



Session 3

Connecting Our Vets



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"A Tradition in San Bernardino County since 1984"

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County Sheriff



H.O.P.E. PROGRAM



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Homeless Outreach Proactive Enforcement

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Sheriff McMahon implemented the Homeless Outreach and Proactive Enforcement program to help improve the quality of life for the citizens of San Bernardino County.



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Homelessness is a complex social problem that impacts the quality of life in our community. It is important to recognize the fine line between homelessness as a social issue and a criminal issue.



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Collaboration with stakeholders, service providers, and other resources is key to reducing the homeless population.

- Department of Behavioral Health
- Department of Public Health
- Veterans Affairs
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MELINDA SCHROCK

SIX YEARS AIR FORCE & SIX YEARS NATIONAL GUARD

Cross country truck driver.

Diagnosed with a severe illness and unable to work.

Exhausted her savings to survive.

Deputies Janna Kovensky and Jason Whitsell linked her with the H.O.P.E. Team after finding her living in a field in Rancho Cucamonga.

Through a VA affiliate, Melinda was linked with housing where she continues to live today.



RONALD JENNINGS FOUR YEARS NAVY

Ronald suffered a stroke and lost his job at a local hotel. Unable to find employment and quickly exhausted his savings.

Deputy Jeff Collins found Ronald living in a drainage tunnel under a shopping center.

Through collaboration with Kelly Maxwell of the Orenda Veteran's Foundation, Ron was housed within a week.



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DOUG BROWN TWO YEARS MARINE CORPS

Doug was a welder when he developed a seizure disorder. Unable to work, he found himself living on the streets of Victorville.



The H.O.P.E Team discovered Doug, who was skeptical about receiving assistance from law enforcement.

Through collaboration with the Orenda Veterans Foundation, Doug received housing at a transitional veterans home. Doug is currently managing that transitional veterans home.

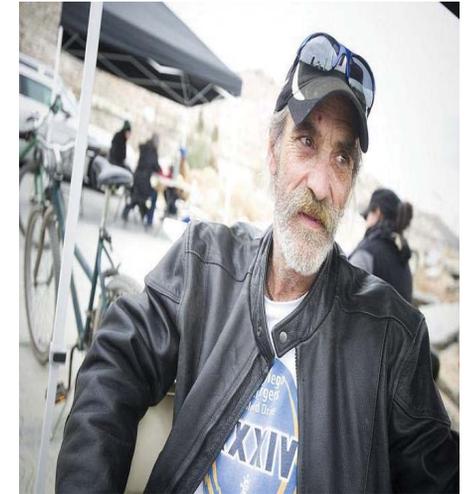


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DANIEL CRAVENS FOUR YEARS ARMY

Daniel and his wife were homeless in the Mojave Riverbed for 12 years, living in a motor home 20 feet from the I-15 Freeway. Unofficial “mayor” of the homeless encampment, he was contacted by the HOPE Team and initially refused assistance for housing and services. After repeated contacts, Daniel relented and with the help of Community Action Partnership and K.E.Y.S., Daniel and his wife are now in their own apartment.



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“[W]e’ re not going to rest until every Veteran who has fought for America has a home in America.”

**– President Barack Obama,
August 2014**



In 2010, the White House and VA issued a plan to end veteran homelessness by the end of 2015. Together with partners and supporters nationwide, the VA launched the Ending Veteran Homelessness initiative, an unprecedented effort to make sure veterans are able to obtain permanent housing and that veterans at risk of homelessness remain housed.

This initiative has been successful so far. According to the 2013 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, the number of veterans who are homeless is down by 33 percent since 2010.



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“Many Parts Make Up A Whole”



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