



Santa Barbara County Probation Department

Probation Today



HALLOWEEN Detention Activity

From October 30th through November 2nd, there were 35 new bookings: 15 new law violations, 8 violations of probation, 8 Court ordered detentions, and 4 weekend commitments. Units 1 and 2 at the SMJH were temporarily opened. To ensure each unit had sufficient staff to meet state mandated guidelines, an email went out to staff for assistance. In typical fashion, the employee response was instantaneous and within two days, all necessary shifts had been covered. The outpouring of support was appreciated and helped to make a hectic weekend successful.

*Submitted by Shawna Coleman,
Supervising DPO, SMJH*

LESLI STAMM - C.A.P.I.A. Line Staff Service Award Recipient

On October 1st, Juvenile Institutions Officer Lesli Stamm received the C.A.P.I.A. Southern Region State Meritorious Service Award for Line Staff. At an awards banquet set at the Cliffs Resort located in Shell Beach, Deputy Chief Probation Officers Beverly Taylor and Karen Wheeler, Probation Manager Steven DeLira, and Supervising Probation Officer James Steels joined Lesli and her husband for the awards ceremony.

At the awards ceremony, Deputy Chief Probation Officer Beverly Taylor delivered Lesli's C.A.P.I.A. nomination to the assembled group. Her nomination highlighted her dedication and commitment to the Santa Barbara County Probation Department and to helping the youth of the Santa Barbara area to make informed decisions about their lives as well as choices that directly affect not only themselves, but their families. Lesli thanked her husband for his continued support, and her co-workers for their ability to see the benefits of their continued efforts to help the minors of the Santa Barbara area.

*Submitted by James Steels,
Supervising DPO, SMJH*



l to r: Karen Wheeler, Deputy Chief Probation Officer; C.A.P.I.A. honoree Lesli Stamm, Juvenile Institutions Officer; Beverly Taylor, Deputy Chief Probation Officer

"OPERATION GATOR ROLL" GANG SWEEP A SUCCESS

On October 15, 2008, Probation Officers assisted the Santa Barbara Police Department in a gang sweep to search, identify, and arrest specific Eastside Gang members. Adult and Juvenile Division officers were part of over 400 peace officer personnel from nineteen local, State, and Federal agencies participating in what was to be known as "Operation Gator Roll." Santa Barbara Police Chief Cam Sanchez addressed the group and informed officers that the operation had been in the works for about eight months, and kept top secret. Federal search and arrest warrants were obtained and were about to be served.

At 4:30 a.m., officers met at the Earl Warren Showgrounds and briefed on plans to execute these warrants and search the homes of identified gang members. With the help of Senior Probation Officers Joe Talaugon and Esther Trejo, as well as Deputy Probation Officers Mark Grunewald, Max Sanford, Rudy Lopez, Jeff McGarey, Lupita Flores, Elizabeth Lopez and Lea Rodriguez, probation search and seizure terms were enforced.

At approximately noon, Operation Gator Roll came to a conclusion. According to Chief Sanchez a total of sixty-seven Eastside Gang members were arrested during the operation. Four adult probation gang members now face federal charges in connection to federal racketeering and drug trafficking; two juveniles and two adults were also detained for probation violations.

Submitted by Rudy Lopez, DPO, SB

Did you know??? The Santa Barbara Probation Department recently published their August 2008 update to the 2004-2009 Strategic Plan. This update contains a wealth of information including outcome data for key performance indicators and ten years of service/caseload trend data. Review the document by clicking this link:

<http://www.countyofsb.org/uploadedFiles/probation/General/strategicplan.pdf>

Los Prietos Celebrates Academic Success!

On October 23rd, 18 campers received their high school diplomas. Motivational speeches were given by SBCEO Superintendent William J. Cirone and Santa Barbara Police Chief Cam Sanchez. Fifteen graduates received scholarship awards from the Goleta Noontime, Santa Maria Breakfast, and Solvang Breakfast Rotary Clubs; several of the graduates have already enrolled and are attending local colleges. Each of the graduates was presented with a \$25 gift card to Circuit City from Mission Santa Ines, as well as professional graduation photos taken by Senior Juvenile Institutions Officer Ted Homyack. Since 2003, 67 campers have received their diplomas/certificates of completion from the Los Robles High School.



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Supervising DPO, LPBA*