptionally diverse campus with over 3,000 criminal justice majors, 60% of whom are female. Many students are eager to explore career opportunities within probation and related fields, making this presentation a valuable opportunity to connect with students, build positive relationships, and showcase the important work of Sacramento County Probation.

SCC extended sincere appreciation to Sr. DPO Rhoades for sharing his expertise, insights, and experiences with the next generation of criminal justice professionals. His presentation provided students with a unique perspective on careers in probation and highlighted the meaningful impact this work has on our community.

Sacramento County Probation Participates in First Responder Relay

On October 12, 2025, six officers from the Sacramento County Probation Department participated in the First Responder Relay in Ventura, CA. This 30-mile relay, completed by six-person teams, brought together first responders from across California to compete and foster camaraderie among law enforcement and emergency services.

While our team didn't take home any medals, we're proud of their performance—maintaining an impressive average pace of 8:10 per mile!

The event was a great opportunity for our officers to challenge themselves, work together, and connect with fellow first responders.





Staff Spotlight

DPO Heather Horton Attends Law Enforcement Torch Run

International Conference

This October, DPO Heather Horton attended the Law Enforcement Torch Run International Conference in Minnesota, an inspiring experience celebrating the partnership between law enforcement and Special Olympics.

From connecting with officers around the world to joining a Torch Run through downtown Minneapolis, Heather described the week as both humbling and unforgettable.

“The athletes feel seen, protected, and encouraged by our presence, but the impact they have on us is even greater,” she shared.



Peer Support Team Attends Statewide Conference

Four members of our Peer Support Team attended the annual Public Safety Peer Support Association (PSPSA) Conference, a statewide event focused on wellness and peer support for public safety professionals. Our officers connected with speakers and first responders from across California, exchanging ideas on training, education, and best practices. The conference provided valuable insights and practical tools to further strengthen our department's peer support efforts.





Celebrating Success

Mental Health Treatment Court



Earlier this month, a Mental Health Treatment Court participant successfully graduated from the program after establishing a pattern of sobriety, counseling engagement, and medication compliance. To honor his accomplishments and to encourage his ongoing success outside of the treatment court team, DPO George Twigg arranged for a bicycle to be provided to him through Probation's collaboration with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Toy Project. The MHTC Team wishes this graduate a healthy and happy future!

DPO Vanessa Britt Supports Mental Health Diversion Client's Progress

DPO Britt recognized the positive strides towards recovery and stability made by one of her Mental Health Diversion clients. To celebrate his recent phase promotion in the Court's program and encourage him to continue his efforts, she partnered with the Assistance League of Sacramento and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Toy Project to provide him with a pair of work boots and a bicycle to assist with an employment opportunity. Attaining sobriety and making major life changes requires huge effort, and in celebrating the small victories, we hope it will create a larger impact toward this client's future.





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

Adult Re-Entry Resource Fair



On October 21, 2025, Probation partnered with the Sacramento Community Based Coalition and showcased our Probation Outreach Vehicle (POV) at the Adult Re-Entry Resource Fair. Officers provided information for housing, food banks, and employment as well as handed out snacks and hygiene items to those who stopped by the POV. Probation was pleased to provide support alongside community partners including the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, Sacramento County Office of Education, Cal-Fire, Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA), and many more.

Probation Outreach Vehicle Connects with Community at El Hogar

On October 16, 2025, officers from the Mental Health and Collaborative Courts Units took the Probation Outreach Vehicle to El Hogar Community Services to meet with clients. El Hogar, a long-time partner of Probation, shares our commitment to supporting individuals experiencing homelessness and those in need of mental health services.

During the visit, officers connected with 30 clients under varying levels of probation supervision, offering warm beverages, snacks, hygiene kits, and winter clothing. The outreach also provided clients with the chance to check in with officers and access a variety of community resources, reinforcing support and supervision in a compassionate, community-focused way.





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

Sacramento County Probation Hosts Successful Blood Drive



In October, Sacramento County Probation partnered with Vitalant to host a successful blood drive. A big thank you to all our donors! Your generosity helps save lives, every drop counts.

Field Officers Support Tattoo Removal Event

This month, field officers joined the **Mobile Tattoo Removal Experts** for the first time, connecting directly with the community. About **15 participants**, including some from their own caseloads, began or continued removing tattoos that no longer reflect who they are today. The event offered a meaningful opportunity to engage, support personal growth, and strengthen community ties.





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

Probation Officers Celebrate Halloween with Local Communities

On October 24, 2025, Sr. DPO Marquis Crooms, DPO Arlette Kakarna, and DPO Alyssa Frenes had the pleasure of volunteering at the Rancho Cordova Youth Center Trunk or Treat, assisting in distributing candy and engaging with the community.

On October 31, 2025, DPO Eric Villalta and DPO Alberto Navarro helped bring Halloween cheer to the Neighbors of College Glen Trunk or Treat.

Both events provided an excellent opportunity for our officers to connect with local families, foster positive community relationships, and celebrate the season with fun and festive activities.



Supporting First Responder Wellness



Knot on Call, a non-profit dedicated to supporting first responders' mental health hosted a fundraiser providing wellness on the lake. DPO Armand Burns, Sr. DPO Porisha Arceneaux, DPO Eva Rios, DPO Ashley Rangel, Sr. DPO Lindsey Mitchell, Sr. DPO Tiffany Merritt, SPO Aaron Ramirez, and DPO Jeanna Clark had the opportunity to represent our department allowing our team to give back and show continued support for their mission to enhance first responders wellness.



Keeping Our Community Safe

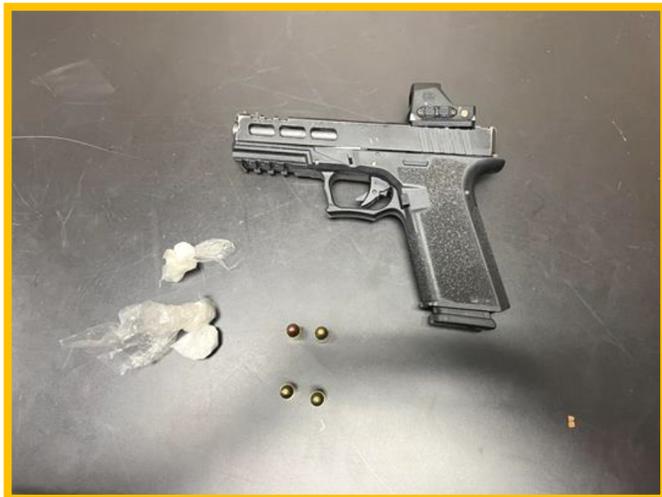
DISTRICT- 1

October 1, 2025

SAFE Unit

3700 block of May Street, Sacramento, CA
95838

On October 1, 2025, probation officers conducted surveillance related to an ongoing investigation. During the operation, the subject was observed and believed to be armed. To ensure community safety, law enforcement assistance was requested. The subject attempted to leave the area but was safely detained following a coordinated response. A loaded, un-serialized firearm and presumptive amount of cocaine was recovered during a subsequent vehicle search.



DISTRICT- 1

October 14, 2025

SAFE Unit

3300 block of Cypress Street, Sacramento, CA
95838

On October 14, 2025, probation officers conducted a home visit as part of an ongoing supervision case. During the contact, officers observed items of concern and conducted a compliance search. Multiple firearms, a large quantity of ammunition, and an un-serialized firearm component were located. The individual was taken into custody for related violations.





Keeping Our Community Safe

DISTRICT- 4

October 17, 2025

SAFE Unit

9200 block of Madison Ave, Sacramento, CA 95662

During a probation contact of an individual placed on formal searchable probation following a felony conviction, officers discovered inappropriate material on the individual's electronic devices. The individual was taken into custody, and the devices were seized for forensic analysis, which confirmed a large volume of illegal content. On October 17, 2025 the individual was subsequently add booked, for additional felony violations and sentenced to state prison for 2 years after pleading guilty.

HIGHLIGHTS

Sex Offender Arrested/Convicted

DISTRICT- 2

October 8, 2025

PRCS/ ACC South

2400Block of Florin Road, Sacramento, CA 95822

While conducting field supervision near Florin Road and 25th Street, officers contacted an individual on active probation. During a probation search, officers located a loaded firearm, approximately 15 grams of suspected methamphetamine, and \$200 in cash. The individual was arrested and booked into the Sacramento Main Jail on a probation violation and pending firearm and narcotics-related charges.



Check out Probation social media to stay up-to-date on efforts to support and keep our community safe!



Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE)

On October 22, 2025, we proudly celebrated the high school graduation of two residents. Throughout their academic journey, these students demonstrated exceptional perseverance, dedication, and resilience. Despite facing many challenges along the way, they refused to give up—serving as a true inspiration to their peers.

Families, SCOE administration, and probation officers came together to honor and support these young individuals, reflecting the collective pride we all share in their accomplishments. Their success reminds us of the power of determination and the strength that comes from a supportive community. We look forward to seeing all they will achieve in the future.



Horticulture Program

The Horticulture program is underway with a new class. Residents have learned about workplace safety, landscape carpentry, turf management, propagated seeds utilizing the Kratky Hydroponics method, trans-plant plants from inside to the garden, basic construction fundamentals, irrigation operations, instillation, and soil science. The residents are enhancing their work ethic, and developing their leadership abilities.





Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Northern California Construction Training (NCCT)

Residents in the NCCT program are embracing the holiday spirit by building creative Christmas decor! They are utilizing their skills in measuring, cutting, assembling, sanding, operating tools such as jigsaws and table routers to craft festive decorations such as Christmas lawn art, wall hangings, and cut outs.

The hands-on projects not only demonstrate their craftsmanship but also promote teamwork and creativity. Residents are sharing holiday joy as they display their construction skills and talent, thereby enhancing both their technical abilities and self-confidence.

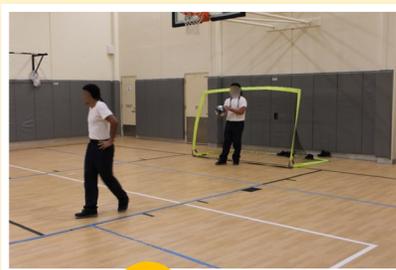


Leadership Education Athletic Program (LEAP)

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, staff at the Youth Detention Facility were encouraged to show their support by incorporating pink accessories into their uniforms every Wednesday through the month of October. While standard work attire remained required. Team members had the opportunity to accessorize with pink undershirts, socks, shoes or scrunchies. This small gesture helps promote awareness and solidarity with those affected by breast cancer.

LEAP staff along with Youth Advocate Collins hosted an indoor soccer program for the residents in the Youth Detention Facility's gym. The program was designed to promote teamwork, physical fitness, and positive social interaction. The activity provided an opportunity for the residents to develop communication and sportsmanship skills while engaging in a structured, supportive environment. Through friendly competition and collaboration, the program encouraged healthy recreation and personal growth among the youth.

LEAP staff and residents continue to make progress on their canvas art projects. Residents have been creating detailed drawings and paintings featuring different animals such as tigers and turtles. Those who have been participating in the program for an extended period have been refining their pieces over the past several weeks and are now approaching completion.





Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

YDF Pumpkin Decoration Contest

The Youth Detention Facility held its annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest, featuring this year's theme "Disney Villains". Residents drew their inspiration from their favorite Disney villains to create unique and imaginative pumpkin designs. On October 27, 2025, judges toured each unit to review and score creative pumpkin entries. After review, the winners were announced:

- **1st Place: Housing Unit 12**
- **2nd Place: Housing Unit 5**
- **3rd Place: Housing Unit 2**
- **4th Place: Housing Unit 3**

Congratulations to all the winners and participants for showcasing their creativity and teamwork in this fun seasonal event!





Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Chaplaincy

Between October 18- October 20, 2025 and October 27, 2025, the chaplaincy hosted “Rise Up” Camp at the Youth Detention Facility. The multi-day event brought energy and positivity within the facility, engaging residents in the gym, north field, and housing units through a series of interactive and recreational activities. Residents participated in creative drawing sessions and “fun zone” challenges that encouraged teamwork, self-expression, and friendly competition. The “Rise Up” Camp served as a meaningful opportunity for residents to build community, strengthen motivation, and experience the power of encouragement and cooperation.





Probation's October 2025 Community Partners



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Family Justice Center



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