



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
VOLUNTEER REPORT FORM
PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026
Deadline: August 17, 2026

1. DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:

Department:	District Attorney
Division/Unit:	Human Resources

2. VOLUNTEER PROGRAM BENEFITS:

- a. GENERAL VOLUNTEERS (this section should include community volunteer, student intern, groups, corporations, etc.)

No. of Volunteers: 86 Hours: 12,321.7 x \$41.75 = \$514,430.98

Types of work performed by GENERAL VOLUNTEERS in this category:

Certified Legal Interns work closely with prosecutors in all phases of prosecution: appearing in court, drafting motions, conducting legal research, and assisting with major case preparation. Similarly, Paralegal Interns work closely with Paralegals in assisting prosecutors with all phases of prosecution including case preparation.

The DA Court Dog Program volunteers provide certified therapy dogs in court for child victims of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. In addition, they support victims as the victims prepare for court proceedings, offer testimony, and present victim impact statements during sentencing hearings.

Volunteers at One Safe Place participate in a wide variety of activities, including greeting and escorting guests within the center as needed, assisting guests who are seeking information and services, and organizing donations. Volunteers also provide professional services such as haircuts, assist with cooking classes, and prepare food and snacks for guests. Additionally, they retrieve clothing donations from community members, transport donations to storage facilities, support donation drives, and help with setting up events and trainings. Social Work interns serving at One Safe Place offer direct service support for victims and their children through intakes and court accompaniment. They also provide phone support, help at events and trainings, and assist with other needs at the centers.

- b. INSTITUTIONAL VOLUNTEERS (this section should include honor camp inmates, PIC/RETC, GAIN, etc.)

No. of Volunteers: 0 Hours: 0 x \$41.75 = \$0.00

Types of work performed by INSTITUTIONAL VOLUNTEERS in this category:

N/A



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- c. SPECIALIZED VOLUNTEERS (this section should include utilization of Special Volunteers in positions requiring specific skills and/or expertise levels, for example, an attorney, physician, sports figure or celebrity). These specialized positions have verifiable compensation levels (VCL). If you have such a volunteer, please indicate the position, hours and compensation level below.)

Position	Hours	x	VCL	=	Dollar Benefit
N/A					

No. of Volunteers: Total Hours: Total Value: = \$

Types of work performed by SPECIALIZED VOLUNTEERS in this category:

N/A

- d. TOTALS OF DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS (from above):

	No. of Volunteers	Hours	Dollar Benefit
2a.	86	12,321.7	\$514,430.98
2b.	0	0	0
2c.	0	0	0
Total Volunteers	86	Total Hours	12,321.7
		Total Value	\$514,430.98



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3. DONATIONS TO VOLUNTEER PROGRAM:

Please list all donations to the department's Volunteer Program including monetary donations and tangible/intangible items. Items such as computers, airtime, transportation, books, etc. Please assign fair market value to each and add to the total value of the donations section.

Item Donated:	Dog toy and treats	Value:	\$130
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Item Donated:		Value:	
Item Donated:		Value:	
Total Value:			\$130

4. VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COSTS:

- a. Cost of direct supervision of volunteers (total hours of direct supervision times hourly rate of staff person(s) directly supervising program volunteers.

Hours: 200	x	Rate: \$57.41	=	\$11,482.00
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- b. Cost of program coordination (total hours of program coordination times hourly rate of coordinator(s). This section should include coordination of staff, compiling statistics, job description preparation, volunteer placements and recognition, etc.

Hours: 340	x	Rate: \$62.34	=	\$21,195.60
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- c. Other program costs (volunteer training materials/supplies, recognition costs, etc.):

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
N/A	
TOTAL OF OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	
\$0.00	

- d. **TOTAL OF VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COST**
(Sum of 4a, 4b and 4c)

\$32,677.60



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5. NET BENEFIT TO DEPARTMENT FROM VOLUNTEER PROGRAM:

a. Total Dollar Benefits of Volunteers, Item 2d (Page 2)	\$514,430.98
b. Total of Donations to Volunteer Program, Item 3 (Page 2)	\$130.00
c. Subtract Total of Volunteer Program Costs, Item 4d (Page 3)	\$32,677.60

TOTAL PROGRAM BENEFIT

\$481,883.38

6. RECRUITING:

Please describe your recruiting programs:

The Certified Legal Internship Program offers volunteer positions to eligible second- and third-year law students who are interested in a career in the field of criminal law. We work with various law schools—attending career fairs and events and conducting campus visits to meet with students and provide additional information about office and the internship programs we offer year-round. We also post internship opportunities across multiple university job platforms.

The Paralegal Internship Program offers positions to eligible paralegal students who are interested in pursuing careers in the criminal law field. We collaborate with several local schools that offer paralegal programs, including Miramar College, USD, UCSD, Southwestern College, and Cuyamaca College. We regularly meet with interested students to share information about the program.

The Court Dog Program is limited to dog handlers and dog teams who are certified through a qualified dog therapy organization. Outreach efforts are ongoing with the Humane Society Ambassador Program for potential volunteers.

The One Safe Place Volunteer Program offers a unique opportunity for caring and dedicated individuals to help victims and survivors of abuse and trauma and their families. We offer unpaid internships for students and volunteers where they provide direct service to members, staff, and partners at our Center. We speak at Kiwanis chapters, Rotary groups, schools and community events to bring awareness to our program/volunteer opportunities and also recruit interested volunteer candidates through the tours we host each week to community members and students.

7. SPECIAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS:

Please describe any special activities and/or achievements your program was involved in during the period of this report:

Our Court Dog Program volunteers and dogs continue to visit various DA branches and HOJ floors as an informal part of the DA ServeWell program to boost employee morale.

The volunteers at One Safe Place continue to lead the weekly onsite tours for community members interested in learning about One Safe Place. In December 2025, volunteers supported the Annual Holiday Party at One Safe Place where 90 families were able to enjoy a holiday celebration with Santa



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and receive gifts. The volunteers also participated in the Dress-to-Thrive Prom event and helped high school-aged youth pick out dresses and outfits for their prom dances. They have supported large scale events such as our Human Trafficking and Fentanyl Awareness Event held biannually, as well as our workshops and support groups hosted onsite on Saturdays.

8. VOLUNTEER PROGRAM GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 -26:

Please describe your program goals. Include activities, number of volunteers, recruitment, training, recognition and other goals:

The Paralegal Internship Program will expand recruitment and outreach by attending more school events and promoting and posting internship opportunities across various school job platforms.

The Court Dog Program will continue to provide victim support around the county; recruit new handlers and dogs as current handlers retire and continue to recognize the invaluable contributions of our volunteer handlers and dogs for their dedication and service.

One Safe Place will continue to create more volunteer opportunities and match each volunteer with an area of service they are passionate about and provide volunteers with training and support they need to assist victims and their families. Goals include a regular volunteer newsletter and sign-up opportunities for events hosted at One Safe Place, as well as developing additional opportunities onsite for students and other interns.

9. GENERAL INFORMATION:

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10. DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION:


DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE

8/5/26
DATE