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192-bed Honor Farm Replacement Facility to open at Stanislaus County Public Safety Center

28,800 square foot building to be dedicated Tuesday, Sept. 10

Stanislaus County, CA – Fire destroyed two of the old Stanislaus County Honor Farm barracks on June 26, 2010. The loss of these 172 beds increased stress on an already overcrowded jail system. However, 192 new beds have been constructed at the County's Public Safety Center and they are being prepared to open. A dedication ceremony is taking place:

Date: Tuesday, September 10

Time: 4 p.m.

Location: 200 E. Hackett Road, Modesto

The dedication event will feature several guest speakers, light refreshments and tours of the facility including the three housing units, the program rooms and the recreation yard featuring two basketball courts.

"The new facilities have been designed to integrate into the county's Public Safety Center making for a more cost-effective operation," stated Vito Chiesa, Chairman of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. "This saves taxpayer dollars and creates a more secure environment for people housed in the facility."

The replacement facility is a 28,800 square foot building with 192 total beds. The facility is divided into three separate housing units. Each of the housing units has four secure dormitory rooms with a total of 64 inmates in each housing unit.

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In addition to the beds, the facility has two separate program rooms that will allow implementation of a variety of inmate programs while they are in custody.

The new facility is constructed with insulated precast concrete exterior walls, reinforced masonry interior walls, structural steel floor and roof framing, and concrete filled acoustical metal decking for dormitory floors. The new facility is a modern state of the art safe environment for the staff, inmates and focused on enhanced public safety. The new facility supports the campus approach at the County's Public Safety Center to facility efficient and detention operations.

The dedication event is open to the public before the facility becomes fully operational over the next few weeks.

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