

Probation is a unique bridge between the community and justice with many different stories to share.

Madera Probation Helped Residents Stay Safe During Creek Fire

Department Spent Three Weeks Helping Counties Evacuate California's Largest Single Fire



“ Our Probation Officers safely evacuated homeowners with little notice from their homes as the fire raced through Fresno and Madera counties consuming mass acreage. And thankfully, none of our staff lost their home as they sacrificed to help others. ”

— Chief Probation Officer Chris Childers

When The Creek Fire began burning in Fresno and Madera Counties, Madera County Probation Officers stepped in to help support CalFire and Madera County Sheriff's Department with evacuations. This is California's largest single fire consuming over 365,000 acres and destroying about 1,000 structures. As the fire progressed away from populated areas, Probation Officers assisted with monitoring evacuated areas, managing traffic control, and eventually escorting homeowners safely back to their homes when evacuation orders lifted. **Madera County Probation Department is a prime example of how California Probation Officers are ready and willing to help keep communities safe in times of emergency.**

Probation Counties throughout California are following research-based approaches to community safety. Research supports that reductions in crime are best achieved by balancing appropriate interventions, services, and accountability. This careful balance of supervision, services, and rehabilitation are the cornerstones of Probation's work with clients.

