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Sheriff's Office's New Home on the North Coast



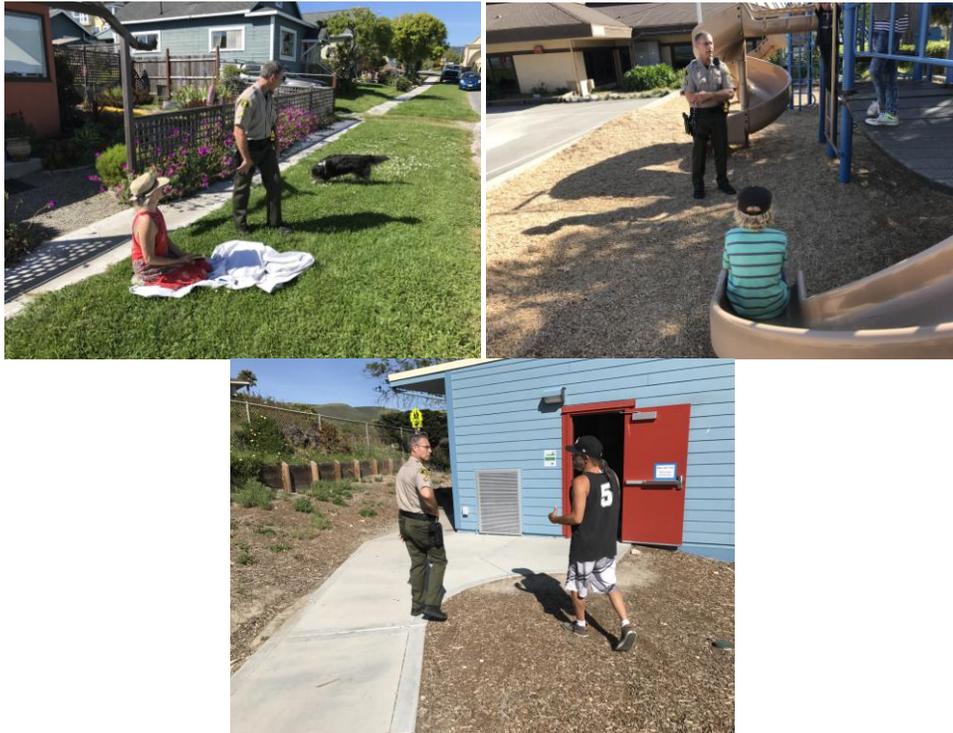
Honoring a commitment Sheriff Jim Hart made during his campaign for a more permanent presence along Santa Cruz County's north coast, May 3rd marks the grand opening of the Sheriff's Office North Coast Service Center in Davenport. Staffed full time, Sergeant Mark Yanez becomes the North Coast's first Service Center sergeant. During the summer months, the North Coast will see two additional Deputies 7 days a week. Sheriff Jim Hart said he was proud of the progress the Sheriff's Office has made in this endeavor and the coordination with north coast communities to increase safety for residents and tourists alike.

This year marked 20 years of community policing in Santa Cruz County started by then Sheriff Mark Tracy, and the opening of the San Lorenzo Valley Service Center in 1996. This new resource, which becomes the 6th Sheriff's Service Center in the County, will bring a host of convenient resources. North Coast residents will see faster delivery of Sheriff's Office services and programs such as crime preventative home and business inspections, child safety and work place violence education seminars, vacation checks, and deterrence of littering, theft, and alcohol related crimes and issues on the beaches.

For tourists this presence brings a quicker command and control aspect to lost or missing people who may come to explore north coast beaches or newly minted nature areas, such as the Cotoni-Coast Dairies National Monument and Vincente Redwoods.

Deputies will be more frequently traveling Highway 1 which would undoubtedly deter speeders and those looking to break into parked vehicles.

The Service Center will be located at the Davenport Fire Station and will be Sgt. Yanez's new home. On Tuesday, May 2nd Sgt. Yanez took a walk to meet residents and introduce himself to Davenport Community members. Sgt. Yanez brings 21 years of law enforcement experience to the North Coast with assignments that have included long stints in narcotics and gang enforcement, as well as court security and patrol duties. Sgt. Yanez is a county resident and has been married for 27 "great years" he said. He and his wife have a 20 year old daughter and a 17 year old son. Sgt. Yanez said, "I'm looking forward to meeting the great residents we have up here. They are passionate about the welfare and care of their community and I'm excited to work with them to increase safety and the care of one the most beautiful areas of the county."



The Sheriff's Office will soon be seeking volunteers to staff the Service Center. Check our website (scsheriff.com) for how to become a volunteer. If you have an emergency or need Sheriff's Office assistance please call 911 or 831-471-1121. Sgt. Yanez can be reached at 831-457-2032 or email at: mark.yanez@santacruzcounty.us

