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FROM THE OFFICE OF CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TRACY REECE

Probation Provides over 750 COVID-19 Hygiene Kits to the Community in Three Months

During the last few months, the San Bernardino County Probation Department conducted three large-scale community outreach events, made possible by a grant from the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program. Through the grant, Probation Officers were able to provide direct outreach, service referrals, and hygiene resources to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and improve the overall wellness of the at-risk and reentry population throughout the County.

The third event, held on Saturday, Nov. 6th, focused on the High Desert region. Over the course of the day, Probation Officers contacted those in need. While providing outreach services, Officers distributed over 360 hygiene kits. These kits included a first aid kit, blanket, water, gloves, light sticks, masks, hand sanitizer, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, a washcloth, and socks.

The two previous outreach events combined to distribute over 400 hygiene kits. With help from grant funding, the Probation Department tripled the amount of hygiene kits distributed all of last year.

“Our department is committed to serving this vulnerable population within our community,” said Chief Probation Tracy Reece. “These grant funded outreach events afford us the opportunity to provide personal hygiene products, food, and basic medical attention to the at-risk, unsheltered, and re-entry population. By doing so, we establish stronger working relationships with those we serve.”