



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: February 9, 2010
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: 30 minutes, on February 16, 2010.
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: No Vote Required

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Sheriff Bill Brown (805)681-4290
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: State Parolee Day Reporting Center

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

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Recommended Actions:

Set for Hearing on the Departmental Agenda of February 16, 2010, for a presentation by the Sheriff on the State Parolee Day Reporting Center.

Summary Text:

This action sets a hearing to receive a preliminary presentation by Sheriff Brown on the upcoming State Parolee Day Reporting Center (DRC). This presentation does not ask for funding or contract commitment. Those steps will be brought to the Board at a future date when final contract agreements and documents are available.

Since 1986 the County has been subject to court orders to limit jail overcrowding and the impacts therein. This has resulted in capacity limits to the Main Jail, the formulation of limitations to the intake of inmates into the jail system, and early release programs. These actions allow convicted criminals to avoid portions of, if not all, of court ordered sanctions upon their behavior. Over 20 grand jury reports have reiterated the need for a new jail. New offenses or other violations by the parolee population directly impacts overcrowding in the Main Jail.

In one of the many steps the Sheriff and County have taken to examine alternatives to reduce jail overcrowding, the Sheriff contracted to have a justice system assessment done through the National Institute of Corrections. That assessment was completed and presented to the Board on August 1, 2006

(Ref: 06-00716). Among the recommendations made to the Board was to start a local Day Reporting Center(s).

Background:

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) made funding available to operate a regional Day Reporting Center (DRC) in Santa Barbara County. The Sheriff's Office has been in negotiation with CDCR for a contract to provide DRC services to state parolees utilizing a private vendor, overseen by Sheriff's Department staff. This funding will provide for the creation of two (2) Day Reporting Centers within the County to provide services to State Parolees who are destined for release to Santa Barbara County, or who have already been released to Santa Barbara County. This program will not increase or change the number of parolees destined to return to Santa Barbara County. The two locations would be in the Santa Barbara area and the Santa Maria area. The vendor will determine the exact locations based upon commercial space availability.

It is the Sheriff's intent to oversee the operation of the Day Reporting Centers using a portion of an existing Custody Lieutenant. The State will fund this portion of a Custody Lieutenant, along with portions of the salaries of an existing Accountant III, and an existing Administrative Office Professional III. The Sheriff will contract with a service provider(s) to provide the direct services of the Day Reporting Center(s) to the parolees. The cost of these contracts will be reimbursed by the CDCR as part of a reimbursement contract with the State. This program will not require County funding to subsidize any portion of the State run program(s).

The initial contract with CDCR provides for only two years of funding for this program. Many of these types of programs elsewhere in the State have been renewed for many years after initial operation. That being the case, subcontracting for these two years appeared the best financial decision for the County and Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office has long recognized the value of a local Day Reporting Center. The Sheriff's Office unsuccessfully sought funding through a Federal Second Chance Act grant in 2009. This proposal presents the County with a new opportunity to establish its own Day Reporting Center. With an existing State Parolee Day Reporting Center in place, it is believed that the County could identify portions of the program that could be provided for County clients. These clients could be additional candidates for early releases from the existing main jail, County probationers, or the Superior Court's Own Recognizance (OR) releases. These options would be consistent with the NIC recommendations to the Board of Supervisors in 2006, and provide direct justice system improvements that would benefit the growing pressure on the main jail population. These options should be at a lower cost when combined with an existing parolee Day Reporting Center, than if the County attempted to fund them independently.

Performance Measure:

The contract with the State will provide for performance measures for the reduction of recidivism by the parolee population participating in the Day Reporting Centers. These performance measures will be

more clearly defined when the final agreement comes before the Board for approval. This final approval is anticipated to occur in April of 2009.

A reduction in recidivism in the parolee population will serve to reduce the number of bookings and required bed days by parolees in the already overcrowded Santa Barbara Main Jail. As this program is reviewed, there may be an opportunity to create local performance measures related to that impact.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: The direct impact of this agreement will be discussed in a later Board action. As an advance presentation of the program that will be brought to the Board at another time, this action will not have a financial impact.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

None

Special Instructions:

None

Attachments:

None

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