

# INTRODUCING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD

**UNIT MOTTO: "TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE"**

The Los Angeles County Probation Department is proud to present its distinguished inaugural Honor Guard team. Established in October of 2021, the Honor Guards consist of sworn officers assigned to the Department's Juvenile Halls, Camps, Emergency Services, and Field Operations.

"As a member of the Honor Guard, I get to serve our probation and law enforcement family in a memorable way, and it is something I am very proud of. Ultimately, it's not about myself or the Honor Guard; it's always about the Officer being honored," DPO II Padilla shared.

The Honor Guard encompasses a wealth of emotion. It's regal and service oriented. When accepting the position, officers must have the strength to withstand their emotions. When the Honor Guard is called upon to serve in times of tragedy, they are charged to perform with the utmost precision, reverence, and respect.

Under Probation Director Michael Montes' guidance and the tutelage of Supervising Deputy Probation Officer Domonique Huffman, 21 officers were carefully selected to represent the Department as Honor Guards. While maintaining their daily work assignments, these officers take on the additional voluntary task of serving in this prestigious position. Even though the charge calls for the officers to sometimes be in the most difficult of circumstances, they are committed and take pride in the privilege to serve. Each Officer successfully completed several weeks of intensive theory and practical courses in basic drill and ceremony. They are now prepared to serve the Department and the families of fallen officers in excellence and with dignity.



The Los Angeles County Probation Department Honor Guard

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"The purpose of the honor guard is to let our brothers and sisters in probation and their families know that we as a department will honor their service."

- Probation Director Michael Montes.

The Los Angeles County Probation Department's Honor Guards' first act of service was to stand watch at the double memorial service, which honored the lives of Supervising Detention Services Officer Marcus Harris and retired Supervising Transportation Deputy James Harris.

"Although it was a sad occasion, it felt really good hearing and seeing family members whisper thank you as we stood watch at the memorial service," shared DPO Zepeda.

The Honor Guard has also been present at the L.A. County Fire Department funeral for Firefighter Jonathan Flagler and the Los Angeles Police Department funeral for Police Officer Fernando Arroyos. At the service for Officer Arroyos, Los Angeles County Probation Department Honor Guard members provided casket watch during Mayor Eric Garcetti's speech. They were recognized and thanked by LAPD, the Board of Supervisors, and other politicians for their presence and support.

"It is an honor to represent the department in this capacity," DPO II Davenport expressed. "It is my privilege to be allowed to show respect and dignity to a fallen officer and to provide comfort and support to their family during a challenging time."



L.A. County Probation Department Honor Guard



Honor Guard Flag Bearers

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Officers that serve their organizations in this prestigious capacity demonstrate the strength and character of forged steel. They withstand overwhelming forces of emotion and present as strong yet humble symbols of the agency when they're called upon to serve. Their deep sense of duty and commitment gives them the strength to endure difficult times. Each Officer truly believes that it is an honor and privilege to serve in this role.

Join the Los Angeles County Probation Department in recognizing, welcoming, and saluting the following Officers as our esteemed Honor Guards:

DPO II Cano, SDPO Cuevas, DPO II Davenport, DPO II Drow, DPO II Fisher, DPO II Hawkins, DSO Hernandez, DPO II Hoil, SDPO Huffman, DPO II Lopez, SDPO Medina, DPO II Mendez, DSO Molina, DPO II Padilla, SDPO Patron, DPO II Roman, DPO II Vizcarra, DPO II Wells, DPO II Zepeda, DSO Lejay (Back up H.G.), SDSO George Alvarez (Support Supervisor, Equipment Support and Training Facilities Coordinator), Assistant Director Montellano (Bugler), and Director Montes.

Thank you for your service.



At the ceremony in honor of LA County Firefighter Jonathan Flagler



LA County Probation department honor guards conducting the Flag Folding Ceremony in honor of Group Supervisor Nights, Floydean Murphy



Chief Probation Officer Gonzales at the ceremony honoring GSN Floydean Murphy