

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."

Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center

10th Annual Celebration of HOPE

On Friday, September 5, 2025, members of the Sacramento County Probation Department's Domestic Violence Unit, along with Chief Rowe, attended the 10th Annual Celebration of HOPE hosted by the Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center (FJC). Their presence highlighted the department's ongoing commitment to supporting victims of domestic violence, elder abuse, human trafficking, sexual assault, and child abuse.

The FJC provides a wide range of services all in one location. This allows victims to only have to tell their story once to receive the support they need to move from danger and trauma to safety and hope. Collaboration among public and private agencies, law enforcement, and community partners is central to this mission, ensuring resources complement rather than compete with each other.





Staff Spotlight

Chief's Roundtable Recognition

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

- **Assistant Probation Officer Raul Miranda (YDF):** For his quick action in saving a youth's life during a critical incident at the Youth Detention Facility, demonstrating courage, professionalism, and compassion.
- **Administrative Services Officer II Stephanie Townsend (Policy and Compliance):** For her behind-the-scenes support in policy development, ensuring documentation is properly formatted, archived, and distributed, helping the department operate more effectively.
- **Supervising Probation Officer Eric Shurden (Policy and Compliance):** For his dedication to internal accountability, consistently conducting thorough, impartial, and timely investigations with integrity and professionalism.
- **Assistant Chief Deputy Robyn Howland (Adult Court Services):** In recognition of her 25 years of dedicated service.

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





Staff Spotlight

Welcome Our New Peer Support Coordinator!

Welcome to Senior Deputy Probation Officer (Sr. DPO) Laura Martinez as the new Peer Support Coordinator. In her new role, Sr. DPO Martinez will serve as a resource for staff, offering support, guidance, and practical tools to promote wellness both personally and professionally.

With her extensive experience in mentorship, training, and building supportive workplace connections, Sr. DPO Martinez is well-equipped to lead this team and make a positive impact across our department.

Please join us in welcoming Sr. DPO Martinez to this role and supporting her as we continue to prioritize the health and well-being of staff!



Remember: You can only help others if you take care of yourself first. Prioritize your wellness—physically, mentally, and emotionally. Download your Guide to Wellness today and start taking care of yourself while supporting others!

Sacramento County Probation
Health and WELLNESS APP NEW VERSION UPDATE NOW

Available on the App Store and Google Play

The Cordico Wellness App is confidential, available 24/7, easy to use, and customized to our agency. The App contains wellness resources, self-assessments, peer support, instructional videos, geo-mapping of vetted providers, one-touch calling, and on-demand tools targeting critical incidents, depression, insomnia, marital problems, trauma, suicide risk, and much more.

Installation Instructions

The Cordico Wellness App is available on personal phones as well as county issued. To access on your personal phone, open the App Store and search for: **Cordico Wellness**

Search for: **Cordico Wellness** / Click the Cordico icon, and install. Once installed, use the log in information provided below.

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Program Spotlight

Recovery Treatment Court

On September 3, 2025, Officers and clients from the collaborative Recovery Treatment Court (RTC), alongside our partner Bridges Professional Treatment Services, participated in the 33rd Annual “*Recovery Happens*” rally at the State Capitol. This event celebrates the strength, resilience, and hope of individuals on the path to recovery while providing an opportunity to learn about vital resources and programs.

The RTC clients gained firsthand insight into residential and outpatient treatment services, sober living environments, mobile harm reduction programs, and state policy initiatives that impact the recovery community. Several California State Legislators attended, offering a chance to engage with the people shaping policies that support long-term sobriety.

The celebration included a recovery walk, live music, awards, inspiring speakers sharing their lived experiences, and a community meal. These experiences allowed clients to see the tangible support available to them and feel the encouragement of a broader, thriving recovery community.

Participating in “*Recovery Happens*” shows our clients they are not alone. They witnessed a community that uplifts and empowers one another, learned about services that can assist them on their journey, and connected with people who can support them for the long term. For many, this event served as a reminder that recovery is not just a personal journey—it is a shared, celebrated, and supported path.

Through events like this, the Recovery Treatment Court reinforces its commitment to guiding clients toward lasting sobriety while building meaningful connections with the recovery community and our treatment partners. Every step clients take is supported, celebrated, and strengthened by the collective effort of those who believe in the power of recovery.





Celebrating Success

ADRC Graduations

In September, the Sacramento County Probation Department celebrated two graduations from the Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) programs: Central ADRC and North ADRC.

Surrounded by family, and staff, these clients reached an incredible milestone in their journey toward positive change.

The ADRC program provides comprehensive, life-changing support, including cognitive behavioral therapy, substance use treatment, educational and vocational training, housing assistance, pro-social activities, family support, and opportunities to give back through our Community Outreach Program.

The graduates have shown outstanding resilience, commitment, and growth. These milestones reflect the department's ongoing commitment to rehabilitation, accountability, and community safety.

Congratulations to the ADRC program graduates!





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

Supervisor Kennedy's 5th Annual Fun Fair



Senior Probation Officers Patrice Pratt and Marquis Crooms attended the 7th Annual Community Resource Fair on September 20, 2025, at Southgate Plaza. It was a great opportunity to connect with the community and share information about our programs and services.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by and made the event a success!

9th Annual Run with the Cops

On September 20, 2025, Probation participated in the 9th Annual Run with the Cops at the Old Sacramento Waterfront. This 5K run/walk, which follows a scenic course along the Sacramento River, benefits Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Sacramento and the Sacramento Police K-9 Association.

Thank you to everyone who joined in supporting this great cause!





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

Honor Guard: Serving With Pride



In September, members of the department's Honor Guard proudly represented us at two community events:

Bradshaw Christian School's Salute to Service Football Game and Citrus Height's 9/11 Day of Service Flag Ceremony.

Our Honor Guard honors those who serve and pay tribute to the lives we remember. We are proud to stand alongside our community in service, remembrance, and unity.

Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Symposium 2025

A team from the Sacramento County Probation Department attended the 27th annual Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Symposium 2025.

Under this year's theme, "Lead with Purpose," attendees explored intentional, purpose-driven leadership at all levels of law enforcement, connecting with professionals from across the state to share insights, strategies, and best practices for stronger, safer communities.

We are thrilled to have participated and look forward to applying the lessons gained to continue advancing leadership, collaboration, and community impact.

Pictured: (back-row): Daisy Harrison, Natalie Handy, Jamie Davis, Angela Taylor & Janel Smithonic. (front-row) Memorie Soliven, Maria Aguirre Robledo, Allie Saechao, Elise Vondrak & Nancy Ortiz





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

Probation Attends Public Safety and Community Appreciation Luncheon



Sacramento County Probation attended the *Public Safety and Community Appreciation Luncheon*, co-hosted by Justice Beyond the Courtroom and District Attorney Thien Ho.

Centered on the theme “Advancing Justice Through Partnership,” the luncheon celebrated collaboration across local communities and agencies to strengthen public safety throughout California. Probation staff joined colleagues from law enforcement, justice partners, and community organizations to share strategies, recognize achievements, and reinforce the county’s commitment to justice beyond the courtroom.

Law Enforcement Panel at the 2025 Fentanyl Awareness & Action Summit



Assistant Chief Deputy Ronald Tam participated as a panelist on the Law Enforcement Panel at the 2025 Fentanyl Awareness & Action Summit. Senior Deputy Probation Officer Heather Fristoe, along with K9 partner Ace, also attended the event. Hosted by the Sacramento County Opioid Coalition, the Summit brings together experts, individuals with lived experiences, and community members to address the opioid epidemic. The Coalition’s mission is to save lives by reducing opioid misuse, overdose, and stigma through community collaboration. This full-day event highlighted innovative strategies and partnerships aimed at tackling the crisis across diverse communities.





Keeping Our Community Safe

DISTRICT- 3

September 4, 2025

SAFE Unit

2100 block of Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95825

On August 11, 2025, a Sacramento County Probation Officer obtained a Pen Register Trap and Trace (PRTT) warrant related to a social media account of a subject with active felony no -bail warrants for serious offenses, including violations related to human trafficking and firearms.

On September 4, 2025, utilizing location data provided by the warrant, the Probation Officer tracked the subject to a Sacramento location. With the assistance of SPD K9 units, the subject was contacted and arrested on the outstanding warrants.

Another individual was also encountered at the scene. This person fled from officers and discarded a loaded firearm but was subsequently apprehended and arrested for violations including resisting officers and possession of a firearm.

Both individuals were transported and booked into custody at Sacramento County Main Jail.



DISTRICT- 3

September 12, 2025

SAFE Unit

1900 block of Ethan Way, Sacramento, CA 95825

A Sacramento County Probation officer initiated an investigation into a subject on Formal Searchable Probation and active parole for alleged violations related to sex trafficking and pimping/pandering offenses involving a minor.

Over a four-month investigation, multiple search warrants were obtained for the subject's cellphone and financial accounts.

The investigation concluded with the subject being apprehended and taken into custody by the SAFE Team, with assistance from CDCR Parole Agents. The individual is currently held on \$500,000 bail.





Keeping Our Community Safe

DISTRICT- 1

September 9, 2025

High Risk Probation

600 block of 14th Street, Sacramento, CA 95815

On September 9, 2025, an individual was granted probation upon conviction of Penal Code §245(a)(1) and was prohibited from possessing firearms. A Proposition 63 investigation revealed the individual may have been in possession of firearms. Later that day, probation officers conducted a search of the individual's residence, which resulted in the confiscation of two rifles, a shotgun, an AR-15 style firearm, a pistol, a revolver, miscellaneous gun parts, numerous magazines of varying capacities, and over 500 rounds of ammunition.



DISTRICT- 3

September 3, 2025

SAFE Unit

6000 Block of Longdale Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660

A Sacramento County Probation Officer conducted an investigation into a subject formerly on PRCS, with an extensive criminal history, related to allegations of pimping, narcotics sales, and possession of firearms.

On September 3, 2025, a residential search warrant was authored and subsequently served with assistance from SSO Deputies. During the search, multiple firearms and ammunition, including a sawed-off shotgun, were located.

The subject was arrested and booked into custody at Sacramento County Main Jail and remains in custody with \$500,000 bail.



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



Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Mentor Program



Congratulations to the Youth Detention Facility's newest mentor! After successfully completing the six-month Mentor Program, he is now taking on the important role of guiding and supporting fellow residents.

Special thanks to APO Andre Dixon for his continued dedication to the program and the positive impact he makes through his mentorship and leadership.

Leadership Education Athletic Program (LEAP)

For the month of September, LEAP, along with Youth Advocate Collins, organized a flag football tournament. LEAP focused on teaching the residents a variety of important skills that go beyond the game itself. By participating, residents practiced teamwork, communication, and leadership as they worked together toward a common goal. The activity required discipline and focus and encouraged problem solving and quick decision making while promoting physical fitness and coordination. Overall, the program allowed residents to learn valuable life skills while engaging in sports activities.





Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Northern California Construction Training (NCCT)

This month the NCCT program celebrated outstanding growth and achievement. Twenty-two residents earned both Confined Spaces and Traffic Control certifications, powerful credentials that strengthen their path to employment in high-demand fields. Four new students joined the program, bringing fresh energy and determination. The participants also impressed during the Laborer's Agility Test, where eleven residents exceeded performance standards and demonstrated real job-site readiness. To top it off, residents have already begun crafting Christmas decorations, blending creativity and teamwork while building anticipation for the holidays. These milestones showcase the skill, and forward momentum that continue to define NCCT and inspire lasting positive change.





Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Horticulture Program

The Youth Detention Facility is excited to announce the graduation of our talented residents from the Horticulture Program!

The program has had a vibrant and productive season this Summer. Residents have actively engaged in hands-on-learning, exploring everything from plant propagation and hydroponics to landscape design and sustainable gardening practices. They also gained valuable experience using gardening tools and techniques, preparing them for careers in landscaping, agriculture, and environmental science.

We're proud of the dedication and growth the Horticulture residents have shown and look forward to seeing their continued success — both in and out of the garden!

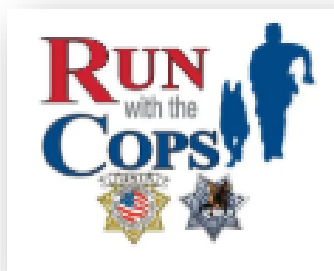




Probation's September 2025 Community Partners



Sacramento Regional
Family Justice Center



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