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**Santa Barbara County
 Probation Department**

Probation Today

New Deputy Chief Probation Officer Appointed to Institutions Division



l to r: CPO Patti Stewart, DCPO Steve DeLira, and Chief Tim Dabney, Lompoc P.D.

Steve DeLira, a native son of Lompoc, chose the City Council Chambers as the venue for his swearing in ceremony on December 11th. His promotion as Institutions Deputy Chief was effective November 16th.

Deputy Chief DeLira joined the Probation Department in 1987 and served in a variety of assignments before his promotion in 2005 to manage the implementation of the Department's electronic case management system. When that project was completed, Deputy Chief DeLira assumed the duties as the Probation Manager at the Los Prietos Boys Camp/

Academy. Deputy Chief DeLira also serves as the Probation Department's HIPAA compliance officer, the Agency Coordinator for California Law Enforcement Terminal System (CLETS) usage, and represents the Department at the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) Probation Performance Measure Committee.

Deputy Chief DeLira is a positive addition to Probation's executive team and noted at his swearing in ceremony that he is honored to have the opportunity to serve in an executive capacity that will support the overall operations of the Department and ensure that the staff charged with carrying out the direct services of Probation's mission are provided with the resources necessary to promote success.

Submitted by: Probation Manager Heather Bennett, P & T

Evidence Based Practices: Northpointe COMPAS Training Begins

Countywide training for the new Adult Division Evidence Based Risk/Needs Assessment tool began December 14th. Northpointe COMPAS is a validated 4th generation risk and needs assessment tool to identify risk of recidivism and risk of violence, as well as the needs of each probationer; it is the launch pad to increase motivation and meaningful change in defendants. Participants complete a 2-day course about the principles and benefits of the validated risk tool, as well as how motivational interviewing and active listening skills will be integrated into case planning and supervision efforts in order to provide probationers with programming and tools for success. Enhanced efficiencies in resource deployment and improved outcomes for probationers are anticipated results of the implementation of COMPAS.



Submitted by: Deputy Chief Karen Wheeler



Camp Program Participates in Holiday Parades



The Los Prietos Boys Camp and Academy proudly represented the Probation Department in the Santa Barbara and Santa Maria Christmas parades. Senior Deputy Probation Officer Steve Cottingham drove "Old Reliable" (the beloved Camp fire engine) during both parades without a hitch or a tow, while the Camp Color Guard led the way. Los Prietos Staff and wards have participated in local holiday parades since 2002.

Submitted by: Supervising Probation Officer Jim Clark, LPBA

Santa Maria Juvenile Hall Staff Participate in "Spare Our Youth" Bowling Fundraiser

On November 21st, the Probation Peace Officers Association (PPOA) sponsored five staff from Santa Maria Juvenile Hall to participate in the 1st Annual Spare Our Youth Fundraiser held by the North County Teen Court. The team bowled three games in two hours with the hope of having the highest team average and taking home the trophy. The bowlers included Supervising Probation Officer (SPO) James Steels and Juvenile Institution Officers (JIO) Robert Pischke, JIO Jason Ramirez, JIO Omar Rueff and JIO Extra-Help Danielle Evangelista.

Additionally, members of the Probation Policy Council (Managers and Executives) sponsored a lane, where a group of Teen Court participants were able to enjoy an afternoon of fun, substance-free activities.

In addition to this team, Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) Polly Armstrong and Probation Manager Wendy Stanley competed on teams consisting of family and friends. While none of the teams brought home the trophy, they are all considered champions and had a great time supporting Teen Court.

Submitted by: Probation Manager Wendy Stanley, SMJH