

# AB 109 - The Consequences of Prop 47 and Prop 57



Lt. Jeff Wallace of the RPD

The first comment from Lt. Wallace that got our attention is Redding is no longer the same place to live that it used to be. Basically there are criminals walking our streets that should be in jail. The problems that have led to this are very complex. With the increase in population there has also been an increase in the number of people that are breaking the law. The very laws that protect us. That said the number of prisons and areas of incarceration have not expanded to meet the demand.

Jeff mentioned that when a person is arrested and brought to jail, a decision must be made. Which of the prisoners already there must be released to make room for the new criminal. There are 381 beds in the County jail. This obviously is a very serious situation. It means there are criminals walking among us.

There are no misdemeanor criminals only felons in the Shasta County jail. A major effect of AB109 is previously serious offences meant you were going to state prison to serve your sentence. After AB109 those committing crimes listed in 1107h of the penal code must be sent to the county jail, not state prison. This is what has led to the overcrowding of all county jails. The propositions 47 and 57 are responsible for this situation. Prop 47 has reduced many criminal offenses from a felony to a misdemeanor.

Health and Safety violations have been reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor. This means people using heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine are getting a ticket instead of going to jail. Also as part of Prop 47 property crimes of \$950 or less are reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor. Criminals understand the law. They are limiting their thefts to under \$950 and receiving a ticket. There are no more commercial burglary charges for an open business. A person can walk into a store and steal a camera valued at \$945 and walk out the door. If caught by security this criminal will receive a ticket as a misdemeanor.

Prop 57 is known as the Safety and Rehabilitation Act. This allows parole consideration for persons convicted of non-violent felonies upon completion of their prison term. It authorizes the California Department of Corrections to award credits for rehab, good behavior, or educational achievements. Juvenile court judges shall make determination upon a prosecutors motion whether juveniles age 14 and older should be prosecuted and sentenced as adults for specific offenses. This was previously decided by the prosecutor.

There doesn't appear to be an easy way to improve the situation. Clearly something has to be done to help law enforcement protect all of us.

## **New Members Inducted**



New member Sarah Fernadez and her sponsor Matt Morgan. Welcome!!!



Julie Flores and her sponsor Diane Kempley. Welcome!!!

## **President Richard's Recognitions**



Jennifer Morgan told us about The Zombie Walk/Run October 14th. Proceeds One Safe Place Thanks for the \$50



Johnathon Anderson is seen with his son after bringing down a 300 lb. wild pig.

The sausage is said to be absolutely fantastic.

Thanks for the \$100 to the Foundation



Mike Mangas was seen riding a pink RPD motorcycle to celebrate Breast Cancer Month. Thanks for the \$100 Mike.



Lindsay Myers has returned from a great trip to Cabo San Lucas. Good to have you home.

Thanks for the \$100.

Michelle Dell having some extra funds offered \$100 thanks to the information from Ed Rullman.

Michelle said she will be watching Ed closely for any chance to get even.



Kathy Malain was moving her feet with pooch Delilah. Six mile bike ride.

Thanks for the \$100 Kathy.

## **New Paul Harris Fellows**



Left Randy Smith, 3rd PHF Next Jeff Avery, 2nd PHF Right Mary Brace, 1st PHF

October Calendar	
October 12th	California Breeze Softball
October 19th	Dean Germano—Shasta Community Health
October 26th	Gary Hayward—Rancheria plans for I-5 Property
November 2nd	Reach Higher Program

# **Apology Accepted for Reptile Mishap**





During the previous meeting and reptile program it seems that while President Richard was hosting an albino python around his neck, the five foot snake found a way to crawl down the back of Kristy Lanham's blouse. Kristy who is not totally fond of snakes showed incredible composure at the time. President Richard apologizes for letting this happen..

Chuckle Chuckle

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