

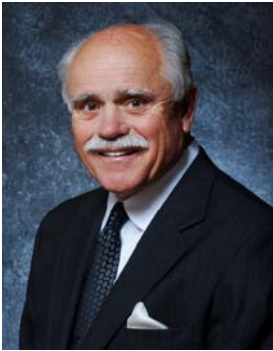
# Riverside County Probation Department



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## CHIEF'S MESSAGE



**Alan M. Crogan**  
Chief Probation Officer

On June 10, 2009, the Riverside County Probation Department hosted an open house at Riverside Juvenile Hall to celebrate the completion of some critical renovations for the safety and security of the institution. Originally built in 1951, it had been 22 years since the facility had last been upgraded. During

that time, the detainee population profile has changed considerably due to the increase in the number of serious, violent offenders.

Due to the outstanding support of the Board of Supervisors and County Executive Office the institution now showcases a state of the art, wholly redesigned and equipped command center, a facility-wide camera system, a secured and lit staff parking lot, security key watch, enhanced fencing and perimeter lighting. These improvements will significantly improve our ability to provide a safe and secure environment for detainees while ensuring that staff and community concerns have been addressed.

Chief Crogan made the opening comments and introductions and thanked the Board, County Executive Office and staff for their support and accomplishments. He noted that, "This project was not a labor of love, but a labor of necessity." Honored guests included County Board of Supervisors Chair Jeff Stone, District 3; Supervisor Bob Buster, District 1; John Field, Chief of Staff for Supervisor John Tavaglione, District 2; Verne Lauritzen, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Stone; and Chris Woodin, Legislative Assistant for Supervisor Marion

Ashley, District 5. The judiciary was represented by Juvenile Court Presiding Judge Charles J. Koosed; Superior Court Presiding Judge Thomas H. Cahraman, and former Juvenile Court Presiding Judge Christian "Rick" Thierbach. County Executive Officer Bill Luna and Undersheriff Valerie Hill were also in attendance. Chief Deputy Probation Officer Donna Thierbach made the closing comments. Chief Crogan acknowledge the excellent work by the department's project coordinator, Probation Division Director Tom Gardner of Southwest Juvenile Hall; Project Manager Nancy Cano; Scott Lee of Air Metrix; Todd Dalke, Command Center Contractor; Carroll Anderson, Riverside Juvenile Hall Building Services Engineer and John Brown Riverside Juvenile Hall Building Maintenance Mechanic. The Chief also thanked Rob Field, Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA; Tim Miller, Assistant Director of Facilities Management and Christopher Hans, Deputy County Executive Officer, for their substantial support.

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Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeff Stone

## YOUTH ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM FACILITATES DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

by Vonree Traylor, Deputy Probation Officer II



The Jurupa and Norco Youth Accountability Teams (YAT) have partnered to facilitate an eight-week session of Youth Drug and Alcohol Awareness courses, developed by the National Curriculum and Training Institute. NCTI is known for their cognitive-based behavior change curricula designed for both adult and juvenile offenders. NCTI utilizes a unique philosophical approach, known as the Building Blocks for Behavioral Change, and delivery techniques designed to foster positive, pro-social behavior changes in offenders.

Deputy Probation Officers Dulce Cendejas and Vonree Traylor, along with Riverside Sheriff's Deputy Frank Yezzo, and Riverside County District Attorney's Paralegal Santiago Gonzalez, instructed the class of 21 youths at the Riverside Sheriff's Office, Jurupa station.

The program is scheduled to be ongoing throughout Riverside County and it will be facilitated by the various YAT teams within the Probation Department.

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## CONGRATULATIONS CORE GRADUATES!



### May 1, 2009 Probation Corrections Officer CORE Class

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY :** Christina David, Danny Hinh, Michelle G. Johnson, Amanda J. Nelson, Chris Pedersen, Frank Perez, Di Nisha Sanchez, Gracia Sanchez, Adrian Sandoval, Robert J. Taylor, Dale J. Templeton, Joe-Eric Torres, and Arlene Villa

**IMPERIAL COUNTY :** Tommy Lee Bowen and Gustavo Navarro

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY:** Sarah Gammel

**VENTURA COUNTY:** Manuel Alvarado Jr., Allen Pastores, Travis Prater, and Pedro Vargas