



## **EL DORADO COUNTY GRAND JURY 2009-2010**

### **SOUTH LAKE TAHOE JUVENILE TREATMENT CENTER**

Case No. GJ 09-026

#### **REASON FOR REPORT**

The California Penal Code §919(a) and §919(b) charges the Grand Jury to annually inspect correctional institutions that operate within the county.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The South Lake Tahoe Juvenile Treatment Center is located at 1041 Al Tahoe Boulevard. It is approximately four years old and houses a maximum of 40 male and female juveniles. The average occupancy is 24 to 25 wards.

The El Dorado County Probation Department is responsible for maintaining the facility. The El Dorado County Office of Education is responsible for providing education to the wards. Juveniles sent to the Treatment Center become temporary wards of the court pending adjudication. The health, safety and education of the wards is governed by federal and state education codes and the California Code of Regulations, Title 15 and Title 24.

The El Dorado Juvenile Treatment Center is a critical element in the overall justice system.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

Members of the 2009-2010 Grand Jury inspected the South Lake Tahoe Treatment Center on October 19, 2009.

The Deputy Chief Probation Officer was interviewed and conducted the tour. Staff from the kitchen and control room were also interviewed.

Documents reviewed:

- California Code of Regulations, Title 15, §1029, Policy and Procedures Manual
- California Code of Regulations, Title 15, § 1280, Facility Sanitation, Safety and Maintenance
- California Code of Regulations, Title 17, §§6000-6075
- California Education Code §49068 and §49403
- Fire/Life and Safety Inspection Report dated 9/3/09
- Fire Alarm Inspection Report dated 9/29/09
- Health and Safety Code §§120325-120380
- Juvenile Facility Health Inspection Report, Health and Safety Code §101045 dated 9/9/09
- State Fire Marshal AES1/AES2 Inspection Report of Automatic Sprinkler System dated 9/25/09

Web sites reviewed:

- Department of Education [www.edc.ca.gov](http://www.edc.ca.gov) (February 2010)

## **FINDINGS**

None

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

None

## **RESPONSES**

No response required.

## **COMMENDATION**

The 2009-2010 El Dorado Grand Jury commends the staff of the South Lake Tahoe Juvenile Treatment Center, the El Dorado Probation Department, and the El Dorado Office of Education for their outstanding advocacy and rehabilitation programs for at-risk youth.