



San Diego Sex Offender Management Council

Making a Difference ... Managing Through Collaboration

A Presentation to the
California Sex Offender Management Board

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San Diego SOMC Quick Facts

- **Collaboration began in 1999**
- **Researched national best practices**
- **Original VAWA /CSOM grant**
- **Recommended “containment model”**
- **Adopted countywide in 2001**
- **No current funding**
- **Continues countywide today**



Our issues...how do we ?

- **Create safer communities**
- **Monitor known offenders**
- **Provide effective community notification**
- **Provide on-going victim support**
- **Ensure registration compliance**
- **Provide community treatment**
- **Educate regarding sex offenders**



Initial Committees

- **Court protocol**
- **Victim advocacy**
- **Notification and Registration**
- **Community Supervision**
- **Assessment and Treatment**
- **Data collection**

Ultimate Goal

**No
Sexual
Offending**



Getting Started

Sex Offender Planning Grant CORE Group

County Probation

State Parole

Public Defender

District Attorney

Superior Court

Center for Community Solutions (victim advocates)

Relationship Training Institute

San Diego Association of Governments

Sheriff's Department

San Diego Police Department



Researching Best Practices

- **Training in dynamics, risks and supervision issues (6 days)**
- **Studied both adult and juvenile populations**
- **Looked at interventions, treatments and supervision practices**
- **Recognized victim advocacy and importance to supervision and notification**
- **Examined polygraph as supervision tool**
- **And more...**



Focus of Work

- **developing an enhanced and integrated supervision model**
- **creating standards for sex offender treatment and polygraph testing**
- **implementing the use of sex offender specific risk assessment tools**
- **improving communication between the agencies working to manage sex offenders in the community**
- **enhancing community-based treatment options for adult and juvenile sex offenders**



2001 San Diego SOMC Introduced

A system-wide program of intervention, treatment and control of sex offenders is needed to support efforts to keep offenders law-abiding and hold them accountable for any illegal or high-risk behavior.

Recommendation

- **Containment Model**
- **Adopted countywide in 2001**

Countywide Standards Adopted

- **Forensic Evaluations of Adult Sexual Offenders**
- **Probation Adult Supervision Standards**
- **Probation Adult Treatment Standards**
- **Probation Juvenile Treatment Standards**
- **Polygraph Education**
- **Community Education Curriculum**

5 Years Later...Growing Pains

- **Loss of core members**
- **Standards needed update**
- **Political issues**
- **Original goals completed...sense of tangible mission elusive**
- **Community education needed update**
- **CSOM / SOMC strategic planning retreat 2006**

Recognize and Accept

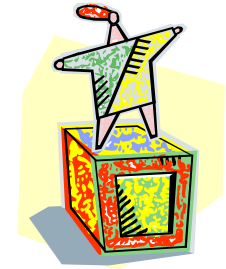


You will not always agree on everything ...but your unified commitment will bind you to one another.

San Diego SOMC Today

- **Containment Model alive and well**
- **Constant assessment of objectives**
- **Revisions / updates to Standards**
- **Re-education of stakeholders**
- **Funding non-existent**
- **Commitment of stakeholders strong**
- **Monthly meetings...regular, on-going problem-solving**

SOMC Stakeholders 2009



- San Diego Police
- San Diego Sheriff
- District Attorney
- **City Attorney**
- Public Defender
- Treatment professionals (2)
- **Polygraph professional**
- Victim advocate
- County government (2)
- Adult Probation
- Juvenile Probation
- Parole
- **Conrep programs (2)**
- **CCOSO**
- **SAFE Task Force**

The Containment Model

SOMC 2009 – A Dynamic Collaboration

➡ Assessment

➡ Supervision

➡ Treatment

➡ Polygraph

➡ **Community
Education**

COMMUNICATION !

SUPERVISION

**SPECIALIZED SEX
OFFENDER TREATMENT**

**PREVENTING
FUTURE SEX OFFENSES**

MONITORING

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION
AND VICTIM ADVOCACY**

Protecting through Collaboration

- 314 mdsmr
- Sex Offender therapy
- Therapist requires polygraph
- Tells polygrapher he is actively “stalking” toddler girls
- Brought back to court
- Formal probation
- GPS monitoring
- Refused supervision, revoked and max’d on custody



- Monitored regarding registration compliance
- Re-arrested for failing to register
- Back on formal probation

Diffusing Problems

- **In compliance former SVP living in gated community**
- **Not on probation or parole**
- **Neighbor outrage and concern**
- **Community meeting**
- **Contact with offender by public defender**
- **Changed behavior / tempers cooled**

Anticipating Risks

- **High risk offender releases from court**
 - SVPs
 - Others
- **Resolving mental/physical health issues if possible**
- **Notice to law enforcement**
- **Notice to community**
- **Follow-up with electeds and community as necessary**

On-going Community Education

- **Website** <http://www.sdsomc.com/>

- **News releases**

- **Speaking engagements**
 - Churches
 - Schools
 - Community groups
 - Victim advocacy groups



Educating Policymakers

- **Meetings with county supervisors and city council representatives**
- **On-going contact with state legislators**
- **Sponsoring forums**



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And the challenges continue....