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# SDCPOA YEARLY PICNIC



Our annual SDCPOA Picnic took place on Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>. This years' Picnic was held at the MCRD Boat House where members had the opportunity to join us for good music, food, fun and games. Members also had the opportunity to rent boats and have some fun in the water.

Although attendance was down significantly from previous years, members who participated had a great time. Several raffles took place where members received anywhere from movie tickets, Starbucks gift cards to \$100 raffle prizes to the 5-11 Store.

We would like to keep this Picnic going on a yearly basis, however, if participation continues to decline, the POA Board will reevaluate the idea. We encourage you to participate if you would like this yearly event to continue.



# 19 NEW CDPO HIRES TO START NOVEMBER 2017

*The beginning of October, 19 new employees were hired as Correctional Deputy Probation Officers (CDPO's). Out of those nineteen new hires, one was a student worker previously working at Reflections Central, and another was an Intern with Drug Court. Also joining us is a previous mail courier who happened to "jump ship" to becoming sworn peace officer.*

*Most come with an array of experience starting from a School Police Officer, Sherriff Department Booking Clerk, Boys and Girls Club Team Member, Alternatives to Detention program counselor, and one who was previously working as a counselor at a Residential Treatment Center. They aspire to get the necessary experience rapidly in order to work with our youth and adult population in the community sometime in the near future. Many are eager to start their new career and possibly joining an armed unit.*

*SDCPOA Board Members have been in continuous contact with our new hires and we have been providing them with the necessary information and support needed.*

**Congratulations and Welcome to the San Diego County Probation Department!**



Above, new hires being sworn in by Chief Gonzales.

# SDCPOA IN THE COMMUNITY SUPPORTING LOCAL POLITICIANS

With only six months until the June primary, and Bill Horn's term coming to an end, three candidates are in the running for the hot seat. On Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup>, President Jeff Webdell and Board of Director Govanna Jauregui attended the Candidate Forum for the running of County Board of Supervisor for District 5. The forum was sponsored by your very own SDCPOA, the Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA) of San Diego County, and the Associated General Contractors of San Diego (AGC). The forum was held in Poway at the DSA's office where candidate Jerry Kern, Jim Desmond and Esther Sanchez discussed their plans and current issues facing San Diego County. The three candidates were well prepared for this debate and unlike debates most of us are used to, this debate was very polite and no one attacked each other. They all discussed their own plans and touched on issues relating to law enforcement and budget cuts. The three candidates discussed supervision understaffing issues the department is faced with, and the demand for continuous supervisor with little to no relief for officers.

Jim Desmond had the privilege of the three candidates to complete a ride-a-long with several officers in October of this year. He praised the officers and stated that they were extremely professional and not once did any one of them complain about working more with less. He only had positive things to say about the officers he had the rare opportunity to ride with.



**Running for County Supervisor  
District 5 Candidate Forum**

# COMMUNITY TRANSITION CENTER (CTC) LIGHTHOUSE TREATMENT

If you drive by Old Town Transit Center and happen to look West, you will notice a brown building which looks like a hotel. On the outside sits a light blue sign with "Lighthouse" hanging from the side. That hotel-looking shaped building is the Community Transition Center (CTC). CTC is located across the street from the County's Psychiatric Hospital on Rosecrans Street.

The Community Transition Center is an assessment and transitional housing facility that is run as a partnership between Probation (12 staff), Health and Human Services (7 contracted clinical staff), and The Lighthouse Community. About half of the 98 total residents on the property are in detox, waiting for placement in transitional housing, waiting for beds to open up in either sober living or inpatient treatment programs throughout the County. The other half of the residents are actually participating in long term treatment at the Lighthouse. Though there are a few state parole beds at the Lighthouse, the bulk of the program participants are on AB109 Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) or Mandatory Supervision (MS). Because of the long wait for the Lighthouse, all AB109 Lighthouse residents started off their time on property at the CTC, waiting for as much 10 weeks for the program they and their case managing PO decided would be the best fit for them.

On Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup>, the Lighthouse hosted their quarterly graduation where six graduates were honored. The graduates talked to other members some who recently joined, and some who are close to completing their program about their accomplishments. One in particular indicated that when he first got to the program he was really hesitant to even try to complete the program but when he met staff, he understood that they were there to help and sincerely showed their support.

CTC has staff on duty 24/7 to provide security as well as structure to the program and daily schedule. Probation staff and BHST are on site seven days a week during regular business hours to conduct assessments, pre-release screenings, develop case plans, and link residents to appropriate services.

A summary report for September indicated a total of 158 clients were referred to CTC in 2017. 94 of them were PRCS, and 24 MS. With the many clients referred to CTC, this program has shown to have positive results with little to no violators testing positive for illicit substances and absconding.

Pictured Below:

DPO Ahine Nunez, Acting Deputy Chief Lisa Swain,  
DPO Rhonda Bateman, and SrPO Nathan Becraft



## SDCPOA AND SACRAMENTO POLITICAL ENDORSEMENT INFORMATION

The Peace Officers Research Association of California PORAC has a new President. Brian Marvel an 18 year San Diego Police Veteran was elected by his peers to head one of the largest organizations in California representing more than 70,000 public safety members and 930 associations. Marvel will replace Mike Durant who was a Senior Deputy Sheriff with Santa Barbara and held the position for four years. Brian Marvel was supported by your very own SDCPOA. Congratulations Brian on your new venture.



## 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PORAC CONFERENCE

**San Diego-** The 65<sup>th</sup> Annual PORAC Conference was held at the Marriott Marquis Hotel Downtown on Friday November 17th. Several SDCPOA Board of Directors attended the conference this year where they had the opportunity to attend trainings sessions and gather new information at the Exhibitor Viewing event. This year there were over 600 members in attendance. PORAC represents over 70,000 members and it's the largest public safety organization in California and the largest statewide public safety association in the nation.

Members of the board attended a dinner Friday evening sponsored by Bobbitt, Pinkard & Fields Law Firm. This was a great opportunity to socialize and meet other PORAC members in San Diego County and discuss current issues trending in their organization.

## STUDENTS GRADUATE THE CITIZEN'S ACADEMY IN NORTH COUNTY- SDCPOA DONATES HELMETS

**San Marcos-** 20 San Marcos Elementary students graduated from the Probation Youth Citizen's Academy in North County this past November 29<sup>th</sup>. Part of their accomplishment prize was a bicycle donated by the Sheriff's Department along with a new helmet donated by your SDCPOA and the SPOA. The program was organized by North County officers who during their lunch time, engaged with students to discuss topics regarding good decision making, Peer Pressure, Choices and Decision Making.



## MEMBER RETIREMENTS

- \* Lonnie Simmons
- \* Trina Paranada
- \* Randolph Hernandez
- \* Anthony Kemp
- \* Brian Tillitson
- \* Bell Thurmond A.
- \* David Flesner

# SDCPOA IN OUR COMMUNITY



DCPO Escuro, Sunshine and POA President Laudner at the yearly Children's Hospital Teddy Bear Drive



DCPO Escuro, Chief Gonzales, POA President Laudner, DC Joralemon, Biker the dog, and kids participating in Shop With A Cop.

# SDCPOA IN OUR COMMUNITY



Chief Gonzales, Low Rider Association President Myra Nunez, and Vice President Govanna Jauregui attending the Annual Low Rider Toy Drive



Chief Gonzales, and SDCPOA President Scott Laudner with Santa and children at the Toy Drive.

# ANNUAL SDCPOA HOLIDAY PARTY



Our Annual Holiday Party held on Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> was a huge success despite the circumstances occurring around San Diego County. We would like to thank all of you who were in attendance for your continued support. We will see you again next year for this awaited party of the year.



*Be on the look out to see your worksite and member highlights in upcoming issues!*

*For any questions or comments regarding The Advisor, please contact any of the Board of Directors or email Govanna Jauregui at*

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# YOUR NEW POA BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

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