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CDCR Unveils Website to Alert the Public When Sex Offenders Remove GPS Devices

The CDCR unveiled a new web page August 10 that notifies the public when a sex offender removes his or her Global Positioning Satellite ankle monitor for the purposes of evading parole supervision.

The new web page posts the parolee's name, physical description, picture and last known whereabouts of those registered offenders on parole who have removed their ankle monitor. Alerts will be updated within hours of a warrant being issued.

Members of the media and the public are invited to subscribe via email to the alert system free of charge.

This web page was established following



a directive issued last week by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger that CDCR notify the public and the media whenever a paroled sex offender removes his or her

GPS unit and absconds from parole.

CDCR already notifies law enforcement through the California Department of Justice's Criminal Intelligence and Investigation system alerts. The parolee descriptors are located in Parole Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS).

To subscribe to alerts, visit the new web page <http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/parole/GPS-Wanted-Alerts.html> and input your email address. For more information on California

parole reform and public safety efforts please visit: www.cdcr.ca.gov and click on the Parole tab.

CCWF Female Fire Fighters Have Busy Summer as First Responders

This has been a busy summer for the inmate fire crew at Central California Women's Facility (CCWF), which has responded to a number of county-wide emergencies and situations where the specially-trained inmates were often the first to arrive at a variety of rural locations.

Recent incidents included two vehicle fires, three vegetation fires, two medical aids, and most notably a structure fire in the city of Chowchilla. Each year, these firefighters respond to nearly 1,200 calls.

Most recently, CCWF received a call reporting the fire of the home of a mother and her three daughters. Three firemen and five firefighters from CCWF responded to the emergency. The house suffered approximately \$140,000 in damages and was destroyed by the fire. Fortunately, there were no injuries



CCWF firefighters attempt to save a home.

suffered by the family or firefighters.

"I am sorry for the family that lost their home, but I am overjoyed that there were no injuries," said Warden (A) Javier Cavazos. "The responding female firefighters at CCWF did an excellent job."

The firehouse is the only station in

Madera County that is staffed around the clock. The Madera County Board of Supervisors has given the responsibility to CCWF to fill Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Bottles. The CCWF fire team now ensures the maintenance of life saving equipment for the remainder of the county's emergency responders.

"The Board of Supervisors in Madera County has shown an extreme amount of confidence in our institution's abilities going so far as to buy the team a new fire truck in 2008 to quicken their emergency response," Warden Cavazos continued.

The fire fighting crew at CCWF is definitely recognized an important part of this elite group of emergency personnel. For more information on CCWF, please visit the institution homepage at: http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Facilities_Locator/CCWF.html

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