

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."

Board of Supervisors Honors Probation Professionals



The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors officially proclaimed July 20–26, 2025 as *Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week*. Chief Jamal Rowe accepted the resolution on behalf of the department, thanking the Board for its continued support of the work being carried out across the county, in our communities, courts, and institutions.

Observed annually, Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week (#PPPSWeek) shines a spotlight on the dedicated professionals who help transform lives and maintain public safety. These individuals work behind the scenes every day to build trust, promote accountability, and support those striving for a better path.

We are proud to celebrate our team and recognize the vital role they play in the justice system.

Thank you for your commitment, compassion, and service.



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To kick off Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week, Sacramento County Chief Probation Officer Jamal Rowe shared a message of appreciation for the hardworking professionals across the department:

“This week, I proudly recognized the dedicated professionals who stand boldly on the frontlines of justice and serve as champions of rehabilitation in the communities we serve.

To my Sacramento County Probation family, thank you for your commitment to public safety, rehabilitation, and for carrying out our mission with the utmost professionalism and humility. You remain the bridge between accountability and opportunity, guiding individuals toward better futures and helping to strengthen our communities.

Your work is not easy—but it is essential and deeply appreciated. Cheers to the courageous job you do day in and day out. Thank you for your service to Sacramento County.”



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JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER UNIT



As part of Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week, we highlighted the work of our Jurisdictional Transfer Unit, a team that plays a crucial role in ensuring continuity of supervision across county lines.

This specialized unit is responsible for processing and coordinating the transfer of active adult probation cases into and out of Sacramento County. Officers verify out-of-county addresses, ensure all legal and procedural transfer requirements are met, and monitor each client's status until the transfer is complete.

In 2024, the unit processed 914 incoming cases and 235 outgoing cases. So far in 2025, the team is on track to meet or exceed those numbers, continuing their commitment to effective supervision and statewide collaboration.

We thank the Jurisdictional Transfer Unit for supporting clients and ensuring seamless transitions that uphold accountability and public safety.



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As part of our continued recognition during Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week, we proudly feature K9 Duke and K9 Ace, two highly trained canines certified in the detection of narcotics and firearms. These K9s, handled by Senior Deputy Probation Officer Anthony Nunez and Senior Deputy Probation Officer Heather Fristoe, ensure the safety and security of our youth detention facility and the greater Sacramento community.

Inside the facility, K9 Duke and K9 Ace work to prevent the introduction of contraband and help maintain a safe, rehabilitative environment. In the field, they support operations by using their exceptional detection abilities during searches and investigations.

These K9 teams also collaborate with outside law enforcement agencies, contributing to joint operations and broader public safety initiatives.

The unwavering dedication of Officers Nunez and Fristoe—paired with the discipline, skill, and loyalty of K9 Duke and K9 Ace—make these teams an essential part of our department’s mission to promote safety, accountability, and rehabilitation.

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FAMILY VIOLENCE UNIT



As part of our ongoing recognition of the diverse work within our department, we highlighted the impactful efforts of the Sacramento County Probation Family Violence Unit.

The unit's mission is to protect victims and community members by closely supervising individuals convicted of family violence. Through evidence-based Batterer's Treatment Programs, officers monitor compliance, ensure accountability, and certify quality programming that supports long-term change.

The team works not only to hold individuals accountable but also to break cycles of abuse by approaching their work with empathy, structure, and a focus on empowering families. By reducing recidivism and fostering healing, the Family Violence Unit plays a critical role in promoting safer, healthier communities.

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VOYA/DJJ RE-ENTRY UNIT



As part of our continued highlights during Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week, we featured the dedicated team behind the VOYA Re-Entry Unit.

With the closure of the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), Sacramento County launched the Valley Oak Youth Academy (VOYA) in response to SB 823. This shifted long-term rehabilitative custody for justice-involved youth to local jurisdictions. The DJJ Re-Entry team seamlessly transitioned into VOYA Re-Entry Officers, continuing their mission of supporting youth throughout the re-entry process.

From the moment a youth is committed to VOYA, Re-Entry Officers begin their work—meeting monthly, participating in Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDTs), and helping build individualized re-entry plans. As release approaches, officers ensure all key components such as housing, education, employment, and counseling are in place.

Following release, VOYA Re-Entry Officers monitor compliance, conduct follow-up MDTs, and connect youth with vital services and supports. Their role is essential in helping youth succeed post-custody and in promoting safer, stronger communities.



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MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION UNIT



As part of the ongoing Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week highlights, the Mental Health Diversion Unit, a unit within the Adult Community Corrections Division, is being featured.

The Mental Health Diversion Unit plays a vital role in supporting all five Mental Health Diversion Court calendars. Probation Officers assigned to the unit actively participate in multi-disciplinary team meetings and court proceedings, providing weekly updates on community contacts, substance screenings, testing results, client participation in the Community Outreach Unit, and employment or educational referrals. Their work ensures individuals receive the support and supervision needed to successfully navigate the diversion process.



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JUVENILE COURT INVESTIGATIONS UNIT



As part of our ongoing Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week highlights, we are proud to feature the dedicated Juvenile Court Officers within Sacramento County's Juvenile Court Division. These professionals make a lasting impact on the lives of young people and the broader community through their commitment to justice, fairness, and public safety.

Juvenile Court Officers serve a vital role in the juvenile justice system, conducting investigations for cases where petitions have been filed by the District Attorney's Office. At the core of their work is the preparation of clear, concise, and unbiased dispositional reports for the Juvenile Court—reports that are more than just paperwork. They are the result of thorough, evidence-based investigations and careful consideration of each youth's circumstances. Officers make well-reasoned recommendations for supervision levels, detention, counseling, and community service, always with a focus on rehabilitation and accountability.

Their investigative process is rigorous and collaborative. Court Officers gather critical information through interviews with minors, parents or guardians, the Department of Child, Family and Adult Services, school officials, and local community-based organizations. This comprehensive approach ensures every recommendation is grounded in fact and tailored to support both youth development and public safety.

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Communications Unit



To wrap up Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week, we featured the Communications Unit—the team behind how Sacramento County Probation connects, informs, and engages both internally and with the public.

As the department’s central hub for communication, the unit ensures our mission, values, and impact are clearly and consistently conveyed. From managing social media, media relations, and community outreach to producing newsletters and supporting crisis communication, their work keeps our messaging strong and cohesive.

The Communications Unit also plays a key role in recruitment and outreach, helping attract future professionals through strategic promotion of career opportunities, hiring initiatives, and internship programs.

Whether they’re sharing updates, telling our stories, or coordinating department-wide events, the Communications Unit helps keep us informed, unified, and visible.



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Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week

Softball Tournament 2025 – Probation, Parole Week

On July 27, 2025, Sacramento County Probation showed up strong at this year's Probation, Parole Week Softball Tournament earning second place! Our team played four games total, beating El Dorado County Probation once and Placer County Probation twice before falling to San Joaquin County Probation in the championship game.



Team Roster:

Supervising PO Beebe, Supervising PO Herman, Senior DPO Burnett, Senior DPO Cortes, DPO Moreno, DPO Dyer, DPO De La O, DPO Newman, DPO Del Real, APO Minson, Probation Aide Prince, Retired Senior DPO Chandler

Congratulations to our players on their teamwork and sportsmanship!



Staff Spotlight

Chief's Roundtable

Recognition

At this month's Chief's Roundtable meeting, we proudly recognized outstanding contributions across our department. The DUI/OTS Unit and the Adult Court Pre-Trial Unit were commended for their exceptional service to the community. We also celebrated Dawn Isais, Chief of Administrative Services, on her remarkable 25 years of service to the Sacramento County Probation Department. Congratulations to all for your commitment and impact!





Staff Spotlight

Outstanding Probation Officers Honored by MADD

On July 17, 2025, Senior Deputy Probation Officers Miguel Lopez and Abigail Castro were honored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) during the annual Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Recognition Awards Ceremony. Both officers received the Outstanding Probation Officer Award for their continued dedication and exemplary service in their DUI grant-funded roles with the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).

Officers Lopez and Castro supervise high-risk DUI offenders through intensive monitoring to ensure compliance with court-ordered conditions—including treatment, testing, and education programs. Their efforts, in partnership with local law enforcement and traffic safety organizations, are essential to preventing repeat offenses, holding individuals accountable, and enhancing overall community safety.

A vital contributor to the unit's success is Administrative Services Officer II, Angelia Losoya-Anguiano, who has played a key role in advancing the DUI/OTS grant initiative. From documenting the grant application to ensuring compliance with funding requirements and compiling outcome data, her leadership has been instrumental. Her oversight helps ensure the unit not only meets the expectations of the Office of Traffic Safety, but also continues to align with the department's mission of promoting public safety in Sacramento County.

We are proud to recognize the hard work and impact of these professionals.





Celebrating Success

DUI Treatment Court Graduates

On July 11, 2025, the Sacramento County DUI Treatment Court (DUTC) celebrated four client graduations. DUTC is a comprehensive treatment program for repeat DUI offenders with the goals of keeping communities safe and reducing recidivism. Participants are required to engage in counseling, self-help meetings, random drug testing, case management services, frequent court appearances, and Probation supervision. Upon completion of the program, participants are well equipped with tools to continue their life-long journey in recovery. Probation is happy to celebrate these graduates and commends them for their hard work and success!





Celebrating Success

Veteran's Treatment Court Graduates



On July 18, 2025, the Sacramento County Veteran's Treatment Court (VTC) celebrated a client's graduation. VTC clients participate in a 12-month comprehensive treatment and rehabilitation program that links veterans with benefits and services in order to break the cycle of substance abuse and criminal behavior. This client fully engaged in the VTC program including completing all required components as well as attending extra volunteer opportunities and pro-social events. He graduated the VTC while participating in classes to begin a career in the medical field. He is working towards having his driver's license reinstated, and is committed to maintaining his sobriety and building on the progress he made while in the VTC. Probation and the entire VTC Team are proud of him and wish him a bright and happy future!

ADRC-South Graduates

On July 23, 2025, eight clients graduated from the South Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC), surrounded by family, and department staff. The ADRC provides cognitive behavioral therapy, substance use treatment, education and job training, housing assistance, pro-social activities, family support, and community service opportunities. These graduates have shown resilience, commitment, and growth. Congratulations to all!





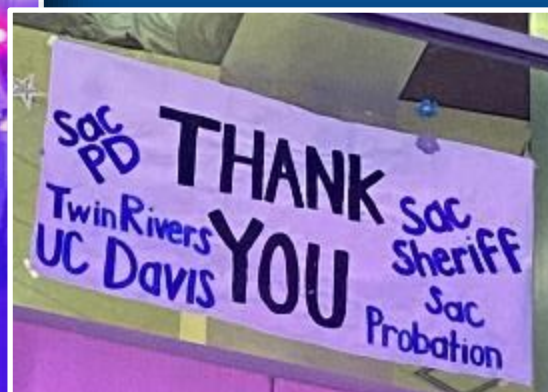
Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

Christmas Comes Twice a Year at Shriners Children's Hospital

Sacramento County Probation participated in the annual *Christmas in July* celebration at Shriners Children's Hospital. For the incredible kids receiving care at Shriners, Christmas doesn't just come once a year, it comes twice.

Alongside other local law enforcement and the Fire Department, Probation helped bring some midsummer magic to life. The night sky lit up with a dazzling show, but the brightest lights of all were the children's smiles.

We're honored to be part of this joyful event and proud to support our community's youngest heroes.





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

Juvenile Field Supports Back-to-School Success

Each year, the Juvenile Field Division supports youth on their caseload by providing backpacks filled with school supplies a small gesture that makes a big impact.

These backpacks help ensure the youth we serve start the school year prepared, empowered, and supported, reinforcing the department's commitment to rehabilitation, education, and positive change.

By meeting practical needs and showing genuine care, Juvenile Field staff continue to build trust and foster meaningful progress in the lives of the youth they supervise.





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

Criminal Justice Youth Shadow Day 2025



On Friday, July 11, 2025, Sacramento County Probation proudly participated in the District Attorney's annual Criminal Justice Youth Shadow Day!

High school students were paired with professionals from across the justice system — including prosecutors, defense attorneys, probation officers, law enforcement, investigators, and judges — for a behind-the-scenes look at how justice is served and communities are protected.

This unique opportunity gave students valuable, real-world insight into the criminal justice process and the diverse careers that make it work. We're honored to help inspire the next generation of justice leaders!

Probation Officers at the State Fair

Sacramento County Probation Officers joined fellow agencies at the California State Fair for **Law Enforcement & Military Appreciation Day**. Officers connected with fairgoers, shared information about our programs and services, and represented the department with pride. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to say hello and show support for those who serve!





Keeping Our Community Safe

DISTRICT- 5

July 9, 2025

PRCS/ ACC South

11000 block of Cresthill Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624

On July 9, 2025, officers conducted an address verification at the newly reported residence of a probation client. Upon contact with the individual and his girlfriend, the address was confirmed, and a probation search of the residence and vehicle was conducted.

The search led to the discovery of a P80 .40 caliber "ghost gun," .40 and .223 caliber ammunition, suspected methamphetamine and fentanyl, narcotic pay/owe sheets, a digital scale, and a glass smoking pipe.

Both individuals were arrested and booked into the Main Jail on PC 3454(c) and multiple firearms and narcotics-related charges.



DISTRICT- 5

July 28, 2025

Adult Community Corrections

5100 block of Laguna Park Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758

On July 28, 2025, an individual on Post Release Community Supervision was contacted during a probation compliance check. A search of a vehicle in their possession led to the discovery of a loaded .380 caliber Ruger LCP handgun concealed in the center console. The individual was arrested on multiple charges related to unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.





Keeping Our Community Safe

DISTRICT- 2

July 22, 2025

PRCS/ACC South/ Adult Sex Offenders

5800 block of Wilkinson Street, Sacramento, CA 95824

On July 22, 2025, Probation officers, with assistance from local law enforcement partners, conducted a successful operation in South Sacramento. Multiple individuals were contacted, and several were found to be on active probation. A search of the property led to the recovery of a loaded firearm and ammunition. Two individuals were taken into custody on probation-related violations.



DISTRICT- 2

July 2, 2025

JJDTP

4400 block of Monril Way, Sacramento CA 95823

On July 2, 2025, officers conducted a probation compliance search after receiving information suggesting a juvenile on probation had posted images on social media appearing to show him in possession of a firearm. During the search of the residence, officers discovered a large quantity of illegal fireworks stored in the garage. The fireworks were confiscated and transported to the Rancho Cordova Police Department, where they were booked for destruction. The juvenile was taken into custody for violating a condition of their probation, which prohibits the possession of any dangerous or replica weapons.





Keeping Our Community Safe

DISTRICT– 1

July 1, 2025

Family Violence Unit

2800 block of Poquita Street, Sacramento, CA 95838

On July 1, 2025, Sr. Deputy Probation Officer Ryan Kenworthy coordinated a surveillance and probation search operation. Officers observed the subject entering and exiting the victim's residence before his scheduled probation appointment. He was detained at the Probation Office, then transported to his residence where officers located a ballistic-plated armor vest. The subject was arrested and booked into the Sacramento Main Jail for violations of Penal Code Sections 166(c)(4) and 31360(b)(1). Officers provided the victim with resources through the Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center.



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



Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week

During Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week, APO's John Parker and Veronica Puente had the privilege of organizing a special event to recognize and honor the incredible efforts of the YDF team. This week was not just about celebration, it was about showing genuine appreciation for the dedication, resilience, and compassion our staff demonstrate every single day.

A Chick-fil-A lunch, complete with their signature chicken sandwiches, sweet tea, lemonade, and a selection of sauces was provided. Youth Detention Facility staff added a sweet thankyou with cookies, cake pops, and chocolate-covered pretzels—a small gesture to reflect the big impact our staff make.

What truly made the moment special was seeing our Chief Deputy and Assistant Chief Deputies step in to serve the teams. This appreciation reminded us of all the strength we have when we support one another.

Thank you for the work you do, the lives you touch, and the difference you make. Your commitment doesn't go unnoticed, and this week was just a glimpse of the recognition you truly deserve.





Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Northern California Construction Training (NCCT)

July was a month of progress, pride, and powerful momentum at NCCT!

We celebrated the graduation of two residents, each earning their Certificate of Completion—a testament to their hard work, growth, and commitment to building a better future.

Our students kept the energy high with hands-on projects that brought both skill and creativity to life. They completed paint prep for the 2025 North Field Build, wrapped up the fire pit stool project, and dove into the start of our exciting new beach chair build.

A major highlight this month was the completion of six custom cornhole board sets, which were proudly used during the Probation, Parole, and Pretrial Supervision Week tournament—a true showcase of their craftsmanship and teamwork.

The YDF students continue to hone their skills with hand and power tools, building a wide variety of projects that challenge their creativity and build job-ready experience.

To top it off, students are gearing up for Flagger Certification Training on July 29–30, gaining valuable industry-recognized skills to support their path to employment.

The dedication, focus, and enthusiasm shown by our residents this month are nothing short of inspiring. We're proud of their achievements and can't wait to see what's next!





Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Culinary Arts Program

In the month of July, students had the opportunity to make numerous meals. They grilled hamburgers prepared by grinding chunks of tri tip and slices of bacon into the meat grinder and deep fried french fries. To make the french fries, they utilized a mandolin to cut the fries into strips then soaked them in a bucket of water to eliminate any excess starch. They also made risotto. In this recipe they warmed chicken stalk and added chopped shallots, garlic, vegetables, and risotto to the pan. Lastly, they made pancakes on a griddle as well as eggs. Chef Doolittle assisted with cooking the bacon and potatoes.





Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Horticulture Program

The Horticulture Program has officially started and is starting to bloom with hands on learning and exciting seasonal projects! This month, residents are nurturing summer crops, exploring sustainable gardening practices, and learning about plant propagation. Residents worked on outdoor garden beds, learned about irrigation systems, and the fundamentals of landscaping. Residents are also gaining valuable skills in plant science, teamwork, and environmental responsibilities. Stay tuned for more updates on our crops and progress in the garden!





Probation's July 2025 Community Partners



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