

## PROBATION DEPARTMENT

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 BAKER TO VEGAS TEAM!**

On April 9th and 10th, runners from multiple law enforcement agencies hit the pavement in scorching temperatures of over 100 degrees for the famous Baker to Vegas relay race. Over two days, sworn officers from numerous organizations, including LAPD, the Sheriff's Department, FBI, Border Patrol, and our own Los Angeles County Probation Department, participated in the 120mile relay. Starting on Highway 163, just 20 miles outside of Baker, Nevada, the race encompasses 20 legs ranging from 4.8 miles to 10.7, uphill, downhill, and flat stretches. It ends at the Rio Hotel in Las Vegas.

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Los Angeles County Probation Officers intensely train for months before the race. Runners train individually and participate in approximately six trial runs at the Rose Bowl in the beautiful city of Pasadena. Ultimately, 20 officers with the best run-time are selected to participate, with nine additional officers chosen as alternates. There are also many volunteers from the department that facilitate the logistics and assure the success of one of the most anticipated events of the year.

"What I love about it is that you have people from different parts of the probation department that come together. It's not just about work," Officer Hoil explained. "It's about coming together for the common goal of representing the department. I have even made long-time friendships within and beyond our department.".

After months of preparation, it was an intense yet fun-filled weekend to remember as this year's LA County Probation Department's Baker to Vegas team persevered in the dry desert heat, taking 7th place in the mix division and 84th place out of 216 teams. Congratulations to all the officers who participated and thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time. You all are outstanding examples of promoting teamwork, good health, and total body wellness. You Rock!



Baker 2 Vegas Leg 1 - DPO II Carla Alfaro



Runners and Volunteers at the Rio Hotel with their 7th place award and meet mugs.



Probation Director Katherine Falcon

It's a feeling of pride and joy when competing against the other agencies. You feel proud to represent the department."

- Seven-year runner DPO II Javier Hoil



DPO II Hoil Running Leg 7 in 100-degree weather

"It's an honor to be part of the Department's Baker to Vegas team every year. I always look forward to the next year. It's an awesome experience," expressed DPO Hoil. "If it's on your bucket list, come out and just do it, run or volunteer."

Baker to Vegas boosts internal employee morale and builds camaraderie amongst law enforcement agencies. If you are interested in trying out for the Los Angeles County Probation Department's Baker to Vegas team, look out on Probnet and read Prob-News emails to determine when next year's trial runs begin.