

#### News of the Month - August 2024

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<u>September 2nd - Labor Day (Federal Holiday)</u>

#### **National Dog Month**



August was National Dog Month! 🐾 The Los Angeles County Probation Department is excited to welcome K9 Xena, our new electronics detection dog, and K9s Lobo and Diablo, our newest narcotics detection dogs, to the probation family. Welcome to the team, K9 Xena, K9 Lobo, and K9 Diablo! Let's go!

Click To Watch Our K9 Video!

#### **Compton Cowboys**





On August 6th, LA County Probation Director Yung and Public Information Specialist Allen visited the Compton Cowboys Ranch and spoke with the Compton Jr. Equestrians Summer Camp during their Career Day. They engaged with more than 30 young equestrians, observing their rides, sharing the duties of a Probation Officer, answering questions about careers with the department, and sharing goody bags.

# Archdiocesan Youth Employment Services, Street Poets, and Unusual Suspects Visit Dorothy Kirby Center



On August 9th, the youth at Dorothy Kirby Center participated in transformative programs thanks to Archdiocesan Youth Employment Services (AYE) of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc., Street Poets, and Unusual Suspects Theatre Company. AYE led a career exploration session, guiding the youth toward their future paths. Street Poets harnessed the healing power of poetry and music, empowering the youth to rap and dream of a new world. Unusual Suspects offered theatre residencies, where the youth created and performed original plays and experienced professional theatre. A big thank you to our community partners for bringing these impactful programs to our youth.

# Public Defenders Office and Probation Oversight Commission Visit Los Padrinos



On August 14th, during visitation hours at Los Padrinos, the Probation Department, Public Defenders Office, and the Probation Oversight Commission came together and engaged with parents, addressing their questions, and concerns, and appreciating their compliments. These partnerships are crucial and greatly valued as we work to support our youth during this time in their lives.

#### New Film Presented at Camp Joseph Paige



On August 17, 2024, Board of Supervisors' Human Relations Consultant, Fidel Rodriguez and USC School of Social Work Assistant Professor Dr. Robert A. Hernandez, presented the 2024 film "Hard Miles". The film was a hit as it captivated the attention of CJP youth for the entirety of the showing.

Following the film, the youth engaged in a healing circle activity lead by Mr. Rodriguez and Dr. Hernandez that served to inspire each youth to see beyond their current circumstance as demonstrated in the film. Mr. Rodriguez shared his personal experience with adversity and trauma and CJP youth were challenged to accept the abundance of opportunity that still awaits them in community despite past trauma and decision-making.

In-N-Out meals for each youth and deputies in attendance were provided. Camp Joseph Paige youth, administrators, and deputies would like to extend a warm thank you to Mr. Rodriguez and Dr. Hernandez for providing a wonderful experience.

# Foothill Area Office Community Resource Fair



On August 6th, clients were already lined up ready to go when the Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena opened their gymnasium for the Foothill Area Office Community Resource Fair. Hosted by the LA County Probation Department Foothill office, the event featured 25 vendors offering everything from job opportunities and training to recovery support and health and wellness assistance. Drinks, food, and a live DJ were available to all, with gift certificates presented to raffle winners and other awardees. Director Martin applauded the event saying, "multi-disciplinary connections and relationships are formed at Job Fairs."

Thanks to Lisa Cavalier and Sonia Palumbo of Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena (Del Mar), for providing the air-conditioned venue, and to SDPO Cole and her team for their hard work hosting a very successful and positive event.

# MLK/Firestone Community Resource Fair



On August 20th, the Los Angeles County Probation Department hosted its MLK/Firestone Community Resource Fair. The fair featured more than 40 exhibitors providing free services and resources. Some of the most popular booths were the US Navy, INVEST, and PCS Family Services which provided information on expungement. Attendees also enjoyed complimentary lunch, snacks, and cold soft drinks as they engaged with providers. Thanks, MLK/Firestone Area Office for hosting an impactful community event.

#### LA County Youth Commissioner Speaks at DKC



On August 19th, Brittianna Robinson, LA County Youth Commissioner, inspired the youth at Dorothy Kirby Center with her story of resilience and triumph. Her powerful message sparked meaningful conversations, empowering the young ladies to overcome their own challenges. Thank you, Brittianna, for being a beacon of hope and change!

Learn More About The LA County Youth Commission

#### Camp Joseph Paige Youth Welcomes New Daughter



On August 20, 2024 at 9:14am, a Camp Joseph Paige youth became a father. CJP officers collaborated with the guardians of the new parents, St. Mary's Medical Center Personnel and Risk Management, and Long Beach Police Department to coordinate a baby bonding visit. Officers transported the CJP youth to the hospital where he was able to present himself as the child's father and sign the birth certificate. Most importantly the youth was able to bond with his newborn daughter using the "skin to skin" method. The CJP youth held his new daughter for nearly two hours. It is certain that they both left an impression on each other's hearts. Congratulations to the whole family.

#### LACP is Hiring Now!





The Los Angeles County Probation Department is currently hiring for Detention Services Officer (Night or Day).

#### **August Press Releases**



8/12/24 - LA County Probation Department Confirms Earthquake Caused No Damage Or Injury at Juvenile Halls, Camps, SYTF Facilities

<u>8/18/24 - Suspects Filmed After Attempting to</u> <u>Transfer Contraband</u>

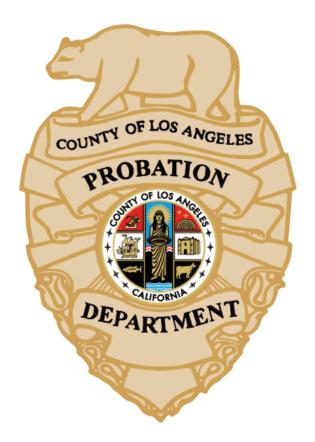
College Internship Program Culmination Ceremony



On August 23rd, the Los Angeles County Probation Department proudly hosted the College Internship Program Culmination Ceremony. We celebrated seven outstanding interns who successfully completed the program, gaining invaluable experience working with both youth clients in detention facilities and adult clients in area offices.

Inspiring words were shared by Senior Probation Director Corral, and Directors Ollague, and Beigh, while SDPOs Crowder and Zazueta honored those who went above and beyond with specialized pins.

One intern shared, "Thank you to the Probation Department for this incredible experience and for providing us the opportunity to explore potential career paths."



#### Community Relations Team Connects With LA Residents



On August 7th, the Los Angeles County Probation Department's Community Relations Team joined the Greater Faith Baptist Church for their Back to School Community Backpack Giveaway. They connected with hundreds of community members, played games with children, provided resources and services information, and shared career opportunities within the department.

#### **Canyon Fire Memorial**

Today, we honor and remember the courage and dedication of the LA County firefighter and the Probation Department youth crew who sacrificed their lives in service to Los Angeles County communities.

Fireman Specialist George Thomas Crewman Gregory Banks Crewman Duane Battle Crewman Larry Carlin Crewman Arthur Mendible Crewman Robert Rivera Crewman William Rodriguez Crewman Earl Walzer

#### Your sacrifice and service will never be forgotten.

August 23rd marks the 56th anniversary of the tragic loss of L.A. County Probation Fire Crew 4-4 and an L.A. County Firefighter Specialist during the Encanto "Canyon" Fire, which occurred just above the cities of Glendora and Azusa.



On August 23, 1968, eight members of LA County Probation Fire Crew 4-4 and an LA County Firefighter Specialist perished in the devastating Canyon Fire, which ravaged over 19,000 acres in the foothills north of Glendora, Azusa, Duarte, and Monrovia. The crew lost their lives near the current site of LA County Fire Station 97, where a public memorial is now displayed. August 23 marked the 56th anniversary of the tragic loss.

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"August is a reminder that every ending is just a new beginning." -Anon



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#### Los Angeles County Probation Department

The Los Angeles County Probation Department is committed to rebuilding lives and providing for healthier and safer communities for all 10 million residents of Los Angeles County. Through a variety of programs, community partnerships and services, the Probation Department's mission is to enhance public safety, ensure victims' rights and effect positive probationer behavioral change. The Probation Department comprises nearly 5,600 employees and has an operational budget of \$1 billion as of 2020.

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