



100 Years of Service 1909-2009
Santa Barbara County
Probation Department

Probation Today



*Supervisor Centeno
presents Probation Resolution*

Probation Department Centennial Honored

On July 14th, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution recognizing the week of July 19 – 25 as “Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week” and honoring the Centennial of the Probation Department. Chief Stewart, Supervising Probation Officer James Steels of the Institutions Division, Senior Deputy Probation Officer Amber Flores of the Juvenile Division, and Senior Deputy Probation Officer Bill Roberts of the Adult Division accepted the resolution on behalf of the Department. Commemorative centennial lapel pins were presented to each District Supervisor and County Executive Officer Michael Brown, in recognition of their support for the mission of the Probation Department.

Copies of the resolution will be posted at each worksite during celebrations to honor Probation’s 100 years of service to the County of Santa Barbara.

View the Governor’s proclamation: http://www.countyofsb.org/uploadedFiles/probation/Media_Resources/Probation%20Services%20Week.pdf

View the Board of Supervisors Resolution: http://www.countyofsb.org/uploadedFiles/probation/Media_Resources/Probation%20Centennial%20Probation%20Officers%20Week%20resolution%20006-09.pdf

New Probation Website Goes Live

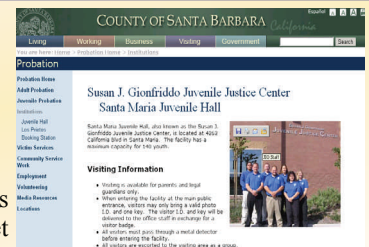
The County of Santa Barbara introduced an updated public website on March 9th, and the Probation Department was one of the first departments to “go live” with the new look. Probation has provided an informative public website for many years, but the update modernized the viewing experience, and made the website more useful to the public, clients, and staff.

In order to accomplish the website transformation, a multi-divisional team was formed. Web content was updated, new images were added and more useful information was posted. The committee continues to meet on a periodic basis to assess the site, keep it fresh, and revise content as needed.

Some of the new features of the site include a Victim Services and Information section, a Community Service Work section, and completely updated Institutions pages that include visiting hours, rules, and other information useful to parents and minors. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sections have been added in all divisions.

Please take a moment to visit the new Santa Barbara County Probation website at www.sbprobation.org.

Submitted by: Systems Analyst Laura Manning, IT Unit



Probation Department Participates in Special Olympics Events



On June 9th the Santa Barbara County Courthouse Sunken Gardens hosted the 40th Anniversary of the Special Olympics, and the kick-off of the 2009 Law Enforcement Torch Run. Featured guest speakers were 2008 Olympic Gold Medalists Todd Rogers and Phil Dalhausser. Athletes, volunteers, and supporting law enforcement agencies, including the Probation Department were recognized at the ceremony. Probation Department personnel later joined other local law enforcement agencies participating in the 2009 Law Enforcement Torch Run on Tuesday June 10th to carry the “Flame of Hope.” Torch Run activities include Tip-a-Cop dinners at local restaurants to raise money for Special Olympics programs.

Participants generously volunteer their personal time to this worthy cause. Thank you to Probation’s Torch Run participants: Juvenile Institutions Officer (JIO) Lesli Stamm, JIO Sandra Black, Deputy Probation Officer, Senior (DPO Sr.) Erin Cross, DPO Sr. Laurie Holbrook, DPO Sr. Todd Malesich, DPO Sr. Spencer Cross, Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) Mike Rivera, DPO Lea Rodriguez, DPO Rhonda Kohler, Probation Assistant (PA) John Young, Manager Patti Ball, and Administrative Office Professional Felicia Chavez.

Video clips of the ceremony can be viewed at the following links:

<http://www.keyt.com/news/local/47455017.html>

<http://www.newspress.tv/main.jsp?category=News&id=495>

Submitted by: Sr. JIO Joseph Contreras and DPO Marisa Arreola

PROBATION GPS PILOT PROJECT FUNDED BY THE AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT

The Probation Department, in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department and other local law enforcement agencies, has implemented a one-year grant-funded Enhanced Electronic Supervision Probation Pilot Program for high risk probationers, utilizing Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) Technology.

GPS monitoring allows Probation personnel to closely track the movement of clients assessed at a high risk to reoffend and will enhance local law enforcement prevention efforts. Pursuant to Penal Code §1210.12, suitability for the program is determined by the Probation Department utilizing standard screening criteria. Senior Deputy Probation Officer Fred Cobb is assigned to the program, which is co-located with the Santa Barbara Sheriff Department’s Alternative Sentencing Bureau.

The program will supervise 20 clients at any given time. While serving as a highly effective enhanced supervision tool, GPS monitoring does not impede the probationer’s ability to obtain and retain meaningful employment, attend school, treatment, programming, or other approved activities.

The Probation Department looks forward to a successful Enhanced Electronic Supervision Pilot Program for adult probationers and is optimistic that it will yield outcomes which support long term implementations.

Submitted by: Deputy Chief Karen Wheeler



DPO Sr. Fred Cobb