

## **KINGS COUNTY BOOT CAMP**

### **SYNOPSIS**

On October 06, 2009, the Grand Jury visited the Kings County Boot Camp.

### **WHY THE GRAND JURY INVESTIGATED**

The Grand Jury is required to visit/tour jails and prisons in the county.

### **AUTHORITY**

California Penal Code Section 919(b)

### **METHOD OF INVESTIGATION**

An interview was conducted with a representative of the Probation Department, and an onsite visit was made.

### **BACKGROUND OF FACTS**

Educational programs are provided to all 30 juvenile inmates, ages 14 to 18. The educational programs meet state standards, and all teachers are credentialed. Some students were working on the program, "Character Counts," which emphasizes good citizenship skills. Students are encouraged to apply to local colleges for scholarships.

The Grand Jury toured several areas of the Boot Camp, including dormitory, laundry facility, command center, family visiting center, nursing station, the athletic center, and the multi-purpose room. The juveniles are actively doing volunteer community work such as repairing the Christmas lights which are used in downtown Hanford during the holidays. They also provide graffiti cleanup under supervision.

They have an excellent physical fitness program. Equipment was donated to this program by a local fitness center. To add to their fitness program, the cadets constructed an obstacle course in the yard of the Boot Camp for their use. The cadets are trained to officiate for various Hanford sports programs.

**RECOMMENDATION:** None

### **COMMENTS**

All areas were clean and well maintained.

### **RESPONSE REQUIREMENT**

None