



Fresno County Sheriff's Department
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Female Inmate Sheriff's Labor Crew Created

Sheriff Richard Pierce has expanded the work opportunities for sentenced female inmates in the Fresno County Jail. The Sheriff has established a female inmate Sheriff's Inmate Labor Crew that will provide female inmates with opportunity to develop fundamental work skills through real life projects. The labor crew projects include the landscape maintenance of the Marjoree Mason Center, the grounds surrounding the jail facilities, and community beautification projects.

While working in the community, all inmates are supervised by a Correctional Officer. This program provides the inmates with an opportunity to "bond" with the community, developing a sense of ownership through valued service projects that contribute to the community's quality of life throughout the area. Through their work, inmates are actively contributing to the community no longer just passive consumers of the community and criminal justice system resources.

These work projects provide a chance for female inmates to develop a sense of accomplishment, and ownership through their work experience. They are provided with a positive role model, and work in a positive peer culture. Through these projects the inmates are able to develop some basic living and work skills needed to lawfully, positively, and productively function when they return to the community.

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