

HOLIDAY WRAP UP

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE 2021 HOLIDAY SEASON

This holiday season the Los Angeles County Probation Department was out in the community spreading good tidings and cheer. Several operations participated and hosted events to help give back to communities in an effort to ensure that their clients and community members had a memorable holiday.

The Special Enforcement Operations Unit kicked things off by participating in the Annual "Shop with an Officer" event at Target in Commerce. Children from the community were given a gift card and were escorted by an Officer while they shopped for Christmas. SEO Deputy Probation Officers volunteered and accompanied the kids as they shopped. The children were excited to shop, and the Deputies were honored to assist.

On December 15th, several Los Angeles County Probation Department Deputies partnered with the National Latino Peace Officers Association, San Gabriel Valley Chapter, at their annual Holiday Heroes event in Baldwin Park. Chief Probation Officer Dr. Adolfo Gonzales and Probation staff members volunteered and sponsored elementary-aged children from the San Gabriel Valley and accompanied them on a Target Shopping Spree. Some officers even generously pitched in extra money for a few young shoppers who went a bit over budget.

Chief Dr, Adolfo Gonzales helping young shopper at Holiday Heroes

DPOs Zepeda, Interrante, & Lupericio at Shop With An Officer in Commerce



Deputies volunteering at "Holiday Heroes" in Baldwin Park



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- Probation Director Wong**

The Hollenbeck Police Business Council and Inner-City Games hosted their annual "Miracle on 1st Street." Probation staff from the East Los Angeles office were onsite. In the city of Boyle Heights, several blocks of First Street were closed as residents enjoyed complimentary food, enjoyed the entertainment, and collected promotional items and toys provided by local businesses. Celebrities Arnold Schwarzenegger and Tom Arnold also joined in on the fun and helped distribute toys to children. Probation Director Wong expressed, "The Deputies and staff members dedicated their Saturday to represent our Department with their ambassadorship and kindred spirits professionally. Los Angeles County is very fortunate to have such compassionate staff vested in the welfare of the local communities they serve."



On December 16th, music, joy, and laughter filled the air as staff enjoyed Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall's Merry Grinchmas X-mas Party. While enjoying the holiday music curated by Whoville Elf DSO Earles, the staff enjoyed a delicious catered meal with all the holiday fixings. "The Grinch stopped by, and ironically he brought on a lot of laughter," shared Supervisor Holguin. At the luncheon, BJNH staff surprised a fellow BHJN employee and her husband, who were recently in a terrible car accident. The accident resulted in them both being severely injured. BJNH staff came together and collected toys for their colleague who has been out due to injury. "The holidays can be stressful when you've been injured and are not working," shared Director Martin. "So, we decided to collect toys to give to her two children in hopes of taking some stress away and making their families holiday season a little brighter."



BJNH Elves

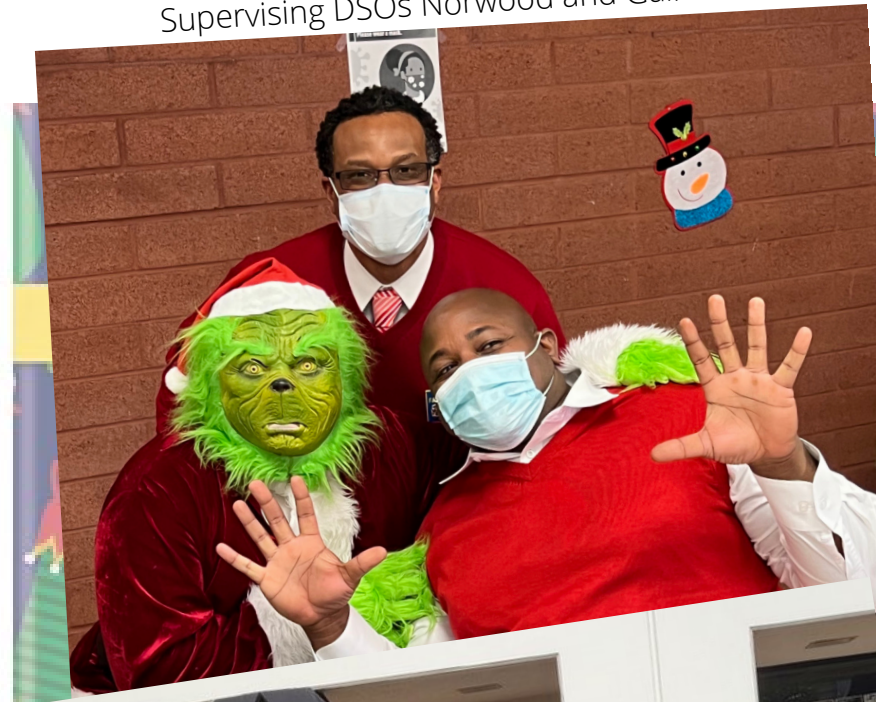
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In South Los Angeles, the Centinela Camp Community Transition Program Deputies partnered with PVJOBS for their community "North Pole Experience." Santa also stopped by to take pictures and give toys to hundreds of children while his elves assisted them at various craft stations. In addition, the CCTP Deputies donated gingerbread houses and helped the children decorate holiday cookies. It was a sight to see the young people playing in the snow and sledding down snowy hills in Los Angeles.

The Reentry Opportunity Center, South Bay AB109 Regional Office, and South-Central Area Offices collaborated with the Black Probation Officers Association and held a "Holiday Toy Drive." All the toys they collected benefited the children of probation clients and children residing with their parents at the Behavioral Health Services, Inc. Treatment Centers.

The Grinch (Supervising DSO Holguin) & BJNJH Supervising DSOs Norwood and Gallien



SDPO Allen helping Santa at the North Pole Experience



Santa's Pop Up Build A Bear Workshop at the North Pole Experience



The ROC, South Bay AB109 & South Central Area Office Toy Drive



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The Department's CORE Bureau also hosted a Toy Drive. With the help of the Pomona Valley Area Office staff and Family Violence DPOs, donated toys to a facility that assists families victimized by domestic violence. The gifts were donated just in time for Christmas. "Yesterday, we had the pleasure of delivering gifts to a battered woman shelter and seeing one family receive donated toys," expressed Senior Probation Director Baima. "Seeing the joy on the young boy's face, I am confident this act of service is a step towards healing and contributing to lasting good holiday memories to many families in our communities."

Centinela Area Office's PRCS Unit made sure to join in on the fun of spreading holiday cheer. They collected unopened toys and gift cards to give to the "United Friends of the Children," a non-profit organization that assists foster teens with gaining college access. "Every year, our goal is to assist the community we supervise and continue to build bridges in community supervision," shared Supervising Deputy Probation Officer Evans.



CORE Bureau donates toys to a Domestic Violence Shelter



Centinela Area Office's PRCS Unit donating gift cards and toys to "United Friends of the Children Non-Profit"

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Juvenile Field Services spread Christmas cheer in the Secure Youth Treatment Facility community with two SYTF youth clients that are also parents.

In a collaborative effort with Detention Services Bureau and the Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall Superintendent, the Juvenile Field Deputy Chief helped to support the families of these clients by providing gift cards and Christmas letters. The letters were written and made by the two SYTF parents for their children and families.

On the Tuesday before Christmas, the Juvenile Special Services Bureau (JSSB) Special Assistant Dominic Gonzalez, along with Division of Juvenile Justice Supervision DPOs Vicente Huidor and Eric Nations, hand-delivered the letters and gift cards to the SYTF children and families. The families were overcome with joy when they received their gift cards and letters and visited with their parents on FaceTime calls. It was a memorable Christmas season for SYTF clients and their families.



DPO Eric Nations delivering Holiday cheer to an SYTF youth and family



DPO Vicente Huidor brings a Holiday gift to SYTF children

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The Specialized Enforcement Operations' Proposition 63 Compliance Team concluded the Department's holiday efforts with their participation in the Department of Public and Social Services "Adopt a Family Program." The Deputies donated and delivered gifts to families in the Hawaiian Gardens community. The team was proud to have participated in this meaningful and heartfelt program.

Thank you to all the staff who donated food, toys, and clothes. Moreover, thank you to those that stayed in the community, noticed a need, and remained connected. You are changing lives by providing necessary resources, services and curating memorable positive life experiences. Because of your selfless generosity, several families and community children had an extra memorable 2021 holiday.

Probation News



SEO adopts a family

Centinela CCTP Deputies volunteering at PV Jobs' North Pole Experience



BJNJH Superintendent Sanders, Asst Director Duckett, Directors Novak and Collins, Asst Superintendent Roman, and Director Martin

Hollenbeck Youth Center's Miracle on 1st Street toy giveaway