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# Gratitude, Progress and Looking Ahead

**I** want to express my deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for the trust you've placed in PPOA. I am truly thankful for the hard work, dedication and resilience you display every day in your respective units. We are privileged and honored to represent your interests.

The quality of work each of you produces is unparalleled, and I am beyond grateful to advocate for and protect your rights. With our experienced legal team and seasoned labor representatives, we are committed to ensuring you receive the high-quality representation and the unwavering support you deserve.

## CLARIFYING THE LANDSCAPE OF UNIONS AND THEIR RECOGNITION

It's important to clarify the distinctions between various organizations and their official status. Unlike PPOA and ALADS, some organizations may seem like legitimate unions, but they are not recognized as official bargaining entities by the Los Angeles County Employee Relations Commission (ERCOM). Established by Employee Relations Ordinance #9646 in 1969, ERCOM is the body that regulates labor relations in Los Angeles County, granting unions like PPOA the bargaining power necessary to safeguard your rights.

Certified organizations are unions with recognized bargaining authority. These unions represent county employees in critical areas such as grievances, disciplinary actions and contract negotiations (memorandum of understanding, or MOU). Registered organizations, in contrast,



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are interest-based, enhancing employee-employer relationships and providing career development and other activities for county employees who are members of these organizations.

## NATIONAL AND STATE LABOR RIGHTS UPDATE: THE FIGHT FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

On February 15, Reuters reported that after weeks of protests, Utah signed a bill banning collective bargaining for teachers, police officers, firefighters and other public employees. This bill, signed by Governor Spencer Cox, has sparked outrage among unions, who are determined to challenge this decision. This development highlights the critical importance of protecting collective bargaining rights, as labor laws for public

employees vary significantly from state to state.

While federal law safeguards collective bargaining rights for private-sector workers, state governments determine the labor laws for public employees. While some states offer strong protections, others impose restrictions on who can unionize. Only North Carolina and South Carolina have outright banned collective bargaining for public employees. This battle emphasizes the need for vigilance in defending the rights of our members at both the state and federal levels.

We are all aware of the current federal administration's push to reduce the size of the federal workforce, aiming to trim waste and address bloated salaries. Although this is primarily focused on the federal level, it could set a precedent that influences state and local labor relations. The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) could play a significant role in shaping public-sector labor laws, and we must remain alert to any developments that might undermine our bargaining power.

In California, the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) oversees collective bargaining statutes for public employees. As we monitor the trajectory of federal and state labor policies, we must continue safeguarding our rights, especially those governed by the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (MMBA). The MMBA ensures that recognized employee organizations like PPOA are entitled to represent our members in negotiations with public agencies, including those affecting your working conditions.



Public employees at the Utah State Capitol

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# Honoring Our Fallen

**E**ach year in the April issue of *Star & Shield* magazine, PPOA pays tribute to our California peace officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the previous year and who will be memorialized in May at local, state and national ceremonies.

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. The proclamation was established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962.

One fallen peace officer from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will have his name engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial wall and added to the California and Los Angeles County memorial monuments in May: Deputy Alfredo "Freddy" Flores (EOW: April 20, 2024).

On October 10, 2023, Deputy Flores was training with a fellow deputy inside the mobile shooting range at the Pitchess Detention Center in Castaic when an equipment malfunction ignited a fire. Both deputies suffered severe burns before being rescued by fellow deputies and transported to the hospital. Deputy Flores passed away after a valiant six-month fight to recover from his line-of-duty injuries.

Deputy Flores graduated from LASD Academy Class #327 and served the residents of Los Angeles County for 22 years. His assignments included the North County Correctional Facility, Operation Safe Jails, Altadena Station and, most recently, the Sylmar Juvenile Court at Court Services West Bureau.

Deputy Flores is survived by his wife, children, parents and sister.

Since 1977, California has memorialized our state's fallen heroes by conducting the California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremonies at our State Capitol during the month of May. The annual Los Angeles County Memorial Ceremony is also held in May. It is my hope that you attend at least one of the following memorial ceremonies to publicly commit that our fallen officers and their surviving families left behind will never be forgotten:

- May 4 and 5: California Peace Officers' Memorial Candlelight Vigil and Enrollment Ceremonies, Sacramento
- May 13 and 15: National Law Enforcement Officers' Candlelight Vigil and Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony, Washington, D.C.
- May 21: Los Angeles County Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony, Biscailuz Regional Training Center



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In 2024, 147 officers nationwide died in the line of duty, representing a 25% increase compared to the 118 officers who died in the line of duty in 2023. The leading cause of these line-of-duty deaths was gunfire-related fatalities (52), which is a 13% increase from 46 fatalities in 2023.

In 2024, three peace officers in California died in the line of duty. In addition to Deputy Flores' line-of-duty death, two officers died in the line of duty from traffic-related incidents.

## **Deputy Alfredo Flores**

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department  
EOW: April 20, 2024

## **Officer Matthew Bowen**

Vacaville Police Department  
EOW: July 11, 2024

## **Officer Austin Machitar**

San Diego Police Department  
EOW: August 26, 2024

Additionally, two California peace officers from the recent and distant past are being honored and enrolled this May.


## **Officer Chad E. Swanson**

Manhattan Beach Police Department  
EOW: October 4, 2023

## **Officer Terry D. Long**

El Monte Police Department  
EOW: August 22, 2004

I encourage you to visit the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation (CPOMF) website, [camemorial.org](http://camemorial.org), for additional information on our five fallen heroes who will be enrolled this May in Sacramento. Also, on May 4, PPOA's website, as well as CPOMF's, will have a digital copy of the annual *In the Line of Duty* memorial magazine, which details this year's enrollment of our three peace officers from 2024 and our two peace officers from the recent and distant past.

This May, let us remember the brave men and women who died in the line of duty safeguarding our communities in our state and across our great nation. May we never forget those five words etched with the names of 24,067 peace officers on the granite walls at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial: *"In valor there is hope."* 

## My Heroes Wear Blue

**B**eing on the PPOA Board has its perks. One of them (the biggest and best thing) is being able to meet, listen to, interact with, assist and give advice to younger and newer members who are navigating the twists and turns of the Department, their units of assignment and their daily job duties. This could not have been more evident to me than on a recent morning I spent at Altadena Station.

The smoke has cleared. The community is filled with burnt-out dwellings and countless workers cleaning up sites, hauling away debris and sifting through the charred remains of so many people's lives. Much has been said about our hero deputies who saved countless lives in the Altadena Fire. I could not be prouder to say that those brave men and women work for the same Department as I do. I call them "tan and green heroes" and have no embarrassment in saying it. However, after my morning at Altadena Station, I have expanded my favorite colors — because from now on, *my heroes wear blue*.

I got to meet three true heroes on that warm March morning. These heroes wore blue, and these three women made me so proud to be a member of Unit 621. I want to make it a point to introduce everyone to three of the finest members of the Altadena Station family and of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department: Lauren Kane, Isabel Fonseca and Mayra Garcia. All three worked the desk at the station during the deadly fires that killed nearly 20 people, injured dozens more and destroyed hundreds of homes in a matter of hours. Driving around the station is incredible — buildings that literally share the same block as the station burned to the ground. I was shocked to see the devastation. It's something you would see on CNN when they are showing burnt-out blocks in a war zone.

As the devastation tore through Altadena block by block, three Law Enforcement Technicians risked their lives by staying on the phones and making sure the residents of the community had someone on the line who cared. None of these heroes were close to prepared for the onslaught of



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calls. For nearly 24 hours, the calls were non-stop as community members called asking for help, seeking advice and begging for deputies to come and save them. Since all 9-1-1 calls to Altadena are routed to Crescenta Valley Station, it became even more complicated, as the Crescenta Valley LETs had to prioritize the Altadena residents' calls and transfer so many of them back to Altadena. There, all three of our blue heroes fielded communication that none of them had experienced in the past.

What do you tell a 60-year-old woman whose home is full of smoke, who sees flames all around her, with no first responders in sight, and has a bedridden elderly father and needs to evacuate? What do you tell a caller from across the country, frantic that his wife and kids haven't been heard from all day and aren't picking up

his calls? How many times can you tell people that you are sending someone to check up on their loved ones when you realize there is no way to really give the call to a deputy? The calls for help got so numerous that they stopped entering them into the dispatch system — they had to resort to a pad of paper and a pencil. They also were happy to see other station personnel who were not necessarily trained on the LET position trying to pitch in, answer phones and console the community that was literally burning to the ground.

This is when the unique Altadena family showed that when a family is in danger, they band together.

Halfway into the three days of hell the community endured, the station was evacuated and almost everyone headed to Crescenta Valley Station. A couple of "tan and green" heroes had to be encouraged, pressured and, ultimately, ordered to leave the station completely. All of us know that a sheriff's station is never really "empty" and certainly never the site of personnel fleeing. My tan and green heroes don't run from danger. But the evacuation order had to be given to save lives, as the fire was extremely close to the station. The electricity was off until the generator switched on,



Altadena Law Enforcement Technicians Lauren Kane, Isabel Fonseca and Mayra Garcia

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# Answering the Call

**H**ello, partners. During the past few weeks, several senior SSOs have reached out to me regarding issues with our classification.

I am very fortunate to have partners willing to speak up to help keep our partners safe in their careers. That being said, I would like to touch on a few topics you should consider to be prepared, safe and effective.

Before responding to any call, *gather information*. This will help you determine what tools you need to resolve the issue and if more resources are required. When you obtain the information and the situation permits, slow down to figure out the next step.

Once you determine what is needed and appropriate backup is on the scene, *coordinate the approach*. Whether it's the partner you work with every day or an outsider from a different unit of assignment, you will likely be the one they look to since it is your home field and you have the most knowledge of the RD. *Communicate* with your team before contacting the subject/suspect(s) and ensure everyone knows their roles during the contact.

During your response, keep your head on a swivel and have *situational awareness* of other potential suspects and hazards that may hurt you or your partners if you do have to be hands-on with someone. Everyday objects can potentially be used as weapons by someone attempting to harm you, so, situation permitting, move them out of the way and away from the suspect's reach.

Remember, whether at work or just out and about on your day off, criminals are watching your moves and sizing you up — that is why *command presence* is important. When contacting someone, be professional, be assertive and demonstrate that “this is not someone to mess with.” As Sun



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Tzu said, “The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting.”

This is always the best approach, but as we know, every situation is unique, and not every call can be resolved by just talking. Despite all de-escalation attempts, if the suspect decides to take it to another level, your response to their actions should be appropriate to the situation. That is why it is important to *know your force policy* and understand what appropriate legal actions are permitted to subdue the violent attacks of a suspect while ensuring the safety of you, your partners and the public.

Once the situation is safe, *debrief*. That way, you can determine what went well and what could have gone better. Also, be willing to accept *constructive criticism*. After every incident, there is an

opportunity to learn and grow. The majority of people are not saying things to be malicious; rather, they are saying things to ensure your safety, the team's safety and that everyone makes it home at the end of their shift.

I hope everyone reading this understands that they have signed up for a world of uncertainties. In life, there is no guaranteed tomorrow, so how could there be a guaranteed “easy shift”? Route 91, Uvalde, Sutherland Springs Church — time and time again, we have witnessed what was expected to be “just another day” quickly turn to hell on earth. When it happens here, that LASD logo on your uniform not only makes you a target but also puts you in a position where people expect you to get them out of that hell. It is important to be honest with yourself — are you willing to answer that call? Your answer will not only impact you but also your family, your partners, their families and the community. Be safe. 🍀

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Either way, we need your personal (non-Department) email address so that we can disseminate important news to you as quickly as possible. Please email your address to [info@PPOA.com](mailto:info@PPOA.com) and reference “email updates” in the subject line.

## Strength in Numbers

**M**y fellow Custody Assistants, I do not think anyone could have anticipated the events that have transpired over the last six months surrounding the PPOA election for Custody Assistant representative. An unprecedented tie and a devastating wildfire, both unfathomable reasons for this prolonged process. But dare I say, that was the easy part. With the expiration of our current contract on the horizon, there really has been very limited time for an adjustment period.

As much as I feel like the freshman on the varsity team, I know I have a lot to learn, but I am ready to hit the ground running. I cannot express how appreciative I am for every kind word of congratulations, encouragement, support and advice from my partners. I started this journey with a vision of what I want to build and achieve for



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current and future Custody Assistants, and never with the intention of doing it alone.

With that said, I want to discuss what I want the foundation of the next two years and beyond to be: strength in numbers. Custody Assistants are the largest classification in the 621 bargaining unit. I believe we hold more power than anyone is willing to acknowledge, and I want to tap everyone of you as a potential resource. If Custody Assistants are anything, they are a wealth of knowledge and experience. But what good are either of those if they are not shared for the benefit of your peers? I need to foster a free flow of information among us — both from me to you and vice versa. That starts with boots on the ground.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of your involvement. We are all capable of being a part of the solution by becoming a PPOA delegate. Once I start making my rounds to facilities, I am going to call on you, my partners, to aid me in my efforts. I cannot be everywhere at once, so I need you to be my eyes and ears. I can only inquire and act on your behalf when I am made aware of your concerns. As delegates, I intend to utilize you as an information highway to and from units of assignment. Custody, courts, stations and specialized units are all facing different issues and require equal representation among us. Therefore, personnel from each unit needs to step up because I need to hear from all of you. Perhaps, in the past, there has been a misperception of what being a delegate entails. It is not an all-consuming commitment, with only one meeting every three months. The key role is to be a source of information for your peers. Email [info@PPOA.com](mailto:info@PPOA.com) with your name, employee number and expressed interest in becoming a delegate.

Now, more than ever, it is crucial that we are all well informed. In a time where misinformation runs rampant, we all need to utilize critical reasoning prior to sharing what we've heard. Please ask questions — starting with who the source is and assessing the likelihood of this person having credible information. If it does not sound right, chances are it is not true. There are too many people out there fearmongering for the sake of wreaking havoc. Let's not panic until it is time to panic. I believe in transparency, and when something pertinent to the well-being of Custody Assistants comes up, I will tell you. I know I am looking at a very steep, uphill battle. But with your support and assistance, I know only good things are to come. 🍀

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### LEGAL UPDATES, LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECENT WINS FOR PPOA MEMBERS

PPOA recently filed unfair labor practice claims against the County, particularly concerning the actions of the Office of the Inspector General and the impact on our members' procedural rights during interviews. We will keep you updated on the outcomes of these important legal proceedings.

I'm proud to announce that we've made significant strides with the passage of the federal Social Security Fairness Act, which protects our retirement income. This victory was largely made possible due to the influence of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) at both the state and national levels. The passing of H.R. 82, which was signed into law by President Biden, was a true bipartisan effort. President Trump's efforts to sway Republican senators, who initially opposed the bill, were crucial in its successful passage. This is a clear reminder of the power and importance of cultivating strong relationships with elected officials who impact our policies, salaries and contracts.

As sergeant-at-arms for the California FOP, I am committed to ensuring PPOA's voice is heard in both state and federal conversations that directly affect us. With the new legislative cycle in California underway, we will work alongside our lobbyists and fellow unions to draft legislation that defends your privacy, procedural rights and other critical concerns surrounding POST and other vital issues.

### LEADERSHIP UPDATES AND TRANSITIONS

I'd like to take a moment to welcome and acknowledge our new PPOA Board members who have recently begun

their two-year terms: Roel Garcia, Joe Walker, Jim Schallert and Rob Weber. Additionally, our Executive Board has been selected and includes the following officers: First Vice President Jay Chapman, Second Vice President Joe Walker, Secretary Chris Lee and Treasurer Joyce Kato.

I would also like to personally thank Custody Assistant Tony Coleman for his outstanding service as a former PPOA director for the past eight years, including his leadership as second vice president. Tony's dedication to our organization has been immeasurable. His seat will be filled by Custody Assistant Melissa Rodriguez, who brings a fresh perspective, drive and a commitment to our mission. We are excited to welcome Melissa to this important role!

### LOOKING AHEAD: EMBRACING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

As we face the unique challenges of our profession, we also recognize the opportunities for growth and improvement that come with them. Let's remain vigilant and committed to supporting one another. I encourage you to continue providing us with feedback so we can enhance the services we offer you.

As we move forward into the year, we will continue to uphold our "Tradition of Success." I am honored to lead this Association, and I am confident that this year will bring great opportunities for growth, prosperity and progress for our membership. Thank you for being a part of PPOA. Stay safe, look out for each other, and I look forward to sharing further updates as we continue to move forward together. ♥

**Joe Walker** → continued from page 6

but smoke filled the hallways, and the fire alarms gave a loud piercing scream that people can still hear, which is one of the things our LETs remember the most. Yet, they all stayed on duty. They stayed on the phones. While our tan and green heroes were saving lives and evacuating threatened residents, our LETs never stopped. They never worried about their own safety. They only cared about the people on those phones.

Most of our members are too young to remember President Reagan, and definitely too young to remember an amazing speech he gave at Normandy Beach where so many young heroes gave their lives to fight Nazi fascism. He talked about heroism, and I am going to borrow his words and slightly alter them to remember those heroes who went 10-8 that day, imperiling their own lives. Tan and green and blue all served heroically.

I say to those LETs — with thanks to Mr. Reagan — why? Why did you do it? What impelled you to put aside the instinct for self-preservation and risk your lives to help those people? What inspired all the deputies and LETs who met there? We look at you, and somehow, we know the answer. It was faith and belief; it was loyalty and love ... I look at you and I think of the words of Stephen Spender's poem. You are men and women who in your "lives fought for life ... and left the vivid air signed with your honor ..."

As I left Altadena Station on that beautiful Monday morning, I looked across the street, literally 20 feet from my car, and saw the burnt-out shell of a commercial building and some single-family homes. The destruction

**AS THE DEVASTATION TORE THROUGH ALTADENA BLOCK BY BLOCK, THREE LETs RISKED THEIR LIVES BY STAYING ON THE PHONES.**

was absolute. What kept the flames from hitting the station? What protected our heroes who stayed in the station until they had to be ordered to leave? God's grace was upon all those brave men and women, and upon my new heroes, Mayra Garcia, Lauren Kane and Isabel Fonseca. My heroes wear *blue*. ♥

# New PPOA Board Member Sworn in As Unit 621 Representative


**D**uring the Board of Directors meeting in March, PPOA Board members welcomed Custody Assistant Melissa Rodriguez, as she was sworn into a two-year term representing Unit 621. For more information, please see her article on page 8. [👉](#)



# IN MEMORIAM




## Art Reddy

As this issue of *Star & Shield* went to print, we received the devastating news about the unexpected passing of former PPOA President Art Reddy and his wife, Judy. Those who knew Art understand what he meant to this Association and how much of his life (60-plus years) he dedicated to public safety as a profession and to generations of PPOA members. To say he was one of a kind is an understatement. We will feature more about Art's legacy in the next issue of *Star & Shield*. If you would like to share a few words about Art for the upcoming issue of the magazine, please send an email to [info@PPOA.com](mailto:info@PPOA.com). 



## President Emeritus Ralph Miller

L.A. County Deputy Probation Officers' Union  
EOW: March 5, 2025

→ PPOA Board and staff members were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Ralph Miller, a giant in the Los Angeles County labor movement. Ralph was a mentor, longtime friend and trusted colleague to a number of PPOA leaders over the last three decades. After retiring as an NFL player in 1976, he joined the L.A. County Probation Department and was elected to the union board in 1978. He went on to serve as the union president from 1997 until his retirement in 2018. PPOA is profoundly grateful for Ralph's tireless leadership and advocacy for workers' rights. We extend our deepest condolences to the Miller family and everyone with the L.A. County Deputy Probation Officers' Union. 

# PPOA Members Continue Push Toward New Unit 612 Contract

**A**s this issue went to print in late March, the Unit 612 negotiations team had met with representatives from the County of Los Angeles, the Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's Office for no less than 10 rounds of contract

bargaining in the PPOA conference center. The current Unit 612 salary contract expired on January 31. We encourage PPOA members in Unit 612 to check their personal email for regular updates as the negotiations team progresses toward a new tentative contract. ♡



The Unit 612 negotiations team held a pre-meeting in the PPOA boardroom on February 26.



## Support for PPOA Member in Need

**P**POA was honored to set up the union barbecue trailer at STARS Center in Whittier last month. This event helped the Fraud and Cyber Crimes Bureau raise funds to offset medical expenses for a Crime Analyst suffering from a serious medical condition. ♡

# Registration Launches for Online Voting; PPOA Members Encouraged to Register Immediately

The PPOA Board of Directors has contracted with Integrated Labor Solutions to conduct future membership voting online. This decision is consistent with the PPOA bylaws and marks a significant step forward in ensuring a more efficient, secure and timely voting process for all active and retired members.

*Casting electronic votes will require PPOA members to be registered online via the Elections/Benefits portal.* (This portal also allows PPOA members to view currently enrolled benefits and payroll deductions.)

The login for the Elections/Benefits portal is separate from the *PPOA.com* members-only site and the PPOA mobile app.

To register, visit *PPOA.com* and click on Elections/Benefits.

If you have any questions or issues with registration, please send an email to [info@PPOA.com](mailto:info@PPOA.com). 🇺🇸



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details and registration.



# Supporting Health and Fitness for Members

**P**POA was proud to donate an elliptical machine last month for use by West Hollywood Station personnel in their staff gym at the new Universal CityWalk substation. In a continuing effort to support health and fitness for members and Department personnel, 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 members have an expressed need for exercise equipment.

To date, four additional units are on the waiting list for treadmills. While that list is full for the remainder of the year, 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 info, call Discount Fitness at (562) 531-7767 and tell them you're a member of the Professional Peace Officers Association. ♥



## Support for Members at Sergeant Supervisory School

**P**resident Steve Johnson and Labor Representative Mark Sanchez met with 16 Sergeants attending Supervisory School at STARS Center in February. Topics of discussion included contract negotiations, responsibilities as supervisors, labor representation and more. ♥



### STAR & SHIELD

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 4)

- Manuel Garza**, Senior Criminalist
- Gilberto Gaytan**, Sheriff Security Officer
- Ileana Langarica**, Sheriff Security Officer

# Helping Members Prepare for a Well-Earned Retirement

**P**POA was honored to assemble a panel of experts last month for our first retirement planning workshop of the year. These quarterly events in the union conference center are designed for PPOA members interested in setting themselves up for a healthy, well-planned retirement. We are thankful to all of our guest speakers representing:

- LACERA
- Lewis, Marenstein, Wicke, Sherwin & Lee (workers' compensation law firm)
- Empower/Horizons
- Fraternal Order of Police (retired law enforcement concealed carry coverage)
- United Estate Planning

If you are a PPOA member planning to retire in the next few years, please check upcoming Week in Review emails and *Star & Shield* magazine for details on the next workshop. 🍷



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# Devil Pups Youth Program for America

**T**he L.A. County Sheriff's Department will once again be able to send exemplary boys and girls, ages 14 to 17, to a 10-day citizenship and leadership program at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. We hope our boys and girls will be prepared physically and academically for the testing and the camp. Good grades are a necessity.

This program normally runs at the same time summer school is in session. If your child will need to attend summer school to graduate, attending this camp will be a conflict.

As part of the Devil Pups good citizenship training, boys and girls will learn the importance of the following virtues:

- Honor: to be respectful to your family, country and each other
- Courage: to set and pursue personal goals
- Commitment: a promise of resolve to recognize the value of completing your education

The U.S. Marine Corps was given the name "Devil Dogs" in World War I by enemy troops due to the Marines' accomplishments on the battlefield and their "never give up" spirit. The Devil Pups name is derived from this Marine Corps history. The camp has been in existence since 1954, and the Sheriff's Department has been fortunate to be able to send exemplary boys and girls to this citizenship and leadership camp for many years because of generous support from:

- Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS)
- L.A. County Professional Peace Officers Association (PPOA)
- Sheriffs' Relief Association
- POPA Federal Credit Union
- First City Federal Credit Union

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Testing:** Sunday, April 27,  
8 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Location:** Biscailuz Regional  
Training Center  
1060 N. Eastern Ave.  
Los Angeles, 90063

**Camp Dates:** July 10–19

For more information, visit the newly updated Devil Pups website at [devilpups.com](http://devilpups.com). The site features a new physical fitness video that gives applicants a firsthand look at the requirements needed to pass the physical testing and qualify for the Devil Pups camp at Camp Pendleton.

The orientation on April 27 will answer many commonly asked questions. All interested applicants must take a physical agility test, which will include sit-ups, push-ups, pull-ups and a one-mile run. Participants should eat at least one hour prior to arriving and wear gym clothes and running shoes for the physical agility testing. All applicants must also bring a container of water and/or sports drink. Parents are encouraged to also bring bottled water, two pencils, a clipboard and a blanket if they wish to sit down on the grass while their child participates in the physical agility testing out on the field.

Boys and girls must not only be in good health but also be physically capable of meeting the camp's strenuous physical requirements. Asthma or other respiratory illnesses will preclude participation in this camp.

It is mandatory that all boys and girls bring their parents or guardian

to the orientation. Department sponsors must also attend if they are sponsoring a close friend, as well as parents who are not on the Department. In cases of split families, the custodial parent will have to sign the agreement paperwork. It is important that parents, guardians and sponsors attend both orientation and testing to see firsthand what is involved. Also, our boys and girls need the support of their loved ones on testing day.

**Chuck Norris:** (818) 381-7649

**Patty Norris:** (818) 381-7698

**Michelle Emeneger:** (714) 293-3891

**Andy Thompson:** (714) 293-5898

**John Wolak:** (909) 263-3068

**Chris Hofmeister:** (818) 900-8199

**Paulette Cain:** (909) 525-0335

**Lisa Walter:** (818) 398-1735

**Roberto Causey:** (909) 595-2264

**Eddie Rivero:** (951) 215-9719

**Delwin Lampkin:** (323) 229-6064

**Kevin Thompson:** (562) 458-4630

**Rob Hahnlein:** (818) 317-8782

**Dorothy Howard:** (909) 518-0805

**Kenneth Fitch:** (562) 405-2692

**John Cook:** (323) 881-7800

**Reggie Ducree:** (909) 243-4385

**Rich Marascola:** (213) 974-4564

**Bob Wiard:** (818) 622-9541

**Mike Schaap:** (562) 686-8141

**Paul Hardy:** (818) 522-2786

**Joe Walker:** (626) 975-3724

**Dean Gialamas:** (323) 806-6036

**Mike Thompson:** (661) 600-2516





At this time, it will not be necessary to schedule the testing ahead of time. Boys and girls, parents, guardians and sponsors should plan to arrive early and be prepared for the testing.

The program continues to be free to boys and girls who are sponsored by Department members. Department members are encouraged to sponsor their relatives and close

friends. Due to a very limited allotment, we will not be able to select boys and girls who are not sponsored by a relative or close friend on the Department.

If you have any questions, the individuals listed on the opposite page have firsthand experience with the actual strenuous physical requirements and the camp. Please feel free to contact them. ❤️



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# PPOA Members Spotted on the Socials

**W**e are proud to see PPOA members and their partners being acknowledged for their professionalism and dedication. *Images courtesy of social media.*





**temlasd** Your Temple Station Law Enforcement Technicians (LETs) answer community member's calls for service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

If you have an emergency please call 9-1-1 and your Temple Station LETs will get you the resources you need

For all other non emergent inquiries please call Temple Station at (626) 285-7171. Temple Station LETs will assist you with:

- entering a call for service
- transferring to secretaries for reports
- getting your bulk property
- assist with completing a Letter of Agency
- dispatch deputies of various calls for service
- connect community members with the appropriate agency

Just to name a few of the things our amazing LETs do!



**lasdlakewood** This past week, the Paramount Service Area Lieutenant Guillen, the Paramount SAO team and the Paramount Public Safety Officers Association participated in the National Education Association's "Read Across America" celebration.

As part of this nationwide event, our deputies visited Roosevelt Elementary School to read to children and inspire a love of reading. "Read Across America" is designed to motivate children and teens to develop a lifelong reading habit through engaging events, community partnerships, and accessible reading resources.



Liked by **lasdtransit** and others  
**lasdparks** Parks Bureau own Certified instructor S/O Amador Perez, doing C.P.R. training. Major Kudos sir. 🍌

# Welcoming Custody Assistant Class #115 to PPOA

**P**POA representatives met with 25 newly hired Custody Assistants at Biscailuz Center during their first day of orientation. Board member/Custody Assistant Melissa Rodriguez, Executive Director Wayne Quint Jr. and Labor Representative Mark Sanchez were on hand to welcome C/A Class #115 as new members of PPOA. 🇺🇸



## PPOA Committees and Staff

### 🌟 2025 STANDING COMMITTEES

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› Chairman Chapman

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› Chairman Walker

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› Chairwoman Kato

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#### Lang, Hansen, Giroux & Kidane

Visit [PPOA.com](http://PPOA.com) to read about PPOA's position on legislative bills proposed in the current session.

### 🌟 STAFF MEMBERS

#### Wayne Quint Jr.

Executive Director

#### Richard Escalante

Field Representative

#### Clare Franco

Administrative Assistant

#### Violet P. Moreno

Administrative Assistant

#### Dave Ladjevic

Labor Representative

#### Mark Sanchez

Labor Representative

#### Shannon Schreck

Administrative Assistant

#### Kevin F. Thompson

Intake Representative

#### Greg Torres

Public Relations Coordinator

#### Maricela Villegas

Executive Administrative Assistant

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## April 15

### PPOA Board of Directors Meeting

(originally scheduled for April 9)

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Members are invited to attend with

RSVP: (323) 261-3010

## April 19

### Deadline to submit PPOA scholarship applications

Info: Visit [PPOA.com](http://PPOA.com) for details

## April 26

### LASD Suicide Awareness and Prevention 5K Run/Walk

Biscailuz Center Training Academy

7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Food, music, entertainment and resources



## May 5

### California Peace Officers' Memorial Enrollment Ceremony

Capitol Mall, Sacramento

Info: Visit [camemorial.org](http://camemorial.org) for details

## May 7

### PPOA Board of Directors Meeting

(originally scheduled for May 14)

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Members are invited to attend with

RSVP: (323) 261-3010

## May 15

### National Peace Officers' Memorial Service

Washington, D.C.

## May 21

### Los Angeles County Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony

Biscailuz Center Training Academy

## May 26

### Memorial Day

The PPOA office will be closed in honor of the County holiday.



## RETIREE EVENTS



### LASD North Central Texas Retired HR 218 Qualification

April 25

Denton County Sheriff's

Department Range

9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Info: [hr218texas@gmail.com](mailto:hr218texas@gmail.com)

### HR 218 Qualification at PDC

April 27

Pitchess Detention Center

Wayside Range

8 a.m.–12 p.m.

Info: Deputy Phil Abner,

[pabner54@gmail.com](mailto:pabner54@gmail.com)

### Retired Female Deputies Social Club Luncheon

May 3

Ventana Grill, Pismo Beach

11 a.m.

Friday night reception on May 2 (5 p.m.) at same location

Info: [nccallanan@gmail.com](mailto:nccallanan@gmail.com) or

(805) 550-2249

### 25th Annual Former L.A. Deputy Sheriffs in Texas Luncheon

May 17 at 11 a.m.

Kreuz Meat Market

Lockhart, TX

### Retired LASD Pomona Courts Alumni Meet and Greet

May 24

Flo's Airport Café, Chino

Info: Larry Breazeale,

(909) 238-2625



### LAW ENFORCEMENT SERRA RETREAT

September 26–28, Serra Retreat House, Malibu

### Law Enforcement Serra Retreat

September 26–28

Serra Retreat House, Malibu

Info: (818) 381-7698

### Desert Heat Retirees Luncheon

First Wednesday of

each month at 11 a.m.

Elks Lodge, Lake Havasu

Info: [Lnx1993@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:michaelbuschke@charter.net)

### Temple Station Monthly Alumni Luncheon

Last Thursday of each month

(except Nov./Dec.) at 11:30 a.m.

Peppertree Café, Glendora

Info: [ricksummers@verizon.net](mailto:ricksummers@verizon.net)

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Every issue of *Star & Shield* will feature a different hidden word. The word will be used only once in the entire magazine — your challenge is to find it!

Members who find the hidden word and register through our website ([PPOA.com](http://PPOA.com)) by the end of this month will be entered into a drawing for one of three \$100 prizes. Contest ends April 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT.

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This month's hidden word is:

**Preclude**  
*Prevent from happening;  
 make impossible*

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**Online registration only. Please do not call the PPOA office to register for contest.**

**PPOA**

**2025 College Scholarship Program**

We are proud to announce that 12 scholarships will be available to help further education for PPOA members and their dependents.

**Criteria and applications available at [PPOA.com](http://PPOA.com).**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 19.**



# END OF WATCH

**PPOA extends our sincere condolences to the families and friends of the following members who passed away in January 2025:**

Sheriff Security Assistant  
**Elmer Mercado**

EOW: January 6, 2025  
LASD 2014-2025  
Assigned to Court Serves  
Bureau at time of passing

Retired Lieutenant  
**David Tellez**

EOW: January 16, 2025  
LASD 1973-2010  
Academy Class #168  
Last assignment:  
Communications Fleet

Retired Deputy  
**Arvid Nilssen**

EOW: January 17, 2025  
LASD 1969-1982  
Academy Class #136  
Last assignment: Lynwood Station  
U.S. Navy veteran



Sheriff Security Assistant  
Elmer Mercado (EOW: 1/6/25)

Custody Assistant  
**Jeffery Mc Donald**

EOW: January 18, 2025  
LASD 2002-2025  
Assigned to CRDF at time  
of passing

Retired Sergeant  
**Dennis Johns**

EOW: January 19, 2025  
LASD 1983-2003  
Academy Class #220  
Last assignment: NCCF  
U.S. Air Force veteran  
Condolences may be emailed to  
the family: [lj411@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lj411@sbcglobal.net)

Retired Sergeant  
**Della Walls**

EOW: January 20, 2025  
LASD 1981-2012  
Academy Class #205  
Married to retired Sergeant  
Donald Walls (ret. 2014)  
Sister of Sergeant Darren  
Blackmer (MCJ)  
Last assignment: Pico Rivera Station  
Condolences may be emailed to  
the family: [dongolfin17@aol.com](mailto:dongolfin17@aol.com)



Retired Lieutenant David  
Tellez (EOW: 1/16/25)

Retired Sergeant  
**Richard Fetterling**

EOW: January 24, 2025  
LASD 1969-2001  
Academy Class #138  
Last assignment: Norwalk Station  
Condolences may be emailed to  
the family: [kimbryan23@gmail.com](mailto:kimbryan23@gmail.com)

Retired Deputy  
**James R. Webb**

EOW: January 29, 2025  
LASD 1981-2009  
Last assignment: TST  
U.S. Navy veteran  
Condolences may be emailed to  
the family: [clwebb36@yahoo.com](mailto:clwebb36@yahoo.com)



Retired Sergeant Della Walls  
(EOW: 1/20/25)



Retired Sergeant Richard  
Fetterling (EOW: 1/24/25)

By Bob Giroux

Lang, Hansen, Giroux &amp; Kidane, PPOA Legislative Representatives

# Legislative Update

## STATE BUDGET

**O**n January 10, the Department of Finance released the governor's 2025–26 proposed budget, showcasing a relatively status quo state budget. Due to the final budget agreement for 2024–25, which spread the state's \$45 billion deficit over a two-year period, the 2025–26 proposed budget brings the state back to a more stable fiscal footing, with a modest \$363 million surplus.

Major fiscal uncertainty remains, however, as the impacts of January's devastating fires in Southern California were not contemplated when the budget was prepared. Governor Newsom quickly expanded his existing special session declaration to encompass response and recovery costs for the L.A. fires. The Legislature responded by approving two budget bills providing up to \$2.5 billion state funding for these purposes. While legislators have discussed potentially tapping the recently approved \$10 billion Proposition 4 climate bond for Southern California fire recovery costs, the budget bills defer decisions about using these funds until later in the budget process in April.

We anticipate that the May Revision will have a more robust evaluation of the budgetary impacts of these emergencies, including the availability of federal emergency aid and the impacts to revenue estimates based on the extension until October 15 of state and federal income tax payments due from taxpayers in L.A. County between January 7 and that date.

## LEGISLATION

The PPOA Legislative Committee met in early March to begin the often lengthy process of reviewing newly introduced legislation and establishing positions on measures of direct or indirect impact or concern to PPOA and its members. With over 150 public safety and criminal justice-related measures in the 2025 session thus far, several key themes are emerging. While several measures reintroduced ideas from previous sessions (police canine policies, consent for search of persons and interrogation procedures), some new areas of focus include supporting and incentivizing peace officers and law enforcement careers through personal income tax breaks and positive changes to workers' compensation, such as extending eligibility for death benefits. In alignment with PPOA's proactive policy goals, legislation was introduced to provide more robust protection for peace officers working undercover. PPOA will likely take position on additional measures in the coming weeks. Some measures of significance thus far include:



*During a legislative tour at the State Capitol in March, PPOA Board members met with Senator Maria Elena Durazo, who had announced just a week earlier that she will not seek re-election but will instead run for the L.A. County Board of Supervisors. Senator Durazo will campaign to replace Supervisor Hilda Solis, who will be termed out, to represent the First District.*

## EMPLOYMENT LAW

**Support: AB 814 (Schiavo): Personal income tax law: exclusions: law enforcement retirement:** AB 814 would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, and before January 1, 2030, exclude from gross income qualified payments received by a taxpayer during the taxable year. Qualified payments mean either amounts received from a pension plan the taxpayer is the beneficiary of based on services performed as a peace officer or amounts received as the beneficiary of an annuity plan set up for the surviving spouse or dependent of a person who lost their life in services as a peace officer.

**Support: AB 918 (Ransom): Personal income tax law: exclusions: first responders:** AB 918 would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, and before January 1, 2030, exclude from gross income the qualified wages of a qualified first responder. The bill would define qualified wages for this purpose to mean wages earned by first responders pursuant to the provision of mutual aid to an area outside of their normal jurisdiction, and would limit the exclusion to employees of local public agencies.

**Support: AB 1057 (Rodriguez): Personal income tax law: exclusions: first responders: overtime pay:** AB 1057 would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, and before January 1, 2030, exclude from the gross income of a qualified taxpayer, as defined, qualified overtime wages, defined to mean overtime wages paid to a qualified taxpayer in relation to work performed directly in response to, or in support of, emergency operations.



**Support: SB 447 (Umberg): Workers' compensation: death benefits:** SB 447 would increase the age of a minor dependent entitled to a deceased employee's benefits from 21 to 26 years of age.

## PEACE OFFICERS

**Support: AB 400 (Pacheco): Law enforcement: police canines:** AB 400 would require, on or before January 1, 2027, every law enforcement agency with a canine unit to maintain a policy for the use of canines by the agency that, at a minimum, complies with the most recent standards established by POST.

**Support: AB 1178 (Pacheco): Peace officers: confidentiality of records:** AB 1178 would require a law enforcement agency to redact records to remove the rank, name, photo or likeness of specified people, including, among others, all duly sworn officers working an undercover assignment or who worked in an undercover assignment in the past 24 months, all sworn personnel attached to a federal or state task force and members of a law enforcement agency who received verified death threats to themselves or their families within the last 10 years because of their law enforcement employment.

**Oppose: AB 1388 (Bryan): Law enforcement: settlement agreements: prohibition:** AB 1388 would prohibit a law enforcement agency from entering into a settlement agreement with a peace officer who has a pending complaint of misconduct with a term that requires the law enforcement agency to keep the misconduct confidential.

**Oppose: AB 1489 (Bryan): Peace officers: AB 1489** would require a law enforcement agency that issues a firearm to a peace officer it employs to have a policy prohibiting that officer from carrying the firearm issued by the agency with a blood alcohol concentration greater than 0.00%, whether the officer is on duty or off duty.

## CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

**Oppose: AB 572 (Kalra): Criminal procedure: interrogations:** AB 572 would require a peace officer, a prosecuting attorney or an investigator for the prosecution, prior to interviewing an immediate family member of a person who has been killed or seriously injured by a peace officer, to clearly identify themselves and, if the interview takes place in person, to show identification and inform the person of specified information, including the status of their family member, that the person can consult with an attorney or trusted support person, and that the investigation that the officer, attorney or investigator is conducting may involve the culpability of the family member who was killed or injured.

**Oppose: SB 277 (Weber-Pierson): Criminal procedure: search of persons:** SB 277 would require an officer to ask for and obtain consent to search an individual in certain circumstances and would specify that an officer could request consent to search only if the officer is investigating a crime and has reasonable suspicion that the individual to be searched has an item in their possession that is evidence of criminal activity. The bill would require the officer to follow a specified procedure in a specified order, including advising the individual that their consent is voluntary, explaining



to the individual the scope of the search and recording the individual's consent. The bill would prohibit an officer from exceeding the scope of the search explained to the individual and would require the officer to discontinue the search if the individual withdraws their consent.

## CRIMES

**Support: AB 38 (Lackey): Crimes: serious and violent felonies:** AB 38 would include specified crimes involving the rape or sexual assault of a minor who has a developmental disability in the list of violent felonies.

**Support: AB 379 (Krell): Crimes: prostitution:** AB 379 would make the existing increased punishment of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in county jail applicable to any solicitation of any person under 18 years of age. The bill would require a person who commits prostitution with the intent to receive compensation, money or anything of value from another person to, for a first or second violation of those provisions, be offered a diversion program. The bill would make it a misdemeanor for any person to loiter in any public place with the intent to purchase commercial sex. The bill would make any person who violates that crime or who commits prostitution in exchange for providing compensation, money or anything of value to the other person subject to an additional fine of \$1,000, and would establish the Survivor Support Fund and require that additional fine be deposited in the fund. The bill would require the California Victim Compensation Board to establish a grant program to provide grants to community-based organizations that provide direct services and outreach to victims of sex trafficking and exploitation, and would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, authorize monies in the Survivor Support Fund to be used for the purposes of that grant program.

**Support: SB 264 (Valladares): Impersonation of a peace officer or firefighter during a state of emergency or local emergency:** SB 264 would make impersonating a peace officer or an officer or member of a fire department or the Office of the State Fire Marshal during a state of emergency or local emergency punishable as either a misdemeanor or a felony. 🇺🇸

By Ray Bartus  
President/CEO, POPA Federal Credit Union

## Don't Tax My Credit Union

**C**ongress is considering tax reforms that could impact your financial well-being. Lawmakers are exploring ways to generate revenue, and one proposal could impose a new tax on credit unions — including POPA Federal Credit Union.

This change would have a significant impact on the benefits you enjoy as a credit union member. Unlike big banks, we're *not-for-profit* and reinvest our earnings back into better rates and services to serve you, our member-owners. This allows us to offer:

- Lower loan rates
- Higher savings rates
- Fewer and lower fees
- Personalized service

### THE TRUTH ABOUT CREDIT UNION TAXES

You may hear opponents claim that credit unions “don't pay taxes” — but that's not the whole truth. While credit unions don't pay federal income tax, they do pay property taxes, payroll taxes, business license fees and, for some, state sales tax. Big banks and their lobbyists try to blur this distinction, hoping you won't notice the difference between “*no taxes*” and “*no income tax*.”

Some also wrongly compare credit unions to charities like the Girl Scouts or churches. When in reality, credit unions operate under a different tax category — 501(c)(1) or 501(c)(14) — which recognizes their *mission to serve members, not profit-driven shareholders*. A tax on credit unions is a tax on you as a member-owner. Many other organizations, including some banks, receive tax exemption benefits for various reasons.

Without our current tax status, our ability to provide these benefits would be at risk, making it harder for us to serve you and our LASD family.

A newly released study by Dr. Robert Feinberg of American University and Dr. Douglas Meade of Interindustry Economic Research Fund, Inc., details the economic benefits of the credit union tax status and the implications it will have on the economy and the many Americans who would lose billions of dollars over the next decade.

“Our analysis indicates that removing the credit union tax exemption would cost the federal government \$33 billion in lost income tax revenue over the next 10 years. GDP would be reduced by \$266 billion, and 822,000 jobs would be lost over the next decade as well,” the researchers write. “The benefit of better credit union loan and deposit rates extends to bank customers as well, due to increased competition. A 50% reduction in the credit union market




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share would cost bank customers an estimated \$11.9 billion to \$22.8 billion per year in higher loan rates and lower deposit rates.”

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