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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Law & Society

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In collaboration with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, LEAD San Diego crafted today's Law & Society program. Special thanks and acknowledgement to Undersheriff Bill Gore, Commander Lori Bird (08), and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department for their intellectual capital and guidance.

Our Collaboration

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department is the chief law enforcement agency in San Diego County. The department is comprised of approximately 4,000 employees, both sworn officers and professional support staff. The department provides general law enforcement, detention and court services for the people of San Diego County in a service area of approximately 4,200 square miles. In addition, the department provides specialized regional services to the entire county, including the incorporated cities and the unincorporated areas of the county. The Sheriff, elected by the residents of San Diego County, is the chief executive of the department. He manages eight major detention facilities as well as eight major patrol stations, four patrol substations, a crime laboratory and an array of support operations necessary to provide full law enforcement coverage for the County of San Diego.

The Transition From Prison To The Community Is Not A New Phenomenon.... The vast majority of prisoners are released into society and face the challenges of adjusting to freedom, temptations, responsibilities, and the struggles of the street. What has changed, however, is the scale of prisoner reentry. Prisoner reentry is fast becoming one of the key issues of California's \$9 billion prison system. Only 11% of prisoners released in California report participating in a substance abuse treatment program during their period of incarceration, and only 13.8% of California prison inmates participate in educational or vocational programs while they are in prison. The challenges and opportunities of prisoner reentry raise important questions about what can be done to better serve prisoners, their families, their communities, and society at large as we face released prisoners' inevitable return home. ***How can we boost the odds of successful reintegration? How can we reduce the known risks that have historically thwarted that goal? How can policies and practices be improved in the short-term?*** These questions and issues will be explored and answered via LEAD's collaboration with San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

Additional Seminar Learnings

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department operates eight detention facilities. Male arrestees are booked at the San Diego Central Jail and Vista Detention Facility, while female arrestees are booked at the Las Colinas and Vista Detention Facilities. The remaining jails house inmates in the care of the Sheriff. In order to provide critical services to a daily inmate population over 5,000, the Detention Services Bureau is supported by food services production center, comprehensive medical services, laundry, commissary, and inmate processing services. The Inmate Services Division provides a number of educational and rehabilitative programs aimed at improving the re-entry success of those returning to our communities. The experiential learning opportunities include 'behind the scenes' of both The **East Mesa Detention Facility (EMDF)** and **George F. Bailey Detention Facility (GBDF)**, which are located in a remote location in Otay Mesa. The East Mesa Detention Facility is a Type II medium security facility. It has a capacity of 360 beds, but currently maintains over 500 available beds. Laundry and food production for EMDF and other facilities is coordinated with the use of inmate workers at the facility through the department's growing *Inmate Industries Program*. The *Inmate Industry Program* also includes print-shop skills, janitorial services, landscaping, computer graphics and construction trades. The George F. Bailey Detention Facility is a maximum security facility and the largest of all the facilities operated under the San Diego County Sheriff's jurisdiction.



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AGENDA

- 7:45** *Network & Continental Breakfast*
- 8:15** *Welcome, Overview of the Day & Housekeeping Items*
Undersheriff Bill Gore
San Diego County Sheriff's Department
LEAD San Diego's Program Advisory Council
- Commander Lori Bird ('08)**
San Diego County Sheriff's Department
- Sherrie-Lyn M. Thompson**
Vice President, Programs
LEAD San Diego, Inc.
- 9:15 a.m.** *Special Court for Patients: Mental Health Court*
Richard M. Conklin, LCSW
Detentions Chief Mental Health Clinician
San Diego Sheriff's Department
- Mack Jenkins**
Chief Probation Officer
San Diego County Probation Department
- Dr. Jennifer Schaffer**
Director of Behavioral Health Services
County of San Diego, Health & Human Services Agency
- 10:00 a.m.** **BREAK**
- 10:15 a.m.** *Challenge of High Recidivism Rates Among Parolees...Beating the Odds*
Scott Silverman
Founder & Executive Director
Second Chance
- 11:00 a.m.** *Class Presentations on Service Learning Projects*
- NOON** **LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m.** *Tour & Demonstrations of the San Diego Regional Firearms Training Center*
Lieutenant Robert Haley
Weapons Training Unit
San Diego Sheriff's Department
- 2:30 - 4:45 p.m.**
Tours of East Mesa Detention Facility and George F. Bailey Detention Facility with Presentations... from **Lisa Rodriguez**, Prosecutor, San Diego County District Attorney's Office on SB 618 Program (joint program effort of the State Corrections, DA's office, Sheriff-Probation to assist in the classification of inmates sentenced to state time while still in local custody), **Christa Vickery**, Supervising Correctional Counselor for George Bailey, Facility 8 and East Mesa, San Diego Sheriff Department, and **Dr. Natalie Pearl**, Director of Research, San Diego County Probation Department on *Local Re-Entry Program* which is a new program for inmates sentenced to local time.
- 5:00 p.m.** **ADJOURN**



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