

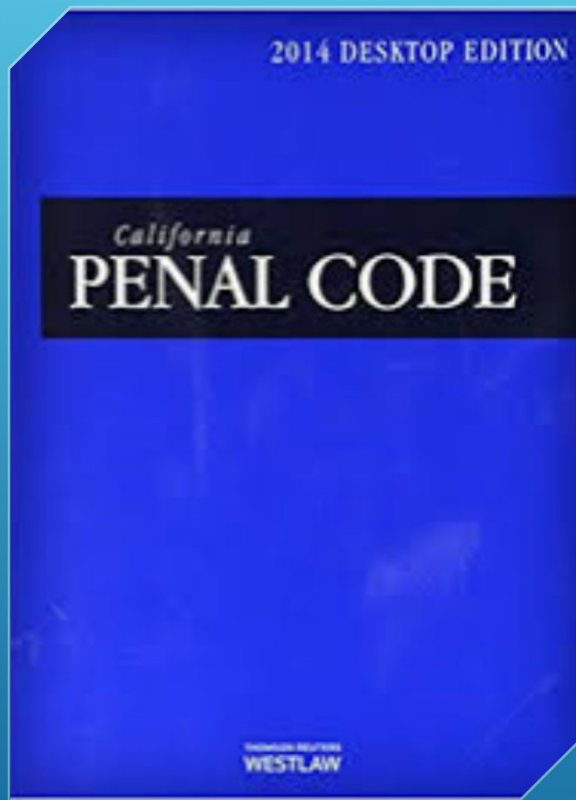
ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROBATION OFFICER

UNIT: 1.2

San Diego County Probation

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

1. Identify Penal Codes relevant to our position.
2. Identify roles and responsibilities
3. Identify major roles/ responsibilities to our stakeholder.
4. Identify roles of the district attorney, probation officer, defense counsel and court in the plea negotiation.
5. Identify roles as a mandated reporter.
6. Identify the Probation Department's responsibilities to offenders.
7. Identify various probation officers' roles from rehabilitation to the enforcement of court orders.
8. Identify the responsibilities of the probation officer in aiding in criminal investigations.
9. Identify the role of probation in crime intervention programs.
10. Identify probation's role in working with community stakeholders to reduce crime and recidivism.
11. Identify probation's role regarding the Student Attendance Review Board.



Identify Penal Codes relevant to your position as an officer

General Authority: PC830.5 Probation Officers are peace officers whose authority extends to any place in the state while engaged in the performance of the duties of their respective employment and for the purpose of carrying out the primary function of their employment.

Adult: PC1203/PC1203.2: Definition of probation/ Authority of probation to complete Presentence Investigation Reports and violations.

Juvenile: WIC601/602 & WIC777: Allows a minor to be adjudged a ward of the court. Gives authority to commit someone to jail or youth facility.

Identify Roles and Responsibilities of the Probation Officer

- Provide community safety.
 - Office/home visits
 - Offender accountability
 - Enforce court orders.
- Victim assistance.
 - Referral to the District Attorney Victim Advocate
 - Follow up with victims
- Collaboration.
 - Working with community stakeholders.
 - Referral/compliance/swift and graduated sanctions
 - Communication with community partners
 - Citizens Academy

PLEA NEGOTIATION PROCESS

District Attorney

- They file charges against the defendant.

Defense Counsel

- They defend their clients against the criminal charges.

Court

- The judge will meet with both attorneys to negotiate a plea.

Probation

- We are not privy to the plea negotiations.

IDENTIFY ROLES AS A MANDATED REPORTER

What is a mandated reporter?

- PC11165.7, mandates by law, individuals report any suspected child abuse/neglect to child welfare services.
- WIC15630, mandates by law, individuals report any suspected adult abuse/neglect to adult protective services.
- Failure to report will result in a misdemeanor punishable up to six months in jail and/or up to a \$1000 fine.
- Senate Bill 2199 broadens the scope of elder/dependent abuse.

Forms:

- California Department of Social Services Form 341 (Adult)
- Suspected Child Abuse report SS8572 (Juvenile)

RESPONSIBILITIES TO OFFENDERS

- Clarify expectations
 - Court orders/probation conditions.
 - Discuss officer's role.
- Case management
 - Complete assessment/identify criminogenic needs.
 - Linking offenders to appropriate services.
- Accountability
 - Swift and graduated sanctions
 - Empathy when appropriate.

BE PROFESSIONAL!!!



▶ When would we aid in a criminal investigation??

- ▶ “Be on the look out” (BOLO)
- ▶ When asked by other law enforcement agencies
- ▶ New law violations found during course of normal duties.
- ▶ Special Operations/Task force positions.

AIDING IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Presentations to At-Promise Youth
Diversion Program (juveniles)

Probation officer monitors
SARB

Community Engagement

Shop with a COP (SWAC)

Passport to Life

Juvenile Hall Open House

Mental Health

Center Star Act

IDENTIFY THE ROLE OF PROBATION IN CRIME INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

STUDENT ATTENDANCE REVIEW BOARD

Purpose

Created by statute and became operative in 1975

Coordinates school, community, and home efforts to deal with student attendance and behavior problems

Maximizes resources/services; avoids duplication to solve attendance and behavior problems

Divert students with school-related problems from the juvenile justice system

Composition

Parents, school district and community at large, including law enforcement, welfare, Probation, mental health, youth service agencies, and the District Attorney's office (SARB membership is identified in statute, Ed. Code § 48321)

STUDENT ATTENDANCE REVIEW BOARD CONT..

SARB (*continued*)

Probation's role:

- Attend meeting. Provide any feedback regarding their performance on probation.
- If unable to attend, officer to provide a written update.

THE END. QUESTIONS???