

**Stanislaus County
Juvenile Justice Commission
August 21, 2025 – Probation Department**

Members Present: Lt. Fidel Landeros, Chair, Marian Martino, Craig Orona, Dejeune Shelton, Jessica Godden, Kelli Bravo, Sharma Uma

Members Excused: Wanda Bonnell, Stephen Ashman, Sandra Ainslie

Probation Department Present: Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera, Assistant Chief Probation Officer Tracie Martin, Facility Superintendent David Costa, Juvenile Field Services Division Director Olivia Lopez

Superior Court Present: The Honorable Annette Rees, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge

Guests Present: Kevin Fox, Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE)

Call to Order: Lt. Fidel Landeros called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Chairperson Elect Discussion/Vote

Chairperson Elect Fidel Landeros announced the resignation of Juvenile Justice Commission Chair Dawn Cullum. Following her resignation, Lt. Fidel Landeros was appointed as the new chairperson of the Juvenile Justice Commission, and Sharma Uma was appointed as the chairperson elect.

MOTION: Marian Martino. SECOND: Sharma Uma. The Commission unanimously approved the recommendation that, following the resignation of Chair Dawn Cullum from the Juvenile Justice Commission, Chairperson Elect Fidel Landeros be appointed as the new Chair of the Juvenile Justice Commission of Stanislaus County

MOTION: Marian Martino. SECOND: Kelli Bravo. The Commission unanimously approved the recommendation that, following the appointment of Chairperson Elect, Fidel Landeros, as Chair, Sharma Uma be appointed as the new Chairperson Elect of the Juvenile Justice Commission of Stanislaus County.

Consideration of Member Applications/Swear-in

The Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, Annette Rees, completed the swearing-in of Ms. Sharma Uma and Ms. Jessica Godden.

Approval of Minutes: MOTION: Kelli Bravo, SECOND: Fidel Landeros. The minutes of the June 5, 2025, meeting were approved unanimously.

Manufacturing and Truck Driving Presentation by SCOE (Presentation is attached.)

Kevin Fox, Director of Career and Technical Education with the Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE), shared a PowerPoint presentation highlighting two programs under accreditation: the West Campus Trucking Program and VOLT Institute. The West Campus Trucking Program provides youth with career and character-building opportunities in the trucking industry. Led by an experienced instructor and trucking company owner, the program offers both classroom and simulator-based training totaling 180 hours, aligned with Department of Transportation (DOT) standards. Students learn safety regulations, vehicle inspections, and industry practices while preparing for their commercial driver's license (CDL) written test.

Although age and licensing requirements present challenges, plans are in place to support youth in obtaining a Class C license. Beyond driving, the program exposes participants to related careers in logistics, dispatch, accounting, and entrepreneurship, promoting long-term employability and independence.

Annual Local Law Enforcement Youth Holding Facility Inspection

Chair Fidel Landeros spoke about the need for volunteers for the JJC's upcoming annual inspections of the Oakdale Police Department, Modesto Police Department, and Juvenile Hall. Juvenile Hall will be inspected together. Executive Assistant Eva Carrasco will soon send an email request for volunteers.

Probation Department Report

Facility Superintendent David Costa reported that the Juvenile Facility continues to experience higher youth populations than in previous years, currently housing 69 youths. The number of female youths has notably increased, with 6 to 12 in custody compared to only a few in past years. Of these 69 youths, 25 are sentenced and 44 are awaiting sentencing, while 43 are on house arrest with GPS monitoring.

The Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SHINE Unit) currently houses 15 youths: 14 males and the program's first female participant. The population includes two 21-year-olds and one 15-year-old, with one youth in custody for over four years. Nearly half (29) are held for serious "707(b)" violent offenses, reflecting a shift away from lower-level cases.

Lastly, Mr. Costa discussed the facility's significant security and infrastructure upgrades; Unit 1, originally built in the 1970s, is being completely renovated for the first time. Overall, the facility is handling high populations amid extensive construction and modernization efforts.

A recent news article highlighted arrests made at Stanislaus County Juvenile Hall; Chair Fidel Landeros asked for an overview of the incident.

Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera stated that staff members gathered information indicating that narcotics were being smuggled into the juvenile facility. A youth confidentially told a trusted contract provider that drugs were being thrown into the yards and concealed in camouflage balloons. Since then, the facility has updated its security protocols to include running narcotics detection dogs through the yards before use.

This discovery led to a broader investigation that included phone monitoring, video review, and coordination with the Sheriff's Department. The inquiry found several youth and community members involved in a gang-related operation smuggling narcotics into the facility, resulting in multiple arrests.

The incident served as a valuable learning experience, increasing staff awareness of smuggling tactics and prompting further security improvements. A new body scanner will soon be installed to enhance efforts to prevent narcotics from entering the facility.

Juvenile Field Services Division Director Olivia Lopez reported that with schools back in session, bookings for fighting and arson incidents among youth have increased. Also, around this time, bookings for social media terrorist threats increase.

Lastly, Ms. Lopez reported that all field and institutional staff are required to complete a two-hour CSEC human trafficking refresher training. This requirement was implemented due to recent departmental changes, which have helped support staff in their roles.

Juvenile Court Report

The Juvenile Courtroom and lobby remodel could begin as early as November, reported Chief Ferriera.

Announcements

Sharma Uma announced the upcoming Annual SCOE and CASCWA 2-day workshop, taking place at the Martin Peterson Event Center from Thursday, August 28th, 2025, to Friday, August 29th, 2025. (The flyer is attached.)

Members inquired about attending meetings virtually. Chief Ferriera explained that, under the Brown Act, JJC meetings must remain open to the public. While virtual participation is allowed, any location a member joins from must be publicly accessible. This means the address would need to be posted on the agenda, and the public must be allowed entry, even if the member is participating from home.

MOTION: Dejeune Shelton. SECOND: Kelli Bravo to adjourn the Juvenile Justice Commission meeting was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.



Career Technical Education





**Preparing Justice-Involved Youth for Careers
in the High-Paying Transportation Logistics
Industry**

Industry Led



David Beachler represents generations of experience from the trucking industry with the family-owned **Cal Valley Trucking**



The demand for commercial truck drivers has increased wages substantially. The average wage of a commercial driver is **\$54,000** a year, but those with experience and a clean driving record can earn up to **\$120,000** a year.



FMCSA Entry Level Driver Training Standards

The class is divided into two sections: **classroom instruction** and **lab application** each being 90 hours for a total of 180 hours. The curriculum is based on the rigorous FMCSA Entry Level Driver Training Standards and will use Instructional Technologies training materials.

At the completion of the program and **once a student is 18 years old**, they will be ready to apply for their CDL permit.

Permits are issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles and students will be required to pay for all application fees.



Classroom Application

Classroom instruction will prepare students for the DMV Commercial Driver's License written test. Students will study Department of Transportation Rule and Regulations regarding commercial vehicles, defensive driving techniques, pre and post trip inspections, hours of service, and logbook compliance.



National Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) Standards Theory Instruction Standard

A1.1 Basic Operation

- 1.1.1 Orientation
- 1.1.2 Control Systems/Dashboard
- 1.1.3 Pre- and Post-Trip Inspections
- 1.1.4 Basic Control
- 1.1.5 Shifting/Operating Transmissions
- 1.1.6 Backing and Docking
- 1.1.7 Coupling and Uncoupling

A1.2 SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURES

- 1.2.1 Visual Search
- 1.2.2 Communication
- 1.2.3 Distracted Driving
- 1.2.4 Speed Management
- 1.2.5 Space Management
- 1.2.6 Night Operation
- 1.2.7 Extreme Driving Conditions

A1.3 Advanced Operating Practices

- 1.3.1 Hazard Perception
- 1.3.2 Skid Control/Recovery, Jackknifing, and Other Emergencies
- 1.3.3 Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings

A1.4 VEHICLE SYSTEMS AND REPORTING

- 1.4.1 Identification and Diagnosis of Malfunctions
- 1.4.2 Roadside Inspections
- 1.4.3 Maintenance

A1.5 Non-Driving Activities

- 1.5.1 Handling and Documenting Cargo
- 1.5.2 Environmental Compliance Issues
- 1.5.3 Hours of Service Requirements
- 1.5.4 Fatigue and Wellness Awareness
- 1.5.5 Post-Crash Procedures
- 1.5.6 External Communications
- 1.5.7 Whistleblower/Coercion
- 1.5.8 Trip Planning
- 1.5.9 Drugs/Alcohol
- 1.5.10 Medical Requirements



Lab Application

In the lab setting students will receive hands-on training to prepare them for the transition to behind-the-wheel training. Students will obtain extensive simulator time in which students will learn how to shift, back, and drive a commercial vehicle. Students will also learn the proper way to pre-trip equipment and complete an air brake test.



Lab Pacing Schedule

Date	Initial	Lessons to Complete
1		Lesson 1 Shifting: 1 Introduction, 2 Shift Pattern, 3 Shift Pattern with H Pattern
2		Lesson 1 Shifting: 3 Shift Pattern with H Pattern, 4 Shift without H Pattern
3		Lesson 1 Shifting: 4 Shift Pattern without H Pattern, 5 Clutch Depth Practice, 6 Clutch & Gear, 7 Clutch with H Pattern
4		Lesson 1 Shifting: 7 Clutch with H Pattern, 8 Clutch without H Pattern
5		Lesson 1 Shifting: 7 Clutch with H Pattern, 8 Clutch without H Pattern, 9 Double Clutching
6		Lesson 1 Shifting: 8 Clutch without H Pattern, 9 Double Clutching with H, 10 Double Clutching without H
7		Lesson 1 Shifting: Warm up - 10 Double Clutching without H Test with Teacher: Pass- continue with next lessons, Fail- continue with Day 6
8		Lesson 1 Shifting: 10 Double Clutching without H, Lesson II Shifting Ladder #1, Adaptation #1
9		Lesson 1 Shifting: 10 Double Clutching without H, Lesson II Shifting Ladder #1, Adaptation #2
10		Lesson 1 Shifting: 10 Double Clutching without H, Lesson II Shifting Ladder #1 and #4, Adaptation #3
11		Lesson II #1, Backing Closed Road, Stay Back #1
12		Lesson II #2, Backing Closed Road Between Cones, Left Turns #1
13		Lesson II #1, Backing Pad Cones, Slow Down #1
14		Lesson II #2, Backing Pad Cones, Reduce the Risk #1
15		Lesson II #1, Backing Pad Cones, Lane Changes #1
16		Lesson II #2, Backing Pad Cones, Know What is Happening #1
17		Lesson II #1, Backing Pad Cones, Quick Drive #1
18		Lesson II #1, Backing Loading Dock, Yield to Others #1
19		Lesson II #2, Backing Loading Dock, Reduce the Risk #1
20		Lesson II #1, Backing Loading Dock, Reduce the Risk #2
21		Lesson II #2, Backing Loading Dock, Winter Driving #1
22		Lesson II #1, Backing Loading Dock, Winter Driving #2
23		Lesson II #2, Student Choice: pick one backing and one driving simulation
25		Lesson II #2, Student Choice: pick one backing and one driving simulation
26		Air Brake Test Practice with Teacher
27		Air Brake Test Practice with Teacher
28		Air Brake Test Practice with Teacher
29		Air Brake Test Practice with Teacher
30		Air Brake Test Practice with Teacher





Careers In Transportation

Types of Drivers:

- Tanker / Hazmat
- Flatbed
- Crane
- LTL Driver
- Environmental Services
- Rigging Services
- Ready Mix Operators
- Food Distributors/ Refrigerated
- Flatbed
- Intermodal
- Owner Operator

Trucking Companies:

- Driver
- Customer Service
- Management
- Recruiter
- HR Manager
- Load Planner
- Mechanic
- Safety Manager
- Social Media Manager
- Dispatcher

Trucking Support:

- Vehicle Enforcement
- CDL Instructor
- Diesel Tech Instructor
- Social Media Influencer
- Sales Person

Brokerages:

- Operations
- Sales
- LTL Coordinator
- OTR Coordinator
- Carrier Procurement
- Accounting
- Account Manager
- Analyst
- Marketing
- Customer Service

TMS:

- Cybersecurity
- Programming
- IT Services
- IT Development
- IT Sales
- Data Analyst

Warehouses:

- Management
- Coordinators
- Shipping and Receiving Supervisor
- Pick and Pack for E-commerce
- Forklift Driver
- Asset Management Teams
- Purchasing

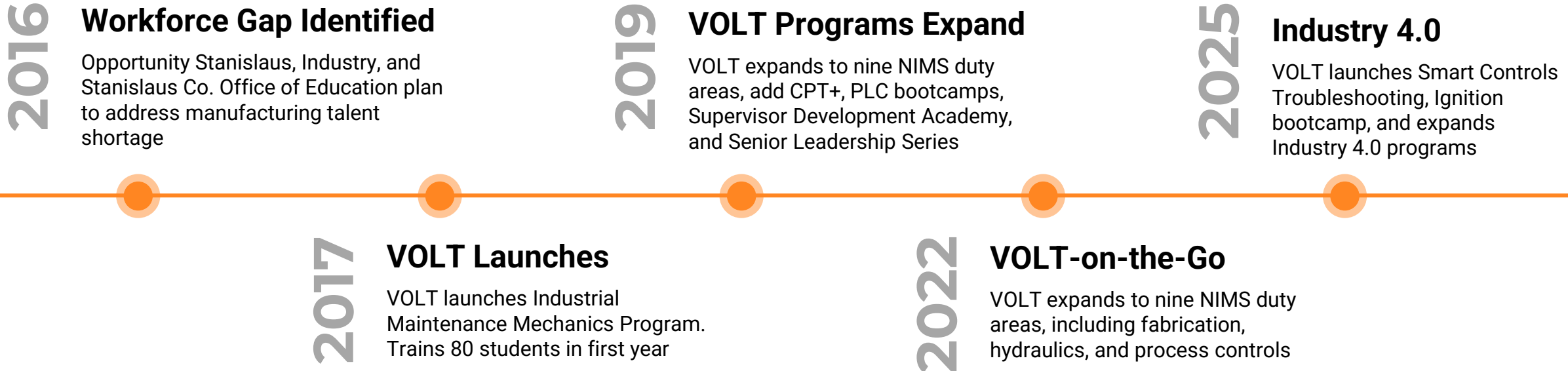




Preparing Justice-Involved Youth for Careers in the High-Paying Manufacturing Industry

About VOLT Institute

VOLT Institute is an advanced manufacturing training center in California's North San Joaquin Valley. Our mission is to train high-quality manufacturing job candidates and upskill incumbents on in-demand skills.



VOLT Continues to Grow

VOLT Institute develops high-impact, innovative strategies and programs to serve job seekers and industry

Training hours delivered in 2024

29,703

VOLT Students

125

New Programs

13

VOLT on the Go Learners

350+

Industry placement rate

92%

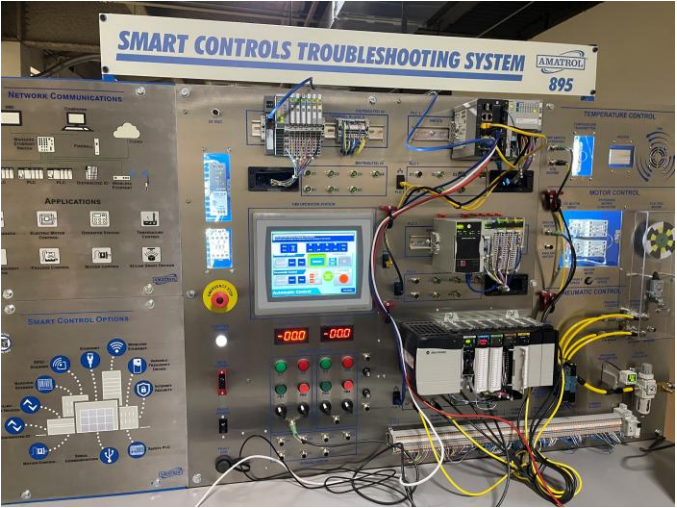
Partners Served

100+

VOLT Works with a Broad Network of Partners



VOLT's Facilities and Capabilities



Stanislaus County Juvenile Hall Pilot Program



**Delivered with Amatrol
Skill Boss on-site at
Juvenile Hall**



**MSSC CPT Certified
Instructor**



**3:1 Student-to-faculty
ratio**

The MSSC Certified Production Technician (CPT+) Program

*The MSSC CPT+ Program builds foundational knowledge
and skills to begin a high-wage career in manufacturing*

Safety

**Quality Practices &
Measurement**

**Manufacturing
Processes &
Production**

**Maintenance
Awareness**

VOLT Pathways

Industrial Maintenance Mechanic

The electro-mechanics program plus:

Maintenance Fabrication

Control Systems

Hydraulics

& More

46 weeks

Automation, Robotics, & Mechatronics

PLC – Intro through Advanced

Pneumatics

Mechatronics

Robotics

Automation

23 weeks

Controls

In development

PLC – Intro through Advanced
Process Control and Instrumentation

Smart Controls Troubleshooting

HMI

SCADA

23 weeks

Industrial Electro-Mechanics Program

23 weeks

Maintenance
Operations

Mechanical Systems

Electrical Systems

Electronic Control
Systems

VOLT on the Go

AC/DC

VFD

Relay Control

Process
Controls

Mechanical
Drives

Hydraulics

Smart Sensors

Pneumatics

PLC



15th Annual SCOE & CASCWA San Joaquin Section Attendance Certification & Mental Health Training

Thursday, August 28th, 2025 - Friday, August 29th, 2025

Martin Petersen Event Center, 720 12th Street, Modesto, CA 95354

Register: <https://cascwa.wildapricot.org/event-6179112>

Booking Link: <https://group.doubletree.com/pac9hp> **Group Code: 91N**

Call toll-free number 1-800-222-8733 or ask for the CASCWA

Topics:

SART/DART/SARB -

Legislative Updates by Sherman Garnett & Associates

Best Practices for Attendance Outreach

Homeless Education Services—SCOE

Virtual, Hands-on Attendance Improvement Strategy Workshop Free PD Workshop - Raawee

Prevention Program Support Services—SCOE

Model SARB Schools with Strategies to Increasing Attendance—Patterson Unified

Drug Trends/Opioids in Teens - Stanislaus Co Sheriff

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