

# PR BATION NEWS

## IN HONOR OF DSO MICHAEL E. WALL

It is with great sadness that the Los Angeles County Probation Department mourns the loss of Detention Services Officer Michael Wall, an amazing father, loving brother, and dedicated member of our Probation family.

On Friday, April 30, 2021, DSO Wall was working the A.M. shift at Central Juvenile Hall when he went into cardiac arrest. Upon witnessing his distress, fellow Probation staff and Juvenile Court Health Services employees immediately rushed to his aid and administered CPR. Subsequently, he was transported to the hospital, where he underwent emergency surgery. Shortly thereafter, DSO Wall, unfortunately, passed away.

The unexpected passing of DSO Wall while on duty has affected our Probation family on all levels. James Phelps, Assistant Superintendent of Central Juvenile Hall, shared, "The recent loss of Detention Services Officer Michael Wall was felt deeply by those who knew him and worked with him. His passing impacted each in different ways. Although the incident is devastating, I am struck by those who immediately responded, in an attempt, to preserve life. These individuals demonstrated the very best of us. I will never forget the passing of DSO Wall nor witnessing the highest example of human compassion. My thoughts and prayers are with DSO Wall and his family."



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"My deepest respect and gratitude are with those first responders." Deputy Director Dalila Alcantara expressed, "Much of Central staff has become friends and family throughout the years, and we all share the pain and loss when we remember Mr. Wall." She encourages his immediate colleagues to lean on each other and find the strength to get through the pain by focusing on the good memories that captured Mr. Wall's humor, kindness, and smile.

DSO Wall's probation career spanned 14 years. His dedication and fidelity to positively impacting our youth and fostering positive change in their lives continue to be recognized by his colleagues in LA County and adjacent counties within the state of California. Once informed of DSO Wall's untimely passing, Probation Departments across the state instantly offered heartfelt condolences and prayers for his family and co-workers. Today, flags remain at half-mast at several Probation Departments in honor of his commitment to the community and dedicated service.

"Our deepest condolences go out to the Wall family and loved ones as well as his fellow Officers and the entire Probation Department staff," said Chief Probation Officer Dr. Adolfo Gonzales. "DSO Wall was a dedicated guardian of justice. He will be missed. I join all our Probation family and Department staff members as we all mourn our colleague. Please reach out if you need support as we are here to help each other."

Detention Services Officer Michael Wall is survived by his daughter and sisters. Please remember his family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow and as they prepare to lay him to rest.

Chief Probation Officer Dr. Adolfo Gonzales invites all staff to wear a mourning band. The wearing of the mourning band is a traditional way to recognize fallen officers. The black mourning band may be worn horizontally across the badge for anyone who wishes to do so. For those who do not wear a display badge, a black ribbon may be worn across your LA County Probation lapel pin. Employees have been asked to wear the mourning band until sunset on the day of Mr. Wall's burial.

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**Funeral services are pending. The Department will be notified as soon as the date, time, and location of the memorial services are confirmed.**



If you need help processing this or any other grief, please feel free to contact our Probation's Peer Support Program at 818-788-8016 or via email at: [info@probationsupportservices.com](mailto:info@probationsupportservices.com) or LA County's Employee Assistance Program at 213-738-4200