



CPOST Observes...

BCJA Field Practicum

During the eleventh week of the Basic Correctional Juvenile Academy (BCJA), staff from the Commission on Correctional Peace Officer Standards and Training (CPOST), were invited to observe two days of Structured On-Site Training (SOST) held at the Division of Juvenile Justice facilities in Stockton.

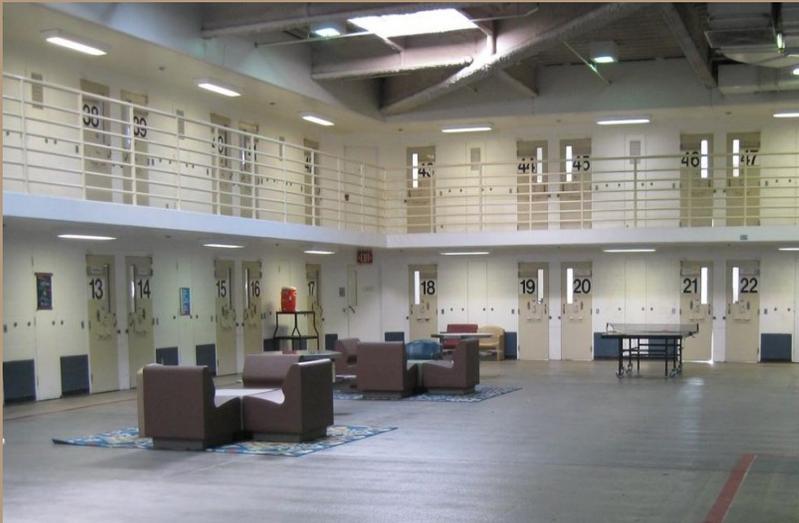
This type of training allows the cadets to observe current Youth Correctional Counselors (YCC) and Youth Correctional Officers (YCO) during different shifts as they conduct their duties. As the SOST progresses, the cadets go beyond just observing and actually assist with various job duties. The mentoring and feedback from current staff helps the cadets better understand the reality of the jobs they will soon be starting.

DAY 1

On the first day, CPOST staff visited the N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility (NACYCF) and toured most of the housing units while learning about the types of wards housed there, along with hearing some of the challenges faced by staff.

This particular facility houses wards in individual cells. During the day, wards go to class if they have not completed their high school diploma or equivalent. The wards have the opportunity to work jobs in or around the housing units, as well.

YCCs lead group sessions designed to help wards to learn social skills, accountability, and behavior management skills.





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DAY 2

During the second day, CPOST staff visited the O.H. Close Youth Correctional Facility (OHCYCF). Like the day before, staff toured the housing units, which are dormitories, and learned about some of the differences between this facility and NACYCF. For instance, some of the wards at OHCYCF are younger, which means more of them attend school during the day.

Wards at OHCYCF may also have jobs when they aren't in class, as well as attend group sessions led by the YCCs.

The different environment, housing set-up, and demographics of the wards do make for a unique set of challenges for the staff.



THANK YOU!

CPOST staff would like to thank the BCJA for the invitation to attend SOST and the Sergeant Instructors for showing the staff around both facilities.

CPOST would also like to thank the dedicated staff at NACYCF and OHCYCF for being so generous with their time and insights.



Good luck, BCJA cadets!