



Assembly Bill 109 (Realignment) Implementation Remains a Challenge

Last October, Assembly Bill (AB) 109 took effect and began the historic shift of responsibility for supervision of former prison inmates from the state to the local level.

Between October 1st and December 31st, a projected 878 inmates were slated to be released from state custody to the County's Probation Department. Of that number, a total of 61 (6.9%) failed to report for supervision. An additional 57 offenders never arrived as they were turned over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or other jurisdictions prior to their release from prison.



During this period, there were 413 violations recorded by the probation officers within the department's Post-Release Community Supervision (PCS) division, who are responsible for supervising the offenders released from state custody due to realignment. Of these, 343 or 83% of the individuals who violated the terms and conditions of their probation and/or violated new laws were able to remain in PCS without serving additional time in custody. This is, in part, due to intermediate sanctions like re-referral to drug or alcohol education programs, an increased reporting schedule, and/or an increase in the frequency of required drug and alcohol testing. An additional 70 (17%) offenders were continued on PCS with time in custody, all served within the Orange County jail system.

A total of 20 PCS probationers had their supervision revoked with a local commitment. No revocations have resulted in an offender returning to state prison.

The amount of funds available to the Probation Department in FY 11-12 to implement AB 109 is \$6,692,733. The department has responded to this new offender population by expanding the Center for Opportunity, Reentry, and Education Program (CORE) to include PCS offenders. Probation has also embedded staff from the Health Care Agency at their Santa Ana Office to complete both Mental Health and Substance Abuse assessments on the PCS population. Additionally, efforts are underway to open up to three Day Reporting Centers across Orange County to serve the needs of this new population of offenders in the community. As the PCS population continues to increase, additional staff and intervention resources are being deployed to meet the need, with the goals of enhanced community safety and offender rehabilitation at the forefront of those efforts. ■

How Can Orange County Learn from the 2011 Japan Earthquake and Tsunami?

As County Health Officer, Dr. Eric Handler has unique responsibilities during any disaster that would impact Orange County. That's why he was invited to participate in a Federally sponsored trip to Japan to see first-hand the devastation caused by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

Touring the areas heavily damaged by the earthquake and resulting tsunami and talking to emergency responders left Dr. Handler inspired by how the Japanese people pulled together to begin the recovery effort. "There was no looting. In fact, people were generous to a fault. They provided care and material resources to the tens of thousands of people left homeless who sought temporary shelter."

While visiting the Miyagi Prefecture (state), Dr. Handler spoke with a remarkable young woman, a mother of two small children, who waited in line for three hours to get food and milk for her children. When she got to the front of the line and received her supply, she gave the milk to an elderly couple who were also waiting because she felt they needed it more than her children. At one location, he walked through an area covered with debris, seeing children's toys, dishes and other possession representing normalcy that changed in an instant with this catastrophe.

The sights and stories led Dr. Handler to understand that we can all learn from the resiliency demonstrated by the Japanese people. He attributes much of their response to a common philosophy of "Now – Here – Self." Simply put, "This is the way things are now, this is where you are and you have to deal with it yourself." By focusing on what each individual can do about the situation, they are able to minimize feelings of helplessness and start the recovery process.

In more concrete terms, Dr. Handler says his experience has reinforced his belief that everyone who lives in Southern California should be prepared to take care of their own needs for a seven day period in the event of an earthquake or other major



During his fact-finding mission to Japan, County Health Officer Dr. Eric Handler met with representatives of the Tokyo Fire Department who were deployed to assist with the emergency at the Fukushima nuclear power plant.

disaster. He also learned the critical importance of communications in the coordination of resources. Finally, he saw that you can't do it alone and must rely on partners for support and help in the days following a disaster. In Japan, support from around the world in the form of search and rescue teams, food and water, and technical assistance played an important role in the immediate response to the disaster. Among the first to help were sailors based on U.S. Navy ships in and around Japan.

The sacrifice of first responders was also evident during his tour. Dr. Handler related the story of a young woman who was broadcasting the tsunami warning from her area's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). While all of the other emergency workers evacuated to the roof of the EOC and survived, this lone emergency worker remained at her post until the very end and died while trying to save others. He also met several firefighters from Tokyo who were deployed to the Fukushima nuclear power plant to pump cooling water to the damaged reactors and heard stories of their willingness to perform this dangerous duty.

The Information, Collection, Analysis and Dissemination Team on which Dr. Handler served will be producing a "lessons learned" report that will help local emergency managers improve their preparedness in critical areas like evacuation, mass population care and shelter, and disaster recovery. ■

OC Zoo Welcomes New Residents

Over the past year, two pairs of young, orphaned animals from around the country have found sanctuary at the Orange County Zoo.

Severe tornados and storms swept through Arkansas and Alabama in April of 2011, displacing two baby beavers. The rescues arrived separately to the OC Zoo in Orange that July and August, and were put on display together just a few days after Christmas. Zoo staff added a photo album to the OC Parks Facebook page documenting their first encounter, which can be viewed online [here](#). Also, to see one of the beaver's high-profile appearance with KTLA's Allie MacKay, [click here](#).

While the beavers were making their way to California, a male and female mountain lion were born in Oregon. It is believed that the littermates were orphaned after their mother was hit by a car. Staff from the Exotic Feline Breeding Compound in Rosamond, CA flew to Portland, OR to pick up the young cubs a few months later. They temporarily cared for the animals until the OC Zoo offered to provide them a permanent home.



Although the cubs are not presently available for visitors to view, they are expected to make their public debut in the near future inside a newly modified exhibit space.

To learn more about the OC Zoo, please visit <http://www.ocparks.com/oczoo/>. ■

Board Selects Chairman and Vice Chairman for New Year



Supervisor Moorlach is the Board Chairman and Supervisor Nelson is the Vice Chairman for the new year.

Supervisors Moorlach and Nelson began their new roles at the January 24th Board Meeting, when Supervisor Moorlach, in one of his first duties as Board Chairman, presented a State of the County address.

“Orange County is an incredible place to live, work, and play,” said Chairman Moorlach. “We’re going to keep showing positive character as we deal with the financial issues we are dealt. This is a winning team, and it is an honor to serve with my outstanding colleagues. I want to thank the County family, who continues to work day in and day out to make us as lean and mean as we can be.”

During the first meeting of 2012, the Board of Supervisors elected a new Chairman and Vice Chairman for the upcoming 2012 calendar year. Second District Supervisor John M. W. Moorlach was selected to serve as Board Chairman and Fourth District Supervisor Shawn Nelson was appointed to serve as Vice Chairman.

The duties of the Chairman include administering the Board meetings and executing agreements approved by the Board along with other ceremonial duties. The Vice Chairman is available to step into the Chairman’s position in the Chairman’s absence.

Chairman Moorlach will share the Board’s goals for 2012 at the February 7th meeting. To view his State of the County presentation, please [click here](#). ■

Clerk-Recorder's Offices Make Room for Love

Double the number of ceremony rooms will be available at the Clerk-Recorder's three Orange County wedding offices to accommodate couples wishing to marry this Valentine's Day.

"My staff pulls out all the stops every year to make sure our happy couples have a truly special experience," said Clerk-Recorder Tom Daly.

Four rooms will be available at the Old County Courthouse, 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana. Two ceremony rooms will also be available at each branch office: the Laguna Hills Civic Center, 24031 El Toro Road, Ste. 150, and in historic downtown Fullerton at 201 N. Harbor Blvd.

Couples must first obtain a marriage license and are advised to make an appointment for a civil wedding ceremony because of the day's



popularity for weddings. Valentine's Day typically sees four times the volume of marriage ceremonies compared to an average day. This year's date has additional significance because it reads the same forward or backward: 21412.

To make an appointment, please call **(714) 834-2588** or visit www.ocrecorder.com to use the online appointment system. ■

Become a Trained Disaster Service Worker



The County family is one of our biggest resources during a disaster. It's during times of duress when the County's ever-ready, trained Disaster Service Workers are needed most.

When an emergency arises – such as a flood, fire or earthquake – the impact on the community can be devastating. It takes a team of dedicated professionals functioning together to lessen the effects of the disaster and to help rebuild the area. All County employees are designated Disaster Service Workers and may be

called upon to participate in exercises for preparedness or activation of the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

This May, the Sheriff's Department/Emergency Management Bureau will conduct an exercise related to a catastrophic earthquake scenario along the San Andreas Fault and trained, willing participants are needed for the successful execution of the exercise. Training opportunities are available to acquaint employees with the EOC, the State mandated Standardized Emergency Management System, as well as each employee's specific role during emergencies and exercises.

A description of the courses and the training schedule are now available on the Training Partner web site at <http://trainingpartner.ocgov.com>. In the Course Catalog section, the courses are listed under Countywide Training – Sheriff/Coroner. ■

OC Leadership Academy Graduates 16th Class



The graduation of the sixteenth class from the Orange County Leadership Academy (OCLA) took place on January 20th at Chapman University. Supervisor Janet Nguyen showed her support and congratulated all of the members of the class. Mark Maier, OCLA instructor, spoke to the audience about the importance of leadership and also the loss of Roger Boisjoly. Boisjoly was a featured presenter in OCLA and is the former Morton Thiokol engineer who steadfastly argued against the ill-fated launch of the Space Shuttle Challenger in 1986. He also - over company objections - turned over all of his internal correspondence to the Rogers Commission investigating the disaster. His courageous actions, which ultimately cost him his job and career in aerospace, brought the truth behind the Challenger launch decision to light and resulted in his being honored with the 1990 Cavallo Foundation Prize for Moral Courage in Business and Government.

Now in its eight year, OCLA focuses on the development of servant leaders. By approaching leadership not only as a way of “doing” but also as a way of being, the goal of the program is to make the County organization a more connected and effective community, a place that brings out the best in all of us as we provide outstanding services to others.

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**Spay Day USA
Event Flyer**



OC Public Works and OC Waste & Recycling Host Community Clean-Up Day

OC Public Works (OCPW) and OC Waste & Recycling (OCWR) partnered last month to host a Community Cleanup Day in the unincorporated area of Dale/Augusta Stanton Island.

As a way of assisting residents create a safer, cleaner, and healthier community, employees and their family members worked throughout the morning with volunteers, deputies from the Sheriff's Department (OCSD), as well as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) John M. W. Moorlach and his staff to fill six large dumpsters provided by OCWR.



Pictured (from left to right) is Deputy S. Thomsen (OCSD), Cora Villegas (OCPW), Adrian Hernandez, Jesse Pineda, Christine Knapp (OCWR), John Arnau (OCWR), Isabel Rios (OCWR), Chairman John M. W. Moorlach, Margaret Chang (BOS), Lindsay Brennan (BOS), Xenia Regalia (OCPW), Mahrooz Ilkhanipour (OCPW), Richard Vuong (OCPW), Channary Leng (OCPW), Judy Kim (OCPW), Eric Hull (OCPW), Deputy Alonzo Winston (OCSD), and Rick LeFeuvre (OCPW).

Get the 411 on the Office of the Performance Audit Director

- The Office reports directly to and receives its audit assignments from the Board of Supervisors. The Board uses two methods to choose audit assignments: (1) a formal risk assessment process that evaluates the degree of risk involved in all contemplated audits and then selects those audits which pose the highest risk to the County, and (2) Ad-hoc audits which come up during the year outside of the formal risk assessment process.
- To date, the audit reports and agency/department implementation of the recommendations included in those audits have resulted in significant savings and operational improvements. In addition, agencies/departments have benefited from the audit team being able to surface any significant issues or obstacles to achieving their mission to the Board for resolution.
- The Board has been actively involved in ensuring that audit findings are recognized and accepted, and that audit recommendations are implemented. The Board has formed several Board Subcommittees (i.e., a committee of two Board members) to shepherd the implementation of important efficiency and effectiveness improvements.

To learn more about the Performance Audit Director, please visit:
<http://egov.ocgov.com/ocgov/Info OC/Departments & Agencies/ Office of the Performance Audit Director>



Service Awards

For the Month of January

40 YEARS

Blanca Garcia
Social Services Agency

30 YEARS

Cora Gonzales
Assessor

Margaret McMicheaux
Auditor- Controller

Mary Rodriguez
Child Support Services

Julie Ontiveros
Health Care Agency

Donna Scherer
Health Care Agency

Michael McConnelee
John Wayne Airport

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Probation

Rebecca Getzen
Registrar of Voters

William Smith
Sheriff-Coroner

Ramesh Cadambi
Sheriff-Coroner

Edward Hutchinson
Sheriff-Coroner

Richard Uraine
Sheriff-Coroner

Arely Melendez
Social Services Agency

25 YEARS

Daniel DeLeon
Assessor

Kathy Aasen
Health Care Agency

Raymond Murai
Health Care Agency

Elaine Martinez
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Health Care Agency

Thomas Fitch
OC Community Resources

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Carolyn Hopkins
OC Community Resources

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20 YEARS

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Health Care Agency

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Health Care Agency

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Sheriff-Coroner

Christina Maguire
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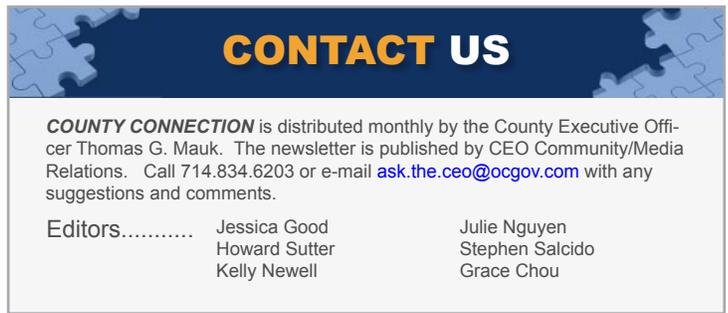
Deborah White
Social Services Agency



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MISSION STATEMENT

“Making Orange County a safe, healthy, and fulfilling place to live, work, and play, today and for generations to come, by providing outstanding, cost-effective regional public services.”

Click [here](#) to read the full mission and values statement.



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