

PROBATION NEWS



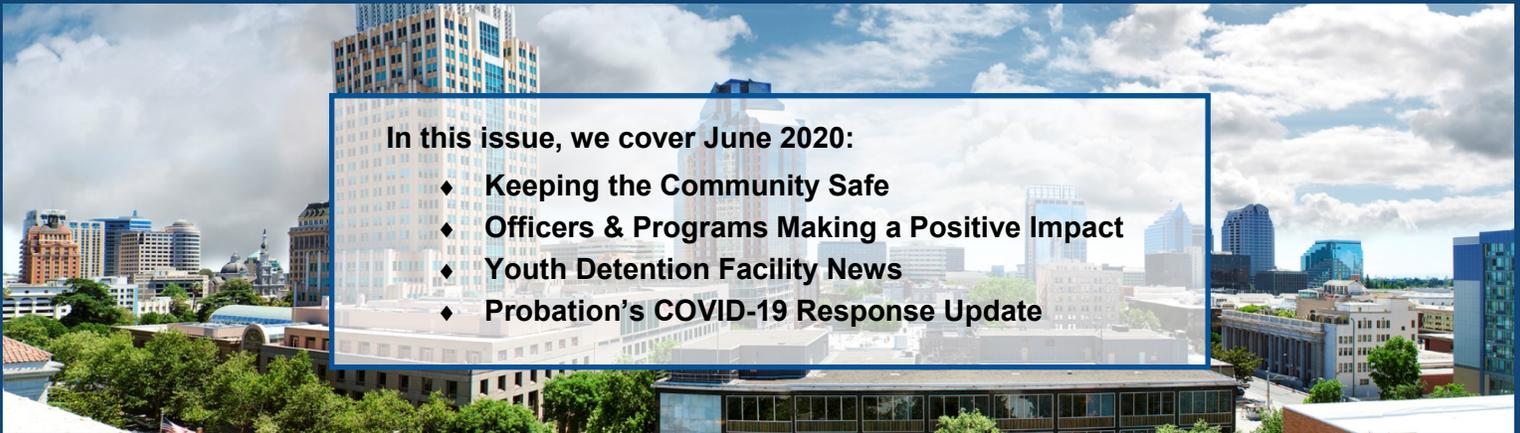
Monthly District Newsletter brought to you by the Sacramento County Probation Department

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Supporting Positive Change

The mission of the district newsletter is to provide information, news, upcoming events, and program accomplishments to our County Supervisors and their constituents. Our department remains dedicated to building strong partnerships with the goal of providing the best possible services to our community.



In this issue, we cover June 2020:

- ◆ Keeping the Community Safe
- ◆ Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact
- ◆ Youth Detention Facility News
- ◆ Probation's COVID-19 Response Update

KEEPING THE COMMUNITY SAFE

Probation Responds to Increased Gang Activity

During the past 5-6 weeks, there has been a significant rise of gang violence in both the City and County of Sacramento. In response, officers assigned to the Probation Department's Gang Suppression Unit (GSU) and the Age of Majority Unit have been working swing shifts on Wednesday evenings in partnership with Parole and the Sheriff's Office IMPACT, Special Enforcement Detail, and Problem Oriented Policing teams. In addition to the Wednesday night operations, the GSU has been diligently comprising useful intelligence and providing that information to our law enforcement partners.

Probation officers have successfully contacted numerous known gang members and have conducted several searches. On June 24, 2020, GSU officers contacted a known gang member on probation. The ensuing probation search of the subject's cell phone, car, and residence led to the subject's arrest on felon in possession of ammunition and drug sales charges. Additionally, over \$16,000 in cash was seized, and the asset forfeiture process has begun.

On-going friction and violence between the groups involved is not uncommon, but the sheer number of shootings within this time-frame is alarming.

The GSU plans to continue its proactive measures and adjust their focus as needed to combat the rising gang violence in the City and County of Sacramento.

PROBATION OFFICERS & PROGRAMS MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT



Senior Deputy Probation Officers recently attended a Firearms Instructor Course in San Bernardino County. The course is designed for Law Enforcement Officers who want to learn the basic requirements of developing, conducting, and standardizing an agency's firearms training to meet today's Law Enforcement needs. This course satisfies Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) requirements for pistol and shotgun firearms instructors. The course focuses on many topics, including:

- Shooting Assessment
- Shooting Techniques
- Target Evaluation
- Legal Issues and Updates
- Range Preparation
- Weapon Care
- Skills Development
- Performance Evaluation



Congratulations to the Special Olympics Northern California athletes who participated in the 2020 Virtual Summer Games at Home. Athletes submitted their videos and stats from home. Awards were presented online, and officers sent virtual well wishes to local athletes. We missed hanging out with the athletes this year, and we look forward to getting back to cheering them on from the sidelines.



Congratulations to Spring 2020 Graduates in our Community!



Probation officers were featured in the College Glen Neighborhood Association Newsletter congratulating 2020 graduates. We couldn't be more proud!

YOUTH DETENTION FACILITY

Youth Detention Facility Teacher Receives Big Honor

On June 23, 2020, the Sacramento County Office of Education named Carissa Jones Teacher of the Year. Jones, a Cordon Bleu graduate, operates the Youth Detention Facility Culinary Arts Program.

KCRA 3 featured Jones in an inspiring spotlight:



Probation Assistant Exodus Rogers Inspired Millions as he Proudly Represented Probation's Youth Detention Facility and the County Nationwide on the Titan Games

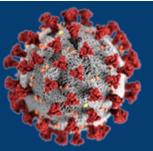
Probation Assistant Exodus Rogers was a fierce competitor on Season 2 of NBC's Titan Games with Dwayne the Rock Johnson.

Click on an image to view inspirational videos: NBC's production video of Rogers' work in the Youth Detention Facility, KCRA 3's spotlight, and Rogers' first win of the Games.





PROBATION'S COVID-19 RESPONSE



Making Health and Safety Our Top Priority

Probation officers continue supporting positive change in the community by contacting clients via phone calls and text messages and participating in meetings and Court hearings via Zoom. Officers are encouraging clients who are dealing with the impacts of COVID-19 with additional phone call support. When needed, officers are conducting safe home and field visits and client transports. Probation officers are also maintaining positive relationships with our community stakeholders to ensure our partnerships remain strong. In addition to constantly improving current operations, Probation continues making plans for increased operations and community involvement in the future.

Staying Strong, Staying Safe, Staying Involved

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