

What does it say when law enforcement officers are paid so little they qualify for social services?



Above left, A Game Warden living in Marin County on Warden pay could barely afford to live in this trailer. Above right, Warden's children are innocent victims of the pay inequity.

A lack of salary parity with other state law enforcement agencies left Game Wardens increasingly powerless to do their jobs, spread so thin and so poorly paid that some actually qualify for the following Social Service programs:

Warden Cadets and Warden Range A Eligibilities for Social Services Statewide in California

Using starting salaries of Warden Range A and Warden Cadets with a family of four:

- Both are eligible for subsidized child care.
- Both are eligible for free state preschool program for 3 & 4 year olds.
- Both qualify for USDA Rural Development Home Loan program
- Both eligible for Down Payment Assistance program through Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD).
- New Game Wardens qualify in many urban locations and several Wardens are living in low income housing.
- Cadets qualify for Reduced Fee Lunches at public schools. Maximum income of \$2,964 a month (Range A Wardens are ineligible).