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Expanding PPOA's Professional Network

I am ever mindful of our unique membership, whose individuals are committed to a "Tradition of Success." We support this tradition through the expanding professional network of our association. PPOA proactively works with county employers and other professional groups to fight for the necessary changes in policies and laws.

Among the many influential organizations with which we align, PPOA is proud to be a member of the California Contract Cities Association (CCCA). A contract city is, in essence, a municipality that has contracts for various services with government agencies. Like our association, the CCCA has been in existence since the 1950s. Also like PPOA, the CCCA has championed innovation and growth based on the principle that strength exists among collective entities.

It was not long before the CCCA grew exponentially from only a handful of municipalities to now embodying 80 cities in and around Los Angeles County. Currently, 42 cities directly contract for services with the Los Angeles



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in this phenomenal gathering attended by law enforcement officers from across our state and throughout the nation. Thank you for visiting our PPOA B2V hospitality station at the barbecue, where we were able to conduct numerous raffles and award unique prizes and gifts to our members. My accolades to all who organized and assisted with the Baker to Vegas Barbecue. Congratulations to all who participated in this grueling race, including runners, alternates, support staff and volunteers.

On the legislative front, PPOA is heavily engaged not only on the local level, but also with the State Legislature. We lobby for laws that support your duties amid the challenging and

increasingly complex realm in which we work. PPOA also opposes legislation that negatively impacts public safety. California Assemblymember Corey Jackson is attempting to reintroduce a bill (AB 2042) that would require our Department to adopt restrictive policies for the deployment of our canine units. Canines increase officer safety and are cost-effective, particularly when compared to other methods and technologies. Based on these facts, I authored a letter (see tinyurl.com/ab2042letter) to Assemblymember Jackson, advising him of our strong opposition to this bill.

Regarding the care and support of our members, I want to recognize a profound resource we have within PPOA, the Star and Shield Foundation. I have the honor of chairing this foundation in coordination with its diverse, dedicated Board of Directors and key corporate sponsors. Families continually express to PPOA their immense gratitude for the support they have received from our foundation in their most severe time of need. Presiding over the Star and Shield Foundation is one of the most rewarding aspects of my duties here at PPOA.

We hope to see you at our Star and Shield Foundation's upcoming 16th annual Peace Officer Memorial Golf Tournament, which will be held on June 24 at Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier. This tournament is our primary fundraiser and wholeheartedly supports our mission to provide crucial resources for PPOA members and their families.

As we move forward in 2024, we will continue to promote the professional interests of our members by protecting individual and collective rights. We are committed to fighting for you and we appreciate all that you do. Please stay well and stay safe, and we will see you very soon. 🛡️

PPOA PROACTIVELY WORKS WITH COUNTY EMPLOYERS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL GROUPS TO FIGHT FOR THE NECESSARY CHANGES IN POLICIES AND LAWS.

County Sheriff's Department, which brings \$315 million in annual revenue to the Department. Membership in the CCCA affords us access to and collaboration with elected city councilmembers and other public officials. We will continue to update you on our professional working relationship with the CCCA and other organizations PPOA aligns with to ensure you have an advocate on all fronts.

Last month, PPOA had the privilege of cosponsoring the annual Baker to Vegas Barbecue, along with ALADS and the Homicide Bureau. It was our honor to participate

Honoring the Fallen: Two LASD Names to Be Engraved on National Memorial Wall

Each year in the April issue of *Star & Shield*, PPOA honors and pays tribute to our California peace officers who gave their lives in the line of duty and who will be memorialized in the month of May at national, state and local ceremonies.

In 1962, President Kennedy signed a joint congressional resolution proclaiming May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week.

Two fallen officers from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department were submitted for consideration for inclusion in the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, which is in Washington, D.C., at Judiciary Square, adjacent to the National Law Enforcement Museum. There are 24,067 names of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty throughout American history engraved on the memorial walls.

Both LASD submissions (one murdered by gunfire and one who passed from COVID-19) met the National Memorial's criteria for inclusion, and the names of our two fallen heroes will be engraved for the ages on the memorial walls prior to National Police Week, May 12–18:

- Deputy Ryan Clinkunbroomer (EOW: September 16, 2023)
- Sergeant Frank Murillo (EOW: February 8, 2022)

On May 13, the names of 282 officers — 118 who made the ultimate sacrifice in 2023, as well as 164 fallen from previous years that were since determined to be line-of-duty deaths — will be dedicated and read aloud during the annual Candlelight Vigil. On May 15, the roll call of heroes will be read at the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on the United States Capitol lawn.

In California, the first Sunday and Monday of the month of May are dedicated to peace officer memorial ceremonies that pay tribute to those brave men and women who have died protecting the citizens of our great state. In 2023, California tragically lost four peace officers in the line of duty. All four, including LASD fallen hero Deputy Ryan Clinkunbroomer, were murdered by criminal gunfire. On page 18, you will find the names of the eight California peace officers (four from 2023, three from 2021 and one from 1959) who will be honorably added to the California Peace Officers' Memorial monument on the State Capitol grounds in Sacramento on May 5 and 6.

PPOA is once again proud to announce that your Association will issue a reimbursement of up to \$200 for PPOA members who attend the upcoming 2024 California Peace Officers'



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Memorial Ceremony in Sacramento. Reimbursement eligibility is limited to the first 10 full dues-paying, active PPOA members who call the union office to register. Following the ceremony, each eligible member must submit receipts for hotel and travel expenses to PPOA for reimbursement. If you are planning to attend the Sacramento memorial ceremony and would like to be eligible for reimbursement, please call PPOA at (323) 261-3010.

On May 22, at 1900 hours, the annual Los Angeles County Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony will be held at the Biscailuz Regional Training Center. LASD Deputy Ryan Clinkunbroomer and Manhattan Beach Police Officer Chad Swanson will be remembered, honored and inducted at this ceremony.

It should be noted that the National Law Enforcement Memorial and the California Peace Officers' Memorial have differing inclusion criteria. The Los Angeles County Peace Officers' Memorial usually follows the California Peace Officers' Memorial guidelines for inclusion on its wall.

IN 1962, PRESIDENT KENNEDY SIGNED A JOINT CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 15 AS NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY.

On Saturday, March 2, PPOA President Steve Johnson hosted a Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) meeting at PPOA for Southern California families of fallen officers. The meeting was coordinated by COPS and provided family members with valuable information and resources as they plan to attend the peace officer memorial ceremonies honoring their loved one in Washington, D.C., and Sacramento.

Please make every attempt to attend at least one of the peace officer memorial ceremonies as we once again collectively and publicly commit to our profession, our communities and, most importantly, the survivors of those who made the ultimate sacrifice that our fallen heroes will never be forgotten. 🇺🇸

Contract Facts for Custody Assistants and Unit 621

I hope this finds you and your families all doing well. These are tough times, and under these circumstances many of you maintain a level of attendance and professionalism that is appreciated, if not by your unit, then hopefully by your peers.

Negotiations will be coming up in a few months. We will continue to assess the climate leading up to assembling the negotiations team.

Here are some facts:

- A specific ask regarding salary has not been established.
- The negotiations team has not met, nor has it been assembled.
- There are eight classifications in Bargaining Unit 621.
- Your final raise from the current contract will be issued on October 1, 2024, at 3.25%.
- The current contract expires March 31, 2025.



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- Negotiations will begin in the months prior to the expiration of the contract.
- Negotiations will be in person. The previous contract was done via Zoom.

More information will follow as we get closer and a schedule of meeting dates has been established.

Members of Custody Assistant Class #111 began their Academy on March 4. They started with 14 recruits. The numbers are not what they traditionally have been; however, at this critical juncture, bodies are bodies. As long as the Department can consistently put out a class, every item helps.

Specialized programs continue to be problematic for Custody Division. Their continued expansion is at the detriment of the line, adding to the attrition and fatigue of

those remaining to shoulder the workload of overtime mandates and drafting.

Unfortunately, the goalpost gets moved when it comes to program staffing, as consent decrees and those funding these programs disregard where the staffing comes from and the collateral damage it causes.

PPOA WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR AN INCREASE IN JAILER ITEMS AND TO RELIEVE THE OVERBURDENED POSITION.

The request for additional station jailer items was included in the Department's budget proposal. Regrettably, it was denied. PPOA will continue to advocate for an increase in jailer items and to relieve the overburdened position.

I want to acknowledge the retirements of Eddie Smith, Roy Johnson and Lina Awi. Congratulations on reaching the finish line. Your contributions as partners are appreciated. Job well done, and enjoy the spoils.

And to those still going 10-8, pour into yourselves as best as you can. Rest whenever you can and partake in family time whenever possible.

Take care. Be safe. 🇺🇸



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Congratulations to the following PPOA members for winning the "Find the Hidden Word" contest in *Star & Shield*. If your name is listed, that means your entry was drawn as one of the winners for that month's issue. Please call Greg Torres at (323) 261-3010 to claim your \$100 check.

CONTEST WINNERS

\$100 PRIZE WINNERS

(February/March issue — the hidden word appeared on page 20)

Eli Celnik, Security Officer

Meredith Ponce-Alvarez, Public Response Dispatcher II

Ronald Tevere, Retired Member

First-Time Bonus for Unit 614 Members

Criminalists and Forensic Identification Specialists have been serving the County of Los Angeles for decades in the role of crime scene processing. This duty requires lots of hours of training, in addition to discipline and mental toughness. But what this duty requires more than anything else is qualified and motivated individuals to answer the request for service.

When the negotiation team for Bargaining Unit 614 set out to closely examine the participation of Criminalists and Forensic Identification Specialists in the Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) program, we were not prepared to see the results we discovered. We looked at how many employees on the team had zero to five years of experience, five to 10 years of experience, 10 to 15 years of experience and more than 15 years of service. We were shocked to find that we lost a significant number of members during the zero-to-five-year and five-to-10-year ranges. We also found that if members achieved 10 years of crime scene response, they all made it to 15-plus years. This was extremely eye-opening. We only lost participation in the Crime Scene Investigation team among members under 10 years of experience. Team members left for a variety of reasons — some due to injury, some to promotion, some to leaving the Major Crimes sections, some to leaving the Department and some left the field altogether.

Once we gathered this data, the next step was to give the County a thorough presentation of all crime scene responsibilities. Not every case is the crime of the century. Conversely, not every case is a walk in the park. It is a mixed bag and range of complexity that can have members walking a city block one week and in a house full of blood the next, or even on a plane headed to another state. Our professional members aim to give their very best to the victims and to the subjects for every case we draw from in that mixed bag of CSI responses.

In an attempt to retain that professional, hardworking, high level of experience, the negotiation team submitted a request for a crime scene retention pay bonus to the County. The County agreed that the need for a retention pay bonus made sense and we got our very first bonus in the history of Bargaining Unit 614 added to our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Though the bonus is relatively modest



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now, its inclusion in our MOU is a step in the right direction and an accomplishment that we all should be proud of.

I would like to thank the negotiations team, which includes Tiffany Shew, Luis Olmos, Sue Baker, Eucen Fu, Courtney Castellano, Ryan Forte, Stephanie Sandoval and Mark LaVigne. I would also like to thank the County CEO's Office for listening to our proposal and taking the steps to make it a reality. I want to thank Captain Ernest Bille and Director Jim Carroll for their role in approving those in the first round to receive the CSI Retention Pay Bonus. I would also

like to offer a special thanks to Assistant Director Micah Anozie and Acting Supervising Criminalist Christine Pinto for their role in gathering names of eligible members and submitting them for approval. Supervisors are the conduit to upper management, and

THE BONUS'S INCLUSION IN OUR MOU IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND AN ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT WE ALL SHOULD BE PROUD OF.

Christine Pinto represents a source of compassionate support for those on the CSI team. It takes collaboration and cooperation between management and Unit 614 members to ensure that the citizens are served with professionalism and accuracy. And this same collaboration and cooperation is required to pursue additional compensation that makes sense for all parties involved. Lastly, congratulations to those who qualified for the first-ever round of bonuses paid to Unit 614 members. The acknowledgment of service is well deserved. 🇺🇸

Three Decades Strong

Hello, partners. This year marks 30 years that our classification has been part of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. In 1994, the Sheriff's Department absorbed the Los Angeles County Marshals' Department and kept the civilian Security Officer position, thus creating the Sheriff's Security Officer classification.

The classification has gone from being exclusively assigned to court entry points in 1994 to now being in courthouses, hospitals, Department of Mental Health facilities, Department of Public Social Services offices, the Hall of Justice, the Sherman Block Building, patrol stations, Aero Bureau, Homicide Bureau, Antelope Valley College, Community College Bureau, Parks Bureau, Probation facilities and Pitchess Detention Center — just to name a few.

As our classifications expanded throughout the County, so have our responsibilities, training and liabilities. We have been utilized by the Department to assist those destabilized by natural disasters like wildfires, geared up in the event of civil unrest, prepared to administer Narcan to people who have overdosed and/or been exposed to fentanyl and, most importantly, prepared to respond to an active shooter incident. As I have told some of our partners, in the event of a mass shooting, only two classifications from LASD are going in while shots are being fired: sworn personnel and us.

We hold a vital role in L.A. County and the Department, and in the upcoming months I will assert our value to anyone who questions it.

FEBRUARY DELEGATES MEETING

Last month, I was privileged to meet PPOA delegates at our first meeting of the year. We exchanged ideas and issues members were experiencing, and I shared the goals I expect to accomplish for us.

621 MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Sheriff's Security Officer Santiago "Sonny" Aoalin.

Officer Santiago is an SSO assigned to the Sherman Block Building, County Services Bureau (CSB). He is also the vice president of the Los Angeles County



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Filipino-American Employees Association (LACFAEA), an organization founded in 1974 to provide and develop leadership, advocacy and dynamic representation for a synergistic employer–employee relationship. With LACFAEA, Santiago chaired community events that were attended by dignitaries, diverse ethnic groups and stakeholders in the County of Los Angeles. He has gained recognition from the California State Assembly; the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, including Supervisor Hilda Solis; and the Mayor of Arcadia.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Officer Santiago was trained and certified by the Department of Public Health as a Community Public Health Ambassador. He helped raise awareness and aided several

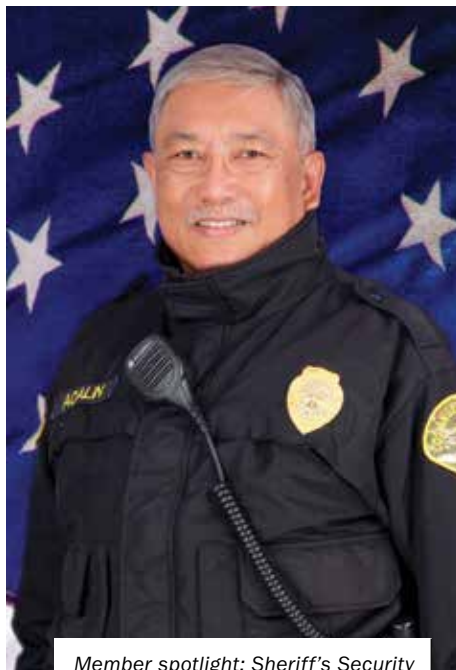
disadvantaged residents by delivering meals to their homes, allowing them to stay safe from potential risks.

The nine-year LASD veteran is also an active volunteer for Volunteers Cleaning Communities (VCC), a nonprofit organization that cleans litter from the streets, highways, illegal dump sites and abandoned homeless encampments. He also used to be involved with TreePeople, aimed at the restoration of the Santa Monica Mountains.

Officer Santiago was inspired by his belief and motto quote, "One good thing a day from each of us (LASD) is 20,000 good things a day for the people and the communities that we serve."

When an individual has a career serving the community and still makes time to continue to help others, it speaks volumes of his character. I am proud to call Officer Santiago a partner in our Unit 621 family. Santiago, thank you for your service.

I plan on sharing the stories of our great partners. Please contact me at (323) 400-9590 or lorozco@ppoa.com with your stories or events. Also, feel free to nominate a partner who you feel should be recognized (especially those who served or are currently serving in the armed forces for a future article). Stay safe, partners. 🛡️



Member spotlight: Sheriff's Security Officer Santiago "Sonny" Aoalin

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2024 College Scholarship Program

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Supporting Health and Fitness at Palmdale and Lancaster Stations

PPOA was proud to deliver a treadmill to Lancaster Station and another to Palmdale Station for use in their staff gyms. In a continuing effort to support health and fitness for members, PPOA's Star & Shield Foundation teams up with Discount Fitness in Bellflower to secure a limited number of treadmills and ellipticals for employee gyms at facilities throughout the county. The refurbished, high-end commercial machines are purchased by the Foundation at discounted pricing and delivered by PPOA to select units where our union members have an expressed need for new exercise equipment.

To date in 2024, we've delivered equipment to three stations and five additional units are on the waiting list for treadmills. Fulfilling these remaining requests will max out the budget for this PPOA program for the year, but please know that we've arranged for Discount Fitness to extend special pricing to PPOA members interested in purchasing fitness equipment for staff gyms or personal use. For



more information, call Discount Fitness at (562) 531-7767 and tell them you're a member of the Professional Peace Officers Association. 🛡️



Power in Numbers: Welcoming New Members to PPOA

PPOA representatives met with 35 LASD Sergeants during their first day of Supervisory School at STARS Center in February to answer questions and discuss their crucial roles on the Department. We were also proud to meet with 14 newly hired Custody Assistants at Biscailuz Center during their first day of orientation in March. We look forward to joining them at the graduation ceremony following their nine-week Academy training. 🇺🇸



President Steve Johnson meets with members at Sergeant Supervisory School.



PPOA Second Vice President Tony Coleman speaks with Custody Assistant Class #111.

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Proud to Acknowledge Dedicated Personnel at Department of Medical Examiner

PPOA was honored to bring our barbecue trailer to the L.A. County Department of Medical Examiner on January 31 to provide lunch in acknowledgment of the diligent work of our members at that location. National Coroner/Medicolegal Recognition Week is observed annually during the last week of January.

A few weeks later, PPOA Executive Board Member/Coroner Investigator Joyce Kato facilitated a meet-and-greet between President Steve Johnson, Executive Director Wayne Quint Jr. and executives from the Department of Medical Examiner, including Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Odey Ukpo, Chief Deputy Director Akiko Tagawa, Chief Brian Elias, Assistant Chief Emily Tauscher, Human Resources Manager Michael Cordial and Administrative Deputy Dr. Nichelle Shaw. 🇺🇸



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PPOA Hosts Meeting for Concerns of Police Survivors

In preparation for police memorial events this May, PPOA hosted a meeting last month for families of peace officers killed in the line of duty. This event was coordinated by the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) and provided family members with valuable information and resources as they plan trips to Sacramento and Washington, D.C., for memorial events. COPS is a nonprofit organization established in 1984 that now represents more than 75,000 survivors and 50 chapters nationwide.

Please note that LASD Sergeant Frank Murillo (EOW February 8, 2022) will be included among the fallen officers honored at the National Law Enforcement Memorial this year. 🇺🇸



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Fraternal Order of Police Meeting Hosted at PPOA

The first quarterly meeting of 2024 for the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Los Angeles County Lodge #1 was hosted in the PPOA conference center in February. Discussions at the meeting were centered on federal legislation, member benefits and the California State FOP convention set to take place in San Diego in March.

All active PPOA members are California State FOP Lodge #1 members. This provides PPOA members with workplace legal protections through the FOP Legal Defense Plan. The L.A. County Lodge is one of more than 30 lodges in the statewide organization. 🛡️





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PPOA Delegates Gather for First-Quarter Meeting

PPOA delegates met with union board members and staff on February 27 in Monterey Park. Topics of discussion at the quarterly meeting included bargaining unit contracts, legal updates, peace officer memorials and more.

We were also honored to present a retirement plaque to

Custody Assistant Eddie Smith, who is set to wrap up his career after 33 years of dedicated service. The longtime PPOA delegate has always been quick to step forward to help this Association in a number of capacities, including committee work and volunteering at union events. Best of luck to you in retirement, sir! 🇺🇸





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Los Angeles Police Department
EOW: January 25, 2021

Sergeant Patricia Guillen

Los Angeles Police Department
EOW: January 28, 2021

Sergeant Anthony White

Los Angeles Police Department
EOW: April 15, 2021

Deputy Darnell Calhoun

Riverside Co. Sheriff's Office
EOW: January 13, 2023

Officer Gonzalo Carrasco, Jr.

Selma Police Department
EOW: January 31, 2023

Deputy Ryan Clinkunbroomer

Los Angeles Co. Sheriff's Department
EOW: September 16, 2023

Officer Tuan Le

Oakland Police Department
EOW: December 29, 2023

∞ DISTANT PAST HONORED OFFICER ∞

Detective Donald A. Mason

San Bernardino Co. Sheriff's Department
EOW: December 23, 1959

Honoring Our Fallen Heroes



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The beautiful bronze and granite California Peace Officers' Memorial located on State Capitol grounds in Sacramento contains the names of more than 1,600 courageous peace officers who have laid down their lives in the line of duty protecting and serving their fellow Californians. Tragically, every year more names are added to our hallowed monument.

YOU CAN HELP the CPOMF in our mission to underwrite the annual California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony, maintain the memorial monument, subsidize survivor support groups, and support the families of our fallen heroes through our educational grant and financial assistance programs.

California law allows taxpayers to make voluntary tax-free contributions on their personal state income tax returns to the "California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation Fund". Simply indicate the amount to be donated where instructed on the tax return form. Importantly, the law requires that all contributions be used to maintain the California Peace Officers' Memorial and for activities in support of the surviving families of our brave men and women peace officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We urge the more than 100,000 peace officers serving California to help us **TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN.**

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Legislative Update

The California State Legislature is already one-third of the way through the 2024 legislative session, which runs from the beginning of January through the end of August this year. Against a backdrop of looming, multiyear state budget deficits, numerous significant issues of importance to PPOA are at the top of the agenda in Sacramento. The 2024 session is also unique in that this is the first full legislative session under newly elected leadership in both the Senate and Assembly in several years. Senator Mike McGuire (D-Sonoma) was sworn in as Senate president pro tempore on February 5, which ushered in some changes to the Senate's leadership team and policy committee chairmanships. The Assembly's transition happened during the summer of 2023 with the swearing-in of Assemblymember Robert Rivas (D-Hollister), and associated changes to leadership and committees took effect last fall. Finally, this year is the first time that the vast majority of sitting legislators will be faced with a true budget deficit situation that will require difficult choices and real cuts to services and programs.

STATE BUDGET

The governor released his January budget proposal for 2024–25 on January 10, which, at the time, needed to close a projected budget deficit of approximately \$68 billion. (Note: The governor's deficit projections differ from those of the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office [LAO], which are the numbers used for this article.) The governor's January budget proposes to tackle the shortfall with several budgeting tools, including making use of \$18.8 billion in reserves, revenues and borrowing; \$11.9 billion in reductions and fund shifts; and \$7.2 billion in deferrals and delays.

Notably, the governor's budget maintains, and in some cases even increases, spending for criminal justice and public safety programs and investments. In his budget press release, Governor Newsom notes that his budget invests \$1.1 billion over four years to increase the safety and security of local communities, including \$373.5 million to combat organized retail theft; over \$230 million for opioid and fentanyl interdiction and enforcement, naloxone distribution, recovery and support services and more; \$302 million to enhance community public safety through nonprofit security grants, officer training and more; and \$197 million to tackle gun violence.

However, since the release of the January budget, the state's fiscal condition has continued to deteriorate, and the LAO is now projecting a \$73 billion shortfall for 2024–25. As we approach the release of the governor's May revision, which reflects changes to the January budget based upon the latest economic forecasts, we anticipate additional reductions, deferrals, fund shifts and other budget solutions will be on the table. At the time of this writing, it is also possible the Legislature takes early action on some budget solutions to ward off tackling a larger problem this summer.

LEGISLATION

In the public safety space, key topics reflected in legislation include retail theft, peace officer standards, criminal procedure and inmate rights, just to name a few. While prior legislative attempts to amend provisions of Proposition 47 (2014) have failed, there appears to be a more sincere, bipartisan commitment to understanding the problem and exploring potential solutions this year. Recall that Proposition 47 law made some nonviolent property crimes, where the value does not exceed \$950, into misdemeanors. It also made some simple drug possession offenses into misdemeanors. It further provides that past convictions for these charges may be reduced to misdemeanors by a court. The PPOA Legislative Committee is actively reviewing all public safety and criminal justice legislation introduced in 2024 and taking positions where appropriate.

Some measures of significance thus far related to peace officers include:

- **Support: AB 1839 (Alanis): Peace officers: education and hiring grants:** AB 1839, subject to an appropriation, would establish the Law Enforcement Officer Grant Program under the administration of the Student Aid Commission to provide grants of up to \$6,000 per year to individuals enrolled in a modern policing degree program at a California community college who commit to work for four years as a peace officer at a law enforcement agency.
- **Oppose: AB 2042 (Jackson): Police canines: standards and training:** AB 2042 would require each law enforcement agency in California, on or before January 1, 2027, to adopt a policy for the use of canines that, at a minimum, complies with the standards developed by POST, and to require regular and periodic training for all canines and canine handlers.
- **Support: AB 2645 (Lackey): Electronic toll collection systems: information sharing: law enforcement:** AB 2645 would require a transportation agency that employs an electronic toll collection system to notify the CHP and other law enforcement agencies when, including the time and location, they identify the vehicle subject to an alert.
- **Oppose: AB 2923 (Jones-Sawyer): Peace officers: public complaints:** AB 2923 would require the form used during the complaint against a police officer process to include a provision inquiring whether the complaint includes an allegation of racial or identity profiling and a space to describe the allegation.
- **Oppose: AB 3127 (McKinnor): Reporting of crimes: mandated reporters:** AB 3127 would remove the requirement that a health practitioner make a report to law enforcement when they suspect a patient has suffered physical injury caused by assaultive or abusive conduct. The bill would instead require that a health practitioner make a report when the injury is life-threatening, results in death, or is the result of child abuse or elder or dependent adult abuse. The bill would require the

health practitioner to additionally make a report when a person is seeking care for injuries related to domestic, sexual or any nonaccidental violent injury if the patient requests a report be sent.

Measures of significance related to Prop 47 reform/retail theft include:

- **Support: AB 1772 (Ramos): Theft:** AB 1772 would state the findings of the Legislature that if the value of property taken exceeds \$950 over the course of distinct but related acts, the thefts may properly be aggregated to charge a defendant with grand theft.
- **Support: AB 2438 (Petrie-Norris): Property crimes: enhancements:** AB 2438 would, notwithstanding the limitations on imposing an enhancement, make any person who acts in concert with two or more persons to take, attempt to take, damage or destroy any property in the commission or attempted commission of a felony punishable by an additional and consecutive term of imprisonment of one, two or three years.

Measures of significance related to criminal procedure include:

- **Oppose: AB 2215 (Bryan): Criminal procedure: arrests:** AB 2215 would authorize an arresting officer to release an arrested person from custody without bringing the person before a magistrate if the person is, subsequent to being arrested, delivered or referred to a public health or social service organization that provides services including, but not limited to, housing, medical care, treatment for alcohol or substance use disorders, psychological counseling or employment training and education, and no further proceedings are desirable.
- **Oppose: AB 3021 (Kalra): Criminal procedure: interrogations:** AB 3021 would require a peace officer, a prosecuting attorney or an investigator for the prosecution, prior to interviewing a family member of a person who has been

killed or seriously injured by a peace officer, to clearly identify himself, if the interview takes place in person, to show identification and to state specified information, including that the family member has the right to ask about the status of their family member prior to answering questions, has the right to remain silent and, before speaking with the interviewer, can consult with a trusted person and can have that person with them while they speak to the interviewer.

Measures of significance related to corrections and county jails include:

- **Oppose: AB 2280 (Jones-Sawyer): Jails: confidential calls:** AB 2280 would require local jail facilities to adopt the confidential call process for inmates and attorneys provided by CDCR, which requires approval of an attorney's request to have a confidential call (at least 30 minutes, once per month, per inmate, per case) with the inmate that they represent.
- **Oppose: AB 2709 (Bonta): Prison Visitation:** AB 2709 would prohibit a person sentenced to imprisonment in a state prison or in a county jail for a felony offense from being prevented from receiving personal visits, including but not limited to noncontact and family visits, unless necessary and narrowly tailored to further a legitimate security interest.
- **Oppose: AB 2818 (Mathis): County jail: available social services:** AB 2818 would require each county jail, in coordination with the county jail's local department of health and human services or relevant social service agency, to facilitate a consultation with a counselor from the social service agency when processing an incarcerated person for release from the county jail. The bill would require the counselor to consider the circumstances of the crime and make recommendations based on the counselor's evaluation.

For updates on all legislation impacting PPOA members, visit PPOA.com and click on Legislative Advocacy in the members-only menu. 🇺🇸



RETIREE EVENTS



Texas LASD HR-218 Qualification

April 19
9 a.m. qualification, 11:30 a.m. barbecue
Valley View, TX
Info: hr218texas@gmail.com

HR-218 Qualification at PDC Range

April 27-28
8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Info: Deputy Phil Abner, pabner54@gmail.com



Final LASD McArthur Reunion

June 16-20
McArthur, CA
Info: charlie.engelbart@gmail.com or bonron1998@gmail.com

East L.A. Station 100th Anniversary

June 20
Luminarias Restaurant, Monterey Park
6 p.m.
Info: Janee Salinas, (323) 981-5038 or jsalinas@lasd.org

Retired Guys & Gals Breakfast Club

Every Wednesday at 9 a.m.
Mr. D's Diner, Placentia
Info: kamohagen@aol.com

Desert Heat Retirees Luncheon


First Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m.
Elks Lodge, Lake Havasu
Info: Lnx1993@yahoo.com

Rogue Valley Retiree Lunch

Last Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m.
Grants Pass Golf Club,
Grants Pass, OR
Info: michaelbuschke@charter.net

Congratulations to Custody Assistant Class #110

PPOA representatives were honored to attend the graduation ceremony for Custody Assistant Class #110 in February. Congratulations to every member of that class for the teamwork and dedication required to complete the Academy and begin promising new careers with the Sheriff's Department.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

These events and more can be found on PPOA's online calendar at PPOA.com. Do you know of a Department-related event we can help promote? Email details to info@PPOA.com.

April 16

PPOA Board of Directors Meeting

San Dimas

9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Members: RSVP to (323) 261-3010

Please note: This meeting was originally scheduled for April 10

April 19

PPOA Scholarship Submission Deadline

Visit PPOA.com for details

April 27

Better Together 5K Run/Walk

LASD Suicide Awareness and Prevention

Biscailuz Center Training Academy



May 5

California Peace Officers' Memorial Candlelight Vigil

Sacramento

Visit camemorial.org for details

May 6

California Peace Officers' Memorial Enrollment Ceremony

Sacramento

Visit camemorial.org for details

May 8

PPOA Board of Directors Meeting

San Dimas

9 a.m.–4 p.m.

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May 15

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Washington, D.C.

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This month's hidden word is:

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PPOA extends our sincere condolences to the families and friends of the following PPOA members who passed away in January and February:

Sergeant

Danilo Castaneda Jr.

EOW: January 2, 2024

Began career with LASD in 2001

Academy Class #259

Assigned to Norwalk Station at time of passing

Retired Deputy

Richard Evans

EOW: January 4, 2024

LASD 1954-1986

Academy Class #45

Last assignment: Technical

Services Transportation

U.S. Army Korean War veteran

Retired Sergeant

Verna Thomas

EOW: January 6, 2024

LASD 1968-1989

Academy Class #132

Last assignment: Background Unit

Retired Deputy

Sergio Herrera

EOW: January 15, 2024

Began career with Marshal's Office in 1971

Retired from Court Services in 1989

U.S. Marine Corps veteran

Retired Deputy

Lawrence Bittner

EOW: January 25, 2024

LASD 1964-1990

Academy Class #104

Last assignment: Lennox Station

U.S. Air Force veteran

Condolences may be emailed to the family: larryalma1@gmail.com

Retired Civilian Investigator

Ron Curlis

EOW: January 25, 2024

LASD ret. 2016

Also served as PPOA delegate and reserve deputy

Reserve Class #21

Retired Sergeant

William Webb

EOW: January 26, 2024

LASD 1969-1999

Last assignment: Avalon Station

U.S. Marine Corps veteran

Retired Member

George Kachin

EOW: January 31, 2024

L.A. County Marshal's Office 1954-1978

Age 100

Custody Assistant

Heidi Ziebeck

EOW: January 2024

Began career with LASD in 1998

Retired Deputy

Sheryl Endresen

EOW: February 4, 2024

LASD 1967-1983

Academy Class #115

Last assignment: Sybil Brand

Institute

Condolences may be emailed to the family: mybelle918@gmail.com

Retired Inspector (Commander)

Davidson Turner

EOW: February 4, 2024

LASD 1948-1978

Academy Class #12

Last assignment:

Personnel Bureau

U.S. Army WWII veteran

Age 102

Retired Sergeant

James Jennings

EOW: February 15, 2024

LASD 1966-1995

Last assignment: Narcotics

Bureau

Condolences may be emailed to the family: streetglidedad1@yahoo.com

Retired Deputy

Dennis "Skip" Ryzow

EOW: February 22, 2024

LASD 1963-1995

Academy Class #100

Last assignment: Pitchess

Detention Center

Retired Sergeant

Bruce Haar

EOW: February 25, 2024

Began career with Marshal's

Office in 1980

LASD ret. 2009

Last assignment: Pomona Court



*Sergeant Danilo Castaneda Jr.
(EOW: 1/2/24)*



*Retired Deputy Lawrence Bittner
(EOW: 1/25/24)*



*Retired Civilian Investigator Ron Curlis
(EOW: 1/25/24)*



*Retired Sergeant William Webb
(EOW: 1/26/24)*



*Retired Member George Kachin
(EOW: 1/31/24)*



*Retired Deputy Sheryl Endresen
(EOW: 2/4/24)*



*Retired Inspector (Commander) Davidson Turner
(EOW: 2/4/24)*



*Retired Sergeant James Jennings
(EOW: 2/15/24)*



*Retired Deputy Dennis "Skip" Ryzow
(EOW: 2/22/24)*



*Retired Sergeant Bruce Haar
(EOW: 2/25/24)*

Watch Out for Phon(e)y Messages



Few of us can imagine going a day without using our cellphones. For many people, it has become their preferred method of communicating and doing business. Scammers take advantage of our reliance on cellphones and use them to trick us into giving them our personal information. It is important to be aware of the kinds of scams they use.

One common scam is *phishing*. Thieves “phish” by sending emails or text messages claiming to be from authentic organizations, like credit unions, to get you to reveal your private information.

These phishing scams can come in two forms: vishing or smishing attacks. Both aim to trick people into revealing their Social Security numbers, credit union account numbers, personal identification numbers (PINs), passwords, etc. Usually, the messages use scare tactics to make you panic and act quickly. For example, they will say your account will be terminated unless you act immediately.

The term *vishing* comes from “voice” plus “phishing.” This involves the fraudster claiming to be from a company or financial institution, calling you and requiring that you provide or confirm personal information. For example, they might send a recording informing you that your credit card has been used illegally. You are asked to call an 800 number and confirm account details. The consumer’s answers are saved and later used to commit identity theft.

The term *smishing* comes from “SMS” plus “phishing” (SMS stands for “short message service,” aka text messaging). In smishing, the thief attempts to get your information by sending a text message instead of calling. A common smishing ploy goes like this: You receive a text message, seemingly from your credit union, stating that your account has been closed. To reactivate it, you are told to click on a link they provide. When you do, you are asked to enter your account number and PIN. The link may also install malware on your phone.

It is important that you *never* click on the links or call phone numbers listed in messages from unexpected or unfamiliar sources. The best protection against either vishing or smishing comes down to a simple strategy: Do not respond.

If it is a vishing scam, refuse to answer questions and hang up. If it is a smishing attack, do not do what the text message instructs you to do. If the scammer claims to be from POPA Federal Credit Union, call us immediately to let us know. Then block the number on your phone.

Remember, POPA FCU will never ask for your personal PINs or passwords to online banking, instruct you to conduct cash withdrawals from your POPA FCU account or request remote access to your computer. If you are unsure if the message is legitimate, simply call us directly at (562) 229-9181. 🛡️



HISTORIC LASD BADGE/BUCKLE (PRICE LOWERED)

Description provided by badge owner (retired LASD Lt.): L.A. County Sheriff's badge, circa 1932, number 12. According to Sheriff's Personnel Bureau, the badge represents the first of the six-pointed star series. The back is stamped Chipron Stamp Co., L.A. The sterling silver buckle, 3 1/4" long and 2 1/4" wide, was made by Edward H. Bohlin, known as the "saddle and buckle maker to the stars" in the early days. The buckle is hand-engraved with rope filigree edging. The front is adorned with an applied LASD star, #12 and initials "H.G." Marked on back: Bohling made — Hollywood, CA — sterling. The badge and buckle are encased in a custom-made gold-colored shadow box with a dark navy-blue background. The badge, buckle and frame are in pristine condition. Price for all: \$3,000. Contact: (702) 227-0345. (1122)



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