

# California State Prisoner Release Program

## 2011 Public Safety Realignment Plan

**Beginning October 1, the State of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation will begin a program to release back to the counties non-violent “low-level” offenders.**

The definition of “Low-Level” offenses will include **Grand-Theft Auto, Cooking Meth, Burglary, various types of Assault, and possession and sales of illegal drugs—AND MORE.**

Low-level offenders will be those who commit offenses that are determined to be non-serious, non-violent, and non-sex related. However, these offenses have been serious enough to cause a person to spend time in prison. Beginning Saturday, this will no longer be the case.

Prisoners released under these conditions, will be released with no requirements for parole or probation. And, if they get into trouble again, they will not go back to prison for parole violation.

There is more to this and there are exceptions. However, it is estimated that approximately 3,000 inmates will be released back to San Bernardino County and approximately 2500 newly convicted criminals will be affected. That means about 5,500 criminals will be back on the streets of our communities.

San Bernardino County has pulled many of their departments together to develop a rehabilitation program, including three **Day Reporting Centers** and approximately 100 more staff with a budget of \$27 million for nine months.

If the total persons receiving services totals 5,000, that will provide **\$600 per person** for rehabilitation services, including GPS devices and monitoring, vocational training, mental health services, medical treatment and medications, transitional housing and transportation, as well as a whole range of other proposed services.

The cost to the State of California to house just one person is \$26,000 per year. \$27 million would cover 1,038 people. And our lawmakers and public officials believe they can keep the **public safe** and care for and rehabilitate 5,500 criminals?

State Senator, Sharon Runner stated that it is up to each of us to protect ourselves and suggests we get a dog, security system and a gun. She says she has two out of three and is working on the dog. Please obey all laws.

We want everyone in our association to be safe and enjoy their home and community. We also need to look out for our neighbors. If you would like to participate in a **Neighborhood Watch** program please come to the Board Meeting on **October 11** or register on our website.