



COUNTY OF MONTEREY
CAO Weekly Report

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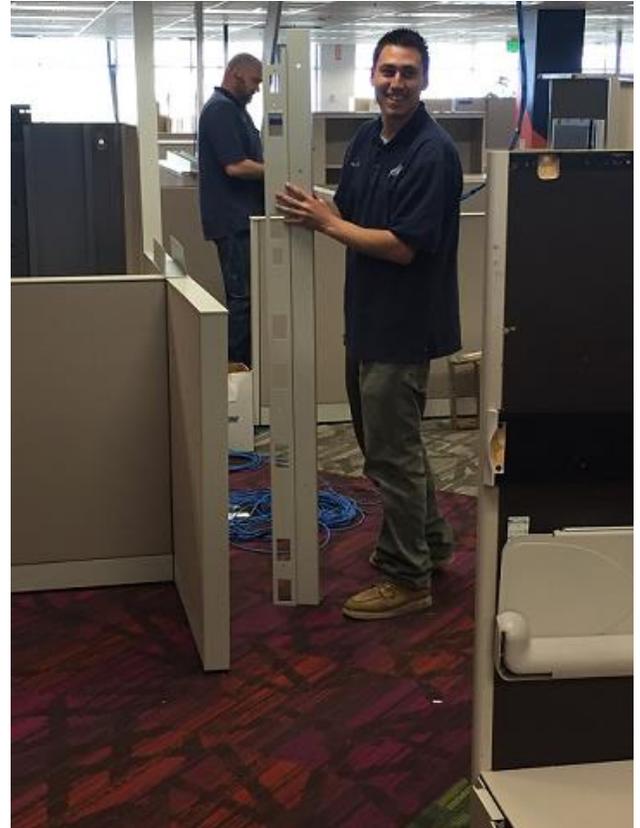
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April brought the first moves by county employees into the newly refurbished Government Center at Schilling Place.

Within a few days of the launch and open house celebrating these new county offices, the first moves began. The Health Department's Children's Medical Services (CMS) has the distinction of being the first employees in this building.



CMS is up and running at Schilling Place (above) while workspaces are being put together (right).



CMS began moving in April 3rd to office space in the south wing of the building on the first floor. CMS move coordinator Tonya Erickson says all has gone well and everyone is settling in. She also says it didn't take long for clients to find the new location so there was very little service disruption. CMS staff will actually have to move again before the end of this week, but it's just a short move into cubicles that are being assembled for them right now.

CMS will have approximately 25 staff members at Schilling Place. .

Also set to move in over the next month are other Health Department services such as the Behavioral Health Division, Clinic Services Call Center, Business Services, Public Health Prevention Programs, EMS and Public Guardian.

Health Department Launches Spanish Language Social Media Outreach

The Health Department's already strong social media presence has expanded to serve more county residents with the launch of Spanish language Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Check out [@MCHDespanol](#) on Twitter and [Monterey County Health Department Espanol](#) on Facebook. Be sure to tell friends and family who might be interested.

These accounts are not mirror images of the department's English language social media accounts; rather, they are a place for information tailored for Spanish-speaking residents and will be very helpful during emergencies to relay vital emergency information to those who need it.



Although many federal agencies have Spanish language social media accounts, the number of local agencies with dedicated Spanish language accounts is much less. Congratulations to the Health Department for leading the way here.

County Peace Officers Honored

Four of Monterey County's finest were honored last month by the Monterey County Peace Officers Association (MCPOA) and county law enforcement agencies.

Each year, MCPOA holds an awards event to honor peace officers and investigators who have given outstanding service to the community.

Meet the county staff who were selected as 2016 Officer of the Year recipients of Monterey County Area Law Enforcement Agencies.

Probation: Deputy Probation Officer Andrew Banua

Deputy Probation Officer Andrew Banua was honored for his exceptional response to a traffic accident during his off duty hours.

Here's what happened: on his way home from work, Banua came upon a serious accident on North Main in Salinas, a car which had rolled over onto its roof. An elderly woman was laying on the ground outside of the vehicle, dazed, bloodied and complaining of leg and back pain. He took control of the situation, instructing a bystander to check the vehicle for other passengers and the danger of fire and contacted County Communications with the accident location and the status of the victim. He remained with the victim offering comfort and encouragement until EMT and Fire arrived on scene.



Probation Chief Marcia Parsons (left) and Officer Andrew Banua (right) at the MCPOA awards dinner.

"I chose a career in law enforcement because I enjoy helping people and keeping the community safe," says Banua. "I definitely find a law enforcement career rewarding due to ability to assist and serve people in the community and be a role a model for youth and residents."

Banua joined the Probation Department in 2006 and handles challenging adult probation cases, former state inmates struggling with re-entering society. Probation Chief Marcia Parsons says Banua is dedicated and hardworking and is pleased to have him represent the department.



Bill Mixer (left) with Chief Investigator Gary Craft (right).

District Attorney's Office: Guillermo (Bill) Mixer

Guillermo (Bill) Mixer, a retired Los Angeles Police Department Detective, has been an Investigator for the Monterey County District Attorney's Office for 2 1/2 years. That extensive experience, including working with large federal task force cases, prepared him for a very challenging case here in Monterey County for which he was recognized.

Bill was a critical player in the investigation which resulted in convictions of four defendants charged with extorting members of their Triqui Community in Greenfield and surrounding areas of Monterey County.

In 2015, the FBI and the District Attorney's Office became aware of an intimidation and extortion plot by leaders of this community which included complex connections to Mexico

and funding to a political and paramilitary organization. Lead by Mixer, the District Attorney's Office investigated the case for more than a year including carrying out a series of sting operations. Prosecutors credit Mixer with helping extortion victims feel comfortable enough to come forward and testify despite their fear of retribution and distrust of law enforcement.

Mixer shares that he speaks Spanish and had lived in southern Mexico for a few years which really helped gain the people's trust, but those who worked with him say it was much more: he cared, he listened and made these frightened victims feel understood.

Monterey County Sheriff: Deputies Mike Smith and Matt Staley

Deputy Mike Smith is a Coastal Station Patrol Deputy in the Enforcement Operations Bureau and member of the Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad. As a member of that squad, Smith has taught several classes, responded to dozens of after hour bomb call-outs and he routinely volunteers to participate in functions where the Bomb Squad equipment is placed on display.

Colleagues say he is an asset to the Sheriff's Office and goes the extra mile to solve crimes. When nominating Smith, Sheriff's officials listed nearly a dozen cases (a fraction of his workload) from murder to bomb threats, art theft to architecture fraud which he was able to resolve or help resolve.



Deputy Smith has consistently performed above and beyond his duties, including the part of a deputy's job the public rarely sees. He has written more reports than any other deputy at the station (approximately 180), yet his name is rarely placed on the weekly missing report list. He has written several search warrants during the year and has also assisted other deputies with their search warrants.



Deputy Matt Staley is assigned to the Court Services Division as one of two 'rovers' assigned to the Salinas Courthouse. In addition to his normal duties, Deputy Staley is a dedicated member of the Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team, assisting in numerous calls for aid in Monterey County as well as other counties who call for help. He is dependable and never hesitates to make himself available to help the team and others in need.

Deputy Staley has also played an integral part in bringing back the Sheriff's Explorer Program. He actively recruited youth to participate, attends meetings and enjoys mentoring young people in a profession he loves.

During the last year, Deputy Staley volunteered and was chosen to participate in the Recruiting Team that will assist the Sheriff's Office Professional Standards Division with the recruitment of much needed applicants.