

PROBATION E-GRAM



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Remembering Sergeant Steve Owen

On October 5, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department suffered a monumental loss. Sergeant Steven Owen, a 29-year department veteran, was responding to a residential burglary call in Lancaster when he was shot in the face by a suspect on active parole. Despite being rushed to the hospital by fellow deputies, Owen succumbed to his wounds. His families made it to the hospital and were at his side when he died.



Today, Sgt. Owen is being put to rest. Can you please help his family out in their time of need? [Click here to donate.](#)

All of the net proceeds of the funds raised will be personally delivered to his wife Tania via the [Star & Shield Foundation](#). It is crucial that we get this support to her as soon as possible to offset expenses the family will be faced with, to offer peace of mind, and to show her that we all honor Steve's legacy at work and in the community he served.

Steve was a legendary law enforcement officer. He received the Medal of Valor and multiple awards and recognition for heroics throughout his career. He also spent time serving the community on his own time, as a mentor to young people and as a football coach. Steve died as he lived - serving his community. That is why we are coming together as a community to support Steve's family. Many of us worked with Steve and even more of us came to know and respect him.

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Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016
7:30pm

Stewards' Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016
7:30pm

General Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016
7:30pm

Stewards' Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016
7:30pm

General Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016
7:30pm

Stewards' Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016
7:30pm

Meetings are held at the

Local 685 office

3701 Wilshire Blvd.
Suite 510
Los Angeles, CA 90010

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A Look Into The MAT Team

Sometimes it is interesting to know what responsibilities other units within the Probation Department are in charge of, so let's take a look at what



the MAT is all about. The AB109 Mobile Assistance Team (MAT) consist of four teams of two members in each team.

The MAT teams is responsible for providing transportation for Post Release Sentence Persons (PSP's) from various locations throughout LA County. MAT also provides transportation for task force related activities, emergency, and medical related transportation. This unit works collaboratively with the Law Enforcement, Department of Mental Health (DMH), Area Office Staff, Alhambra PRCS, courts, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), and hospital personnel.

They conduct out of county bench warrant pick-ups and prison exchanges of clients being released from custody of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). MAT assist with Flash Incarcerations and conditional releases from the revocation court. MAT works with PSPs who are medically fragile, mentally unstable, absconding issues, unable to navigate transportation, and sex offenders.

MAT is a unit that must work flexible schedules to accommodate agency operations which include: nights, weekends and holidays. Furthermore, when other units are non-operational due to High Alert, MAT is the only unit that remains functional and still carries out their assignments in the Hot Zones. The above is only a small portion of the unique character and abilities of the MAT unit. The Los Angeles community and AFSCME Local 685 indeed appreciate your efforts.

Operation Safe Halloween: New Changes Coming

"Operation Safe Halloween" is again gearing up to be certain that children are safe as they celebrate



Halloween this year by ensuring sex offender probationers are in compliance with the law. Our probation department organized Los Angeles County Special Enforcement Officers, probation staff from AB 109, AB 109 GPS, Sex Registrant (SRG) experts, Adult Field Services, Adult Gang Supervision, the Staff Training Office (STO), and Domestic Violence staff who have been participating in compliance checks specifically aimed at this population since September.

This year the Probation Department is intent on adding an additional approach to this operation. The Department

We welcome any story ideas - anything from success with a probationer, to the birth of a child or retirement of a co-worker, to the effect of staffing shortages or workload requirements on your ability to do your job.

Please email your story ideas to Cookie Lommel at clommel@afscme685.com.

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Women's Leadership

plans to gather all sex offenders who are in a homeless status to attend an event in a San Fernando Valley facility so these probationers will be out of the community while kids are out door-to-door engaging in trick-or-treat activities. At this event, these probationers will learn about resources that they should be involved in as well as distributing some basic needs items, like: jeans, shoes, t-shirts, and hygiene items.

"We had a great deal of success in the Skid Row District when we used a motor home to attract the probationers in that area with something that drew them to check in with us, so we are planning to apply part of that concept to Operation Safe Halloween this year by encouraging them to come to us," Director of SEO Ruben Montes said.

Los Angeles County Probation Department is always on the cutting-edge of public safety programs that other counties and states have adopted similar programs. For example, The Indiana Parole and Probation Departments have partnered in an Operation Safe Halloween style program, statewide. This public safety program brings together convicted sex offenders to one location during trick-or-treat hours in an effort to directly monitor them and remove sex offenders from community streets during this traditional children's activity. Probationers in Indianapolis are required to report to a meeting where information regarding the sex offender registry, treatment options, and parole/probation obligations are discussed.

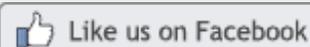
In San Francisco, there is a program entitled Operation Lights Out. Where The San Francisco Adult Probation Department conducts sex offender compliance checks. On Halloween night, identified registered sex offenders have been directed to remain inside their homes, not have Halloween decorations displayed, ensure their porch lights are off, not answer their doors for trick-or-treaters. In addition to these restrictions, the registered sex offender will be visited by a probation officer to make sure they are complying with their restrictions.

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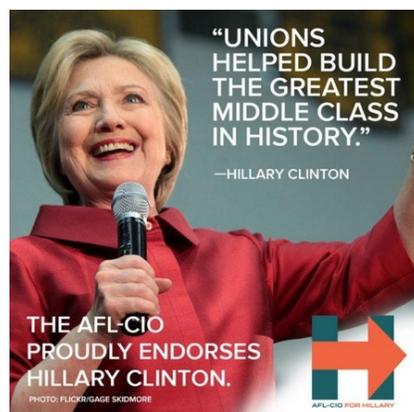
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Be a part of selecting our next President!

AFSCME Local 685 will be working the telephones talking to voters as we host phone banking nights on October 13 and 27.

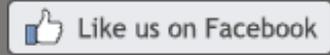
Please join us for dinner and phone banking at Union Headquarters: 3701 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 510, Los Angeles, CA 90057 -- we will be calling from 6-7 pPM, before our membership meeting (Parking will be validated).



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