

Chief's Report

Theme: Commitment to Family and a recognition of the importance to reintegrate youth in custody back to the community.

1. Family Day – LCR

- a. On Sunday, July 28, 2013 Log Cabin Ranch celebrated family day with the residents. This is an opportunity for parents, guardians and other extended family members to visit log cabin ranch and interact with the young people and staff. It is also an opportunity for family members to tour portions of the facility to gain better insight into the campus where their son lives.
- b. Several residents made formal presentations, providing family members with better understanding of the vocational programming, educational accomplishments and general life on the ranch.
- c. Younger siblings and cousins were provided with books from the San Francisco public Library and other book donations made available to them. Many of these younger children were eager to obtain a book that they could call their very own and take home.
- d. Family day is also a celebration of the investment LCR youths and their families continue to make toward the rehabilitation, and reformation of the residents. Chief Siffermann and his wife were present and received acknowledgements from the residents and staff including, several plaques designed as key holders. (Thanks to Director Prince and his staff for the planning and implementation of the event)

Theme: Arts, culture, and recreation: - Providing youths in custody with opportunities to become inspired by the talents of others, to explore the possibilities for creative expression and to see that there are opportunities to grow beyond their current circumstances.

2. Author Visit and Discussion

- a. On Tuesday, August 6th **Ms. Mary Williams** (author of the book, THE LOST DAUGHTER, and featured on the Oprah Winfrey show and Public Television's Tavis Smiley Show) visited Juvenile Hall and made a presentation to the Girls regarding her life.

- b. Ms. Williams describes herself as a daughter of the Black Panther movement leading to her involvement in the Civil Rights movement. She talks about being empowered and appreciated as a young person. She talked about her remarkable life story of being raised around violence, abuse, and poverty. Her father was imprisoned as a result of his Black Panther involvement and her mother was left to raise six children on her own. Her mother struggled with alcohol and drug addiction. She was adopted as a teenager by Jane Fonda, who took taking the 14-year-old girl from the streets of East Oakland, California and into her hacienda home in Santa Monica. She talks about forgiveness, healing and faith to persevere. She is also the author of "*Brothers in Hope: The lost boys of Sudan.*" (There is a great interview with Mary Williams and Jane Fonda by Tavis Smiley on the website pbs.org, recorded on April 23, 2013).
3. Live Music Performance Marcus Shelby and his Jazz Orchestra Trio at JJC on 8-4-13.
 - a. Marcus Shelby and his Jazz Orchestra visited juvenile Hall on Sunday August 4, 2013 for two phenomenal performances and interaction with the Juvenile Hall residents. Mr. Shelby met with our office several weeks ago and expressed his interest in reaching out to young people within the facility. The performances were well received by the juveniles and staff. Mr. Shelby and his Orchestra are very accomplished musicians from the bay area. They were very interactive with the youths and some detainees were allowed to come up and sing and perform with the group.
4. San Francisco Police Fishing Program on the bay with Log Cabin Ranch 7 youths.
 - a. Thanks to the support and partnership of the San Francisco Police Fishing Program, seven LCR residents were able to go out on the Bay and learn to fish from a boat. Each youth caught several fish. Red snapper, Rock fish, and Cod. The fish was filleted, cooked and served at the LCR dinner meal later that evening.
5. Camp Mather – Teen Outdoor Experience - 2013
 - a. The Camp Mather Teen Outdoor Experience 2013 is quickly approaching. On Thursday, August 22, 2013 up to 40 juveniles identified by JPD, Recreation and Park Department, SFPD, and representatives from Community agencies, will depart YGC on chartered buses to participate in 3½ days of summer camp in the High Sierra Mountains. They will have opportunities to swim, bike, hike, play team sports, crafts, and a host of other camp experiences. Best of all, those youths who demonstrate the interest and capacity for employment will be supported in their efforts to get jobs upon their return.

Theme: Enhanced Safety, Security and youth Supervision within Juvenile Hall

1. Guardtour1 room check implementation - in our efforts to enhance the capacity of the juvenile Hall counselors to document routine room checks on each unit. for all youth while confined to their rooms as is required by Title 15 regulation, the department is launching a new technology that will electronically capture not only check has occurred but will also include behavioral observations made by the counselor at the time of the check. This will then be stored electronically and management reports can be generated analysis purposes. Over the course of the next several months the department will move to full implementation across all juvenile Hall units. Initial implementation will begin in unit four.

Theme: Program Development and Enhancements

2. Workshops for Life and Work Skills Development – Thanks to support from the San Francisco Unified School District in partnership with the community-based organization, Young Community Developers, a series of onsite workshops focused on life and work skills will be conducted on site at Log Cabin Ranch by Young Community Developers, Inc.

Theme: Juvenile Hall beautification, Outdoor yard use, and LCR/JJC garden education

3. Log Cabin Ranch Planter Box Build and Installation at JJC.
 - a. 2 oversized picnic tables, and 10 new planter boxes all built by the residents at Log Cabin Ranch as part of their construction training program were delivered to the JJC today. These boxes will support the JJC's garden education program.
 - b. In partnership with the San Francisco unified school District, the department continues to expand its utilization of planter boxes placed within the juvenile Hall facility, and designed to enhance the garden education program. We are particularly proud of the efforts of the log cabin ranch residents and staff in partnership with the San Francisco conservation Corps in their efforts to build the new planter boxes complete with seating to support this expansion efforts.
 - c. During the initial implementation almost two years ago, several small planter boxes were placed in the outdoor yard area of unit eight. The girls unit participates in the garden program as facilitated by the urban sprouts agency.
 - d. On today's date, 6 current LCR residents drove in to do the installation along with one youth who has already completed to the program but wanted to participate due to his prior work on the project.

- e. What is unique about the current phase of implementation is that the planter boxes will be placed in the outside yard area. As you may recall, the Youth Commission has strongly advocated for use of the outdoor areas. We believe that this expansion of the garden program to include some limited utilization of the yard moves us a step closer toward increased access and use of the outdoor space.
4. California certified producer at Log Cabin Ranch (LCR) to sell at the farmer's market.
- a. Another exciting development designed to increase the department's efforts to increase youth awareness as to the importance of eating healthy as well as the opportunities for civic engagement; the Orchard Garden at Log Cabin Ranch is now identified by the United States Department of Agriculture as a California certified producer. The certification is an essential step in moving toward active participation in the local farmers market by LCR residents. We are really excited by this opportunity born out of our partnership with the Urban Sprouts organization. We will keep the Commission apprised of the department's progress as we seek to have a place at the farmers' market table.

That concludes the chief's report.