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TRI-COUNTIES DPO CORE GRADUATION

Submitted by Supervising Probation Officer (SPO) Bill Roberts



Left to right: DPOs Nelson Maldonado, Lindsay Mills, Rita Guzman; Chief Probation Officer Guadalupe Rabago; DPO's Sandra Black, Kellie George and Refugio Elizarraraz



Left to right: Supervising Probation Officer Bill Roberts awarding certificate to class Valedictorian DPO Kellie George



Tri-Counties DPO Core graduation cake

On October 21st, fifteen Deputy Probation Officers (DPO) from Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Ventura Counties graduated from the Tri-Counties DPO Core. The Tri-Counties DPO Core is a collaborative effort to bring mandated training to new officers. The graduation followed students successful completion of course work and physical training covering 26 days and totaling 212 hours. The graduation took place at the Board of Supervisors hearing room in Santa Maria and was wonderfully catered by Los Prietos Boys Camp (LPBC) led by Food Service Workers Tammy Fournier and Julie Garcia. DPO Kellie George earned the Valedictorian award for her overall outstanding efforts during the training.

Congratulations to all the graduates and we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

PROBATION PROFILE: INNOVATION ON THE RANGE

Submitted by SPO Bill Roberts



For those not aware, Sr. DPO Duane Erdman's career focus is training coordinator and range master for the Department. Duane excels in both areas as he researches new and exciting trainings for the staff and creates original courses of fire for each quarterly qualification.

As the Santa Barbara County Probation's head range master, Duane is often praised for his innovative qualifications that although can be difficult at times; ultimately, they challenge armed officers to become better by raising the standards of the qualifications. He is patient with newly armed officers and maintains a safe environment for all officers on the range. For example, during a recent training, Duane was working with some officers who struggled with timed exercises or qualifications. Duane, being his creative self, had a simple yet effective solution to help alleviate the stress and increase proficiency. The result was that the officers were able to see they had more time than they realized, and were

able to focus more on successfully completing the exercise than the expiring time, resulting in improved scores.

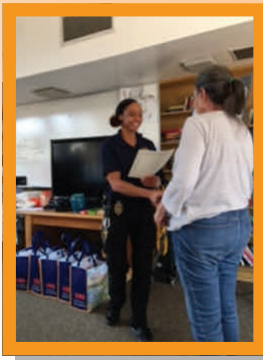
Duane has been with the Department for 19 years; nine of which have been with the Professional Standards Unit. Duane's efforts in training and on the range have been recognized throughout the state and locally. In fact, he was presented with the Thomas H. Guerry award on May 11, 2016, for superior performance and outstanding service as a Law Enforcement Officer.



**Photo on right is not of "Live Shooters" and is staged at the range*

2016 Santa Barbara PRRC Summertime Quarterly Aftercare Luncheon - BBQ

Submitted by Sr. DPO Sarah McLemore



Left to right: DPO Sr. Sarah McLemore congratulating client Denise D.

On Tuesday, August 23rd, the Probation Report and Resource Center (PRRC) hosted a Quarterly Aftercare Barbecue Luncheon at the Santa Barbara site to recognize PRRC clients for their achievements. On this day, thirteen PRRC clients attended, as well as staff members from Probation, Community Solutions, Inc., and the Santa Barbara Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA). Denise D. received a certificate for Client of the Month, due to her positive attitude and overall participation. Denise spoke to the group about her participation in "Reading Plus" - *(A web-based, self-paced curriculum designed to assess reading levels and improve reading skills facilitated by the United Way)* and the positive influence it has had on her life, and encouraged others to participate as well. Several other clients were recognized for their outstanding attendance and participation in programming. The event included a raffle with prizes of grocery gift bags going to PRRC clients in attendance. Thanks to all who participated and helped make it a great event!

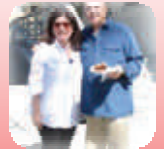
Santa Barbara Juvenile Drug Court Celebrates National Drug Court Month



On May 26th, Santa Barbara Juvenile Drug Court held its 7th annual Job, Education, Health, and Wellness Fair, in celebration of National Juvenile Drug Court Month, at the parking lot of Santa Barbara Superior Court, Juvenile Division. The goal for this year's event was to make it bigger, better, more informative, and family-friendly. To



reach this goal, invitation to the fair was extended to all juveniles served by the Probation Department, as well as their families and friends. The fair was well attended by over 40 juveniles, their families and friends, who had the opportunity to connect with 16 community partner agencies and businesses. Saul Serrano, South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety Coordinator, was the event's host, and provided music entertainment and engaged the crowd with raffle prizes throughout the event. Raffle prizes were generously donated by a large group of community supporters. Everyone who attended also enjoyed delicious food, pastries, baked goods, fruit, and refreshments. The Santa Barbara Juvenile Drug Court Team was extremely thankful for the support of Second District Supervisor Janet Wolf who graciously attended the fair. Another highlight was "Dunk-a-P.O." where guests threw balls at a target to dunk Sr. DPO Todd Malesich into the water. The fair took months of preparation and it was made possible by the hard work of staff at Santa Barbara Juvenile Probation Services.



Submitted by DPO Marisa Ortiz

TASTE OF THE OLYMPICS

Submitted by Sr. DPO Ashley Cabral

September 9th marked the commencement of the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH) Olympics. The SMJH Olympics were a three day event designed to engage and reward the youth currently housed in the facility. The participants worked diligently over the course of a week to earn their way to a spot in the Olympics by displaying positive behavior. Approximately fourteen youth enjoyed an afternoon of cotton ball races, hand ball tournaments, football throw tournament, music, snacks, and comradery with one another. It was exciting to see several of the participants from the first day of the Olympics return for a second day of events. Day two of the SMJH Olympics consisted of a basketball throw tournament, water balloon toss, and a badminton tournament.



The Winners Circle

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The final day of the Olympics included a presentation of awards, pizza and ice cream party (ice cream donated by Doc Bernstein's Ice Cream), and viewing of "Eddie the Eagle." The youth were proud to share their accomplishments with staff and other youth. In addition to bragging rights, the youth were awarded increased privileges for their dedication during the SMJH Olympics and allowed the youth to engage in positive activities and competition with one another while leaving their differences behind. The SMJH Olympics was successful and well received by the youth. Many of the participants talked about the event for weeks following, and continue requesting similar events. This event additionally, allowed the SMJH staff to acknowledge the youths' accomplishments with both their Olympic performance, as well as the positive

behavior they demonstrated in order to participate. The awards ceremony was led by (now) DPO Sendejas and Juvenile Institutions Officer (JIO) Shibata, who worked late to present awards to the Olympic participants. This event would not have been possible without the help of JIO Bull and SPO Santiago, who volunteered their time to initiate the Olympic activities for the youth.

Lompoc ARRC opens at it's New Location

Submitted by Supervising Probation Officer Barton Clark



Treatment Team-Left to right: Richard Rubio, Probation Community Transition Officer (CTO); Megan Young, MA IMF; Victor Valencia, Los Compadres; Emily Peiper, AOD Counselor and Roseanna Rojo, Probation Assistant

The Alternative Report and Resource Center (ARRC) opened at its new site in Lompoc on August 6th at Coast Valley Substance Abuse Treatment Center in Lompoc. ARRC provides individual and group support for youth by targeting specific needs, such as: drug/alcohol counseling, trauma informed care, cognitive behavior therapy, mentoring, tutoring, job preparation and family support. With the help of community based organizations (CBOs), ARRC uses a treatment team model. The team meets weekly to discuss progress and treatment goals. Youth transitioning back to the community from LPBC utilize the services of ARRC to increase their success through continuation of treatment and additional support. A recent LPBC graduate continued participation in Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) at the ARRC and completed the program on October 12th. Emily Pieper is the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) counselor and site coordinator at the

ARRC in Lompoc. She reports youth have responded positively to the new ARRC structure, and a number of youth have come to her requesting to join classes. Recently, a young lady chose to report on a Saturday in order to participate in community service and AOD programming. Since opening, ARRC has held a monthly parent night where dinner is provided to the families and resources are offered. Most recently a therapist from Child Abuse Listening Mediation (CALM) presented ways for parents to effectively communicate with adolescents. Through the efforts at the ARRC Probation is expanding the ways to positively impact in the lives of youth and families in the community.



Left to right: Richard Rubio, CTO, Happy MRT graduate Christian P. and Megan Young, MA IMF