



# *Los Angeles County* **Sheriff's Department**

## **Parole Compliance Team**

### ***Implementation of State Assembly Bill 109***

On April 4, 2011, Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill (AB) 109 into law. AB 109 re-defines specific felony sections within the California Penal Code, and shifts responsibility for supervising and housing certain convicted felons and parolees from the State to local county government. Effective October 1, 2011, anyone released from state prison who had been incarcerated for a non-violent, non-serious, non-sexual offense, is now the responsibility of local county governments. Based on this realignment plan, the LASD's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Bureau developed a specialized Parole Compliance Unit to monitor this new classification of parolees, known as Post-released Supervised Persons (PSP's).

### ***Enforcement Efforts***

In order to safely and responsibly cover the more than 4,000 square miles of Los Angeles County, and monitor nearly 9,000 PSP's who have been released from custody; the Sheriff's Department created five Parole Compliance Teams. Each team is assigned to a specific geographical area within the County, and is responsible for assisting the Probation Department with the PSP populations in those communities. Each Team works closely with the Probation Officers assigned to their area, by providing proactive identification, conducting compliance checks, and apprehending PSP's who have absconded from their supervised release. Each PSP contacted during a compliance check has a "face-to-face" meeting with a Parole Compliance Team member who verifies they are abiding by the terms and conditions of their Community Supervision. Those who have been identified as a "significant risk to the community," are subject to additional monitoring.

### ***Core Teaching Component***

During these compliance checks, team members provide the PSP's with information on services they can obtain from the Probation Department, Community-Based Organizations, or other local agencies that could assist them in their transition back into the community. In addition, the LASD and the Los Angeles Urban League have partnered to create the "Emerging Leaders Academy." The Emerging Leaders program was designed to assist those on supervised release successfully integrate back into their communities. The academy classes provide an environment where ex-offenders can



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develop their leadership skills, identify self-empowerment techniques, and receive mentoring.

By providing innovative programs, applying intelligence-based data collection, and initiating investigative techniques to locate PSP absconders; the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Los Angeles Probation Department have successfully demonstrated the ability to hold parolees to a higher level of accountability, while at the same time supporting their successful reintegration back into the community. The Parole Compliance Teams will continue to communicate and collaborate with the Probation Department, and other local law enforcement agencies, to provide a safe and secure environment for all residents of Los Angeles County.

*For additional, more in-depth information, click [AB109 Program](#)*