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- SHERIFF DAVID LIVINGSTON
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Welcome to the April 2019 issue of the California State Sheriffs' Association's magazine! CSSA is diligently moving forward on many priorities: providing education and training opportunities for our officers, working with the Governor, his administration, and the legislature on important public safety measures, and maintaining outreach to you, our valuable associate members.

Recently, Sheriffs and Sheriffs' personnel attended a CSSA training to enhance communication and outreach to our communities. Thank you to San Luis Obispo County Sheriff Ian Parkinson and his office for graciously hosting our group. Whether participating at local events, holding citizen academies, using social media, or assisting a constituent, our officers and agencies are an integral component in ensuring a safe and welcoming quality of life in our respective counties. Class sessions focused on discussion of ideas to encourage and foster opportunities to make a positive impact on public safety.

Next up for our organization is CSSA's annual conference in the spring. CSSA's annual conference is a highly anticipated event, encompassing a number of meetings, discussions with our state and federal partners, valuable training opportunities, and other activities.

And as always, we continue the important work of considering policies and legislation for the benefit of all Californians. Sheriffs – as independently elected law enforcement leaders – are uniquely qualified to stand up and speak out for crime victims, public safety, and the deputies that serve so valiantly day in and day out.

In May, we will take special note of those officers who gave their lives in the service of public safety during California's Law Enforcement Appreciation Week, May 5-11, and National Police Week, May 12-18. As we go about our daily activities, let us all remember and honor those who kissed their loved ones goodbye as they left for their shift, and made the ultimate sacrifice that day to keep us safe.

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## NEW SHERIFFS TRAINING

n December 2018, California State Sheriffs' Association Foundation (CSSAF) held their New Sheriffs Training in Napa County. This training is held every four years after the November elections have been finalized. In California, there are 58 counties and each county elects a Sheriff as the chief law enforcement officer of the county.

The various topics covered in the training included, the Role of the Sheriff-Coroner, Leading Organizational Change, Legal Issues, Personnel Law, Jail Operations and Liabilities, Board of State and Community Corrections, Court Security, Civil Procedures, Tribal Issues, Realignment, Media Relations, Mutual Aid and Homeland Security. The importance of relationships with the Sheriff's Office Financial

Manager and Executive Assistants were also discussed, as well as the invaluable "Lessons Learned" from CSSAF Officers. This training is vitally important to those who are new to the Role of Sheriff and is certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

The Office of Sheriff is the oldest law enforcement office known within the common

law system and has always been accorded great dignity and trust. The Sheriffs of California are elected and are constitutional officers in the Constitution of the State of California.

In order to improve and provide effective service and protection to all citizens of California, the Sheriffs joined together in 1894 to form the California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA). This joining together of the Sheriffs allows the Sheriffs to assist each other in fulfilling their duties and obligations to the people of this state as chief law enforcement officers of their respective counties.

CSSA's mission continues to be to support the role of sheriff as the chief law enforcement officer in each California County and to speak as a collective voice on matters of public safety.



#### Legislative Update



CORY SALZILLOLEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

The 2019–20 legislative session is now well underway with policy committee hearings being held on a weekly basis to consider the thousands of bills that have been introduced. Several hundred of these proposals will likely shape the criminal justice conversation in the Capitol and they will impact how law enforcement protects the public safety. Over the next few months, as we head into committee and budget deadlines, the California State Sheriffs' Association will continue to work on these bills. We also remain actively engaged in discussions and negotiations regarding policies on increased public access to peace officers' personnel files and police use of force.

Simultaneously, budget committees continue to meet to discuss Governor Newsom's 2019-20 proposed budget. The budget includes approximately \$144.2 billion in General Fund spending and \$209 billion in total spending, with a surplus of approximately \$21.5 billion. Much of this surplus is dedicated to one-time spending including items in the health and human services arena and student aid.

When introducing his proposed budget, the Governor noted that in eight years, the budget has gone from massive annual deficits to "being balanced and having a robust Rainy Day Fund." He further noted that the budget "makes historic payments to reduce the state's unfunded pension liabilities, pays off long-standing budgetary debts, continues to build and strengthen the state's Rainy Day Fund, and makes critical investments to improve California's emergency readiness, response, and recovery capabilities."

While there is continued fear of the next economic downturn, the budget notes that "by the time the budget year starts, the nation will have experienced 10 straight years of economic expansion—matching the longest economic expansion in modern history." While this bud-

get assumes continued economic growth, expectations about the rate of that growth have been moderated.

Given this ongoing uncertainty, the budget sets aside \$13.6 billion to build "budgetary resiliency and [pay] down the state's unfunded pension liabilities." This includes \$4 billion to eliminate debts and reverse deferrals, \$4.8 billion to build reserves, and an additional \$4.8 billion to pay down unfunded retirement liabilities.

Sheriffs are pleased to see an increase of \$14.9 million to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to restore peace officer training funding to historic levels. We further support the administration's proposal to make ongoing \$20 million in one-time funding provided in the 2018-19 state budget to fund de-escalation, use of force, and mental health crisis training.

CSSA would like to thank all the new legislators who took the time to meet with CSSA legislative staff in their Capitol Offices and continue to hold meetings in their districts with their local Sheriffs. We look forward to continued collaboration in 2019.

#### CSSA 2019 SPONSORED LEGISLATION

Measure	Topic	Summary	
AB 1183 Ramos, Democrat	Vessel operator: definition.	Include within the definition of the "operator" of a vessel the person supervising the operation of a vessel when steered by a person between the ages of 12-15 years or the person "in-command" of a vessel underway.	
		ow law enforcement agencies to request and receive arrest ormation on non-sworn employees.	
AB 1491 Obernolte, Republican	Information of Public Officials.	Expand the definition of unlawful dissemination of personal information of public officials.	

#### OTHER CSSA PRIORITIES

Court Security	Enhance Funding For Court Security
<b>POST Funding</b> Find sustainable, adequate funding for POST and peace officer training.	
<b>Department of State Hospitals</b>	Clarify GOV Code § 15820.926 so that bond revenue financed facilities when contracting with Department of State Hospitals, can run their jail based competency treatment program in the new jail.
9-1-1 Funding	Continue efforts to support sustainable funding for 911.

Cory Salzillo, CSSA's Legislative Director, is a partner of the firm Warner, Pank, Salzillo & Sanchez, a pre-eminent team of advisors on matters involving state and local government. The firm effectively influences public policy in a broad spectrum of public sector issues.



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#### Legal Update



JIM TOUCHSTONE
GENERAL COUNSEL

### "Davison v. Randall - Illustrating the Intersection Between the First Amendment and Governmental Social Media Pages"

nsuring compliance with the First Amendment by local municipalities poses a constant challenge. First Amendment law is an incredibly complex area of the law and is ever changing, particularly in the area of social media. It is incumbent upon municipalities to stay informed of the law in this area. Recently, a circuit court of appeals rendered a decision providing some guidance to municipalities on this issue.

On January 7, 2019, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, in *Davison v. Randall*, 2019 U.S. App. LEXIS 406 (4th Cir. Jan. 7. 2019), affirmed the lower court's decision that the Chair of a county board of supervisors acted under color of law when she banned a constituent's profile from a Facebook page that was created and administered by the Chair. The Court also determined that the Chair engaged in unconstitutional viewpoint discrimination when she banned the constituent's profile from her Facebook page. This court decision is one of the first appellate decisions addressing a legal challenge under the First Amendment to decisions managing a governmental social media page.

The facts of the *Davison* case are informative as to the ultimate outcome of the case. Phyllis Randall became Chair of the Loudoun County, Virginia, Board of Supervisors on January 1, 2016. On the day before she was sworn in as chair, she created the "Chair Phyllis J. Randall Facebook Page" ("Chair Facebook Page"). Ms. Randall also publicized the Chair Facebook Page in her official newsletter. Ms. Randall indicated that she wanted to hear from "any" Loudoun citizen on "any" issues, requests, criticisms, complements, or thoughts. Ms. Randall designated the Page as a "governmental official" page. Members of the public liked or commented on several of Ms. Randall's posts. Some of these comments included criticism of the Board and Ms. Randall.

Brian Davison, a resident of Loudoun County, was among members of the public that posted criticisms of the Board and Ms. Randall on the Chair Facebook Page. Mr. Davison posted a comment to one of Ms. Randall's posts, which Ms. Randall later characterized as accusations against the School Board members and their conflicts of interest relating to financial transactions.

Ms. Randall subsequently decided that she did not want to leave her original post on the Chair Facebook Page. Accordingly, she deleted her original post, as well as all comments to the post, including Mr. Davison's. Ms. Randall also banned Mr. Davison from the Chair Facebook Page, which prevented him from commenting on the Chair Facebook Page. The next morning, Ms. Randall reconsidered her and unbanned Mr. Davison.

Mr. Davison subsequently filed a complaint seeking declaratory and injunctive relief under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against Ms. Randall and the Loudoun Board, alleging that banning him from the Chair Facebook Page constituted viewpoint discrimination. Following a bench trial, the court found in favor of Mr. Davison on his First Amendment free speech claims. Ms. Randall appealed.

On appeal, Ms. Randall argued that the district court erred in concluding that her ban violated the First Amendment. Ms. Randall challenged the court's conclusion that the Chair Facebook Page constituted a public forum under traditional First Amendment law. After explaining the two categories of public fora – traditional public forums and limited or designated public forums – the Court observed that that neither the Supreme Court nor any Circuit Court of Appeals had squarely addressed whether a governmental social media page

constituted a public forum. The Court ultimately found that the Chair Facebook Page was a public forum.

In making this determination, the Court noted the following facts. First, Ms. Randall intentionally opened up the public comment section of the Chair Facebook Page. Second, she expressly invited the public to visit the Page and comment on issues. Third, she placed no restrictions on the public's access to the Page or use of the interactive component of the page. Fourth, the Page was compatible with expressive activity. Finally, Ms. Randall had complete control over the aspect of the Page that gave rise to Davison's challenge—the interactive component.

The Court also rejected Ms. Randall's argument that the Chair Facebook Page constituted governmental speech. The Court stated that, while Ms. Randall's posts and comments were governmental speech, public comments on her posts were not. Finally, the Court determined that Ms. Randall's decision to ban Davison because of his allegation of governmental corruption constituted "black-letter viewpoint discrimination" and that Ms. Randall unconstitutionally sought to suppress Mr. Davison's opinion that there was corruption on the school board.

In order to avoid potential liability in this area, municipalities may wish to develop social media policies governing posts to their social media pages. Such policies commonly include provisions prohibiting defamatory or obscene comments. In addition, many municipalities promulgate policies stating that any posts or comments must relate to the topic originally posted by the municipality. Courts have held that provisions of this nature render the social media page a limited public forum. Whether a municipality's social media page is determined to be a public forum or limited public forum, however, any policy governing posts must be viewpoint neutral. Any policy a municipality develops should, of course, be reviewed by legal counsel to ensure compliance with the First Amendment.

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# ALAMEDA COUNTY

# SHERIFF CHARLES C. PLUMMER



**DATE ASSUMED OFFICE** January 6, 1987

**RETIRED** January 9, 2007

**BORN** August 17, 1930

**DIED** March 4, 2018

The brief summary presented below hardly does justice to the legacy of Charles C. Plummer. I will attempt to provide some insight into the professional life of this great man from my point of view. This article is dedicated to the life and memory of a man who was once described as a "non-renewable resource," by Wayne Tucker, a former Alameda County Assistant Sheriff and Oakland Police Chief.

heriff Plummer was born in Fort Bragg, California. His parents separated when he was six and he grew up in his maternal grandmother's home, where he said he learned, "values and a work ethic that have been with me forever." He was on high school football, track and basketball teams, performed in the band and drama club and was senior class president. He took a job as a water well digger at age 10. While in school at Santa Rosa Junior College, he worked as a gardener, shingle mill worker, lumber camp rigger, apple picker, construction worker, vacuum cleaner salesman and hospital attendant. He planned to become a mortician, but a California Highway Patrol officer picked him up hitchhiking and talked him into using his gregarious nature and large size to pursue a career as a police officer.

Sheriff Plummer (Charley) began his law enforcement career in 1952, at the age of 22, with the Berkeley Police Department, which he described as "the best in the United States and the West Point of all police work." He and his wife Norma (who passed away in 2017) relocated from their home in Fort Bragg, California, to the City of Oakland. Norma and Charley had three children, Larry, Chris and Pam. Larry and Chris both followed in their father's footsteps and became law enforcement officers. Charley loved his children and was proud of all of their accomplishments. His sons were a great source of pride and his daughter was the apple of his eye. His wife Norma was smart, funny and the rock of the Plummer family during all the years that Charley missed important events in

his family's lives due to the long, irregular hours and work days he served as a police officer and administrator/Sheriff.

Charley was a member of the Berkeley Police Department for almost 24 years, rising to the rank of Acting Chief of Police in 1973. His career with Berkeley spanned an era of political and social unrest primarily centered on the war in Vietnam. He was a captain during the infamous "People's Park Riots" in 1969, and coordinated the activities of 2,500 National Guardsman and 750 mutual aid officers (including many from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office). He was Acting Chief on February 4, 1974, when Patty Hearst was kidnapped from her Berkeley apartment by a group known as the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA). He was a police captain when Officer Ronald Tsukamoto was killed in the line of duty on August 20, 1970 (a suspect was arrested but later released for lack of evidence), and Acting Chief when Sergeant Jimmie Rutledge was killed on June 16, 1973. The death of these two officers haunted him for his entire life and he frequently spoke of them with reverence. While Charley was considered an

outstanding administrator and leader, it should not be forgotten that he was an aggressive, hard-working and compassionate police officer who arrested hundreds of criminals, including the notorious Black Panther member Huey P. Newton.

While he never met the man, Charley was heavily influenced by the ideas and programs implemented by August Vollmer who was the first Police Chief in the City of Berkeley from 1909 to 1923, and later Chief of Police in the City of Los Angeles from 1923 to 1924. Vollmer is often credited with being the "father of modern law enforcement" and Charley kept a large photograph of him behind his desk at the Hayward Police Department and the Sheriff's Office. When he purchased the first 37 foot patrol boat for the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, he named it the August Vollmer and the replacement boat still bears his name today.

Charley was appointed Chief of Police by Hayward City Manager Bill Hanley in June of 1976. Mr. Hanley was a mentor to Charley while Bill was City Manager of Berkeley and was one of the professionals whom he held in high esteem. It was in 1976, while serving as a sergeant with the Hayward Police Department, that I first met Chief Plummer. My first impression of this man was of a powerful, intelligent, nononsense leader. My admiration and respect for Chief Plummer was based on his forward thinking management style and his absolute dedication to the delivery of ethical, compassionate, innovative and



effective law enforcement services to the citizens we served. He was responsible for many positive changes in Hayward and became a highly respected member of the City Management Team. Those of us who worked for him as Chief were proud to assist in implementing many of his programs and most of us shared his enthusiasm for constant improvement. He was responsible for the Hayward Police Department becoming the first California law enforcement agency to be accredited by the Commission Accreditation for Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), and was a staunch advocate for the accreditation process, which he later implemented as Sheriff.

In 1986, Charley was recruited by a number of influential citizens to seek election to the position of Sheriff of Alameda County. He managed a successful campaign against two Sheriff's Office insiders. During the campaign, he promised to dismantle the departments "old boy network" by replacing favoritism with the work ethic and by threatening dire consequences for deputies who lied, used racist or sexual slurs, accepted gratuities or took drugs. His election did not receive enthusiastic support from

some Sheriff's Office command, supervisory or line staff members and his first few years as Sheriff were challenging. However, his dogged determination to improve the Sheriff's Office, coupled with his strong work ethic and powerful personality, eventually resulted in a transformation which was ultimately embraced by most members of the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Plummer first assumed Office when a number of notable Sheriffs either held Office, or joined him as newly elected Sheriffs. These included: Orange County Sheriff Brad Gates; Los Angeles County Sheriff Sherman Block; Contra Costa County Sheriff (and later State Senator) Richard Rainey; Sacramento County Sheriff Glen Craig; San Diego County Sheriff John Duffy; San Francisco County Sheriff Michael Hennessey; and one of Charley's favorite colleagues, Siskiyou County Sheriff Charles Byrd (the first African-American elected to Sheriff in the State of California). Charley quickly became a leader and rose through the ranks of the California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA) serving as President from 1999 to 2000. Sheriff Plummer was actively involved in the CSSA his entire career and would judge medium and large county sheriffs by his observations of their commitment to this outstanding organization. He understood the budget limitations on small county sheriffs and did not find them lacking if they were unable to participate. Sheriff Plummer was particularly fond of Cathy Coyne, Joan Amino,

Carmen Green, Marty Mayer and Nick Warner, and proudly took credit for hiring Nick to represent the CSSA on legislative issues. During the later years of his terms in Office he became close friends with Contra Costa County Sheriff Warren Rupf and San Diego County Sheriff Bill Kolender (both of whom preceded him in death).

From 1991 until his retirement in 2007, Sheriff Plummer ran unopposed and served a total of five terms in Office. During those years the Sheriff's Office earned CALEA Accreditation as well as a number of additional accreditations for a wide variety of services provided by the Sheriff's Office. Charley described earning accreditation as follows: "Accreditation is like ridding a home of termites, it's expensive up front, but you do it to save money later and to ensure that your agency is following the best procedures possible." During his tenure, the Sheriff's Office added contract services with a number of agencies, as well as innovative law enforcement special units, and grew from approximately 728 sworn and 410 professional staff to over 950 sworn and 550 professional staff.

Sheriff Plummer arguably became the most influential and recognizable elected leader in Alameda County. He met challenges head-on and fought budget battles with the same intensity he brought to controlling riots on Berkeley's streets. In 1996, asked to trim \$6.9 million from his budget, he instead asked for \$3 million more. He stated that he couldn't afford to cut one person "so why go through the charade." He didn't always win. The 1992-93 budget required 300 layoffs, and he had to pink-slip a whole academy class. "That hurt me worse than the riots in Berkeley. It just tore my heart out." That same year the State was cutting county funding so he declared the State's actions a "chainsaw massacre," and hefted a chainsaw marching around the main courthouse to protest. He worked closely with the County Administrators (CAO) and members of the Board of Supervisors and held special admiration for the current CAO, Susan Muranishi (after whom he named the Sheriff's Office 85 foot patrol boat), who served as CAO during much of his career. He insisted that the Sheriff's Office "never end a budget year in the red" and was willing to fight for funding, which was always short during his years in Office.

Long before Sheriff Plummer retired from Office, he selected the person who would replace him. Typical of his style, he only shared his decision with me, not the person he selected. I had the privilege of reconnecting with Sheriff Plummer professionally when he hired me as a deputy sheriff in 1995. He promoted me six times over the next eleven years, and I served as his Undersheriff during the last year of his term.

On December 12, 1998, Alameda County Deputy Sheriff John Paul Monego was murdered by an individual who was committing a takeover robbery of a restaurant in the City of Dublin. During the ensuing days, Sheriff Plummer observed the actions of one of our sergeants who he described to me as "a fine young sergeant who will one day make a great Sheriff." Just prior to the last day to file for the 2006 primary election for Sheriff, he invited me (I was an Assistant Sheriff at the time), Undersheriff Mike Peterson and Assistant Sheriff Greg Ahern to join him for lunch. It was then that he informed Greg Ahern that he would be the next Sheriff of Alameda County. Predictably, Sheriff Plummer was correct, Greg Ahern became and continues to be, a great Sheriff and the legacy of Sheriff Plummer passed into good hands where it continues to improve and thrive.

Charley Plummer was a man who would walk into a room and immediately gain the attention of most, if not all present. When he needed to quiet a room, if his mere presence didn't work, such as in a

large gathering, he would loudly blow his police whistle which he always carried. He was the recipient of so many awards and commendations that he had to find appropriate places to display or store them. He was a compassionate man who carried a pocketful of \$2 bills which he liberally shared with young children, homeless persons and anyone else who needed a few dollars to get by. He genuinely cared about the men and women who were incarcerated under his care and recognized that truly evil people needed to remain locked up as long as possible, but others who had made mistakes could be provided with services which could turn their lives around. Charley Plummer was the longest serving peace officer in the State of California (54 total years) when he retired. Charley's retirement dinner was befitting his long career and was an impressive affair. After the dinner, he told me that this would be the last major event honoring him that he wanted to occur. After Charley retired, Sheriff Ahern appointed him the Sheriff Emeritus and he served in that capacity for most of the rest of his life. He often said that the Sheriff Emeritus position was a life saver for him since it kept him connected to the agency and the people he loved.

During the last six months of Charley's life, after his beloved wife Norma died, Charley's health deteriorated rapidly. He made a conscious decision to restrict his visitors to his immediate family and a few close friends. I was honored to be among those few. If he had allowed additional visitors there would have been a long line of people who would have loved to spend time with him. He touched so many lives in positive ways that it is impossible to know exactly how many people hold him in high regard.

I was with him a few days before he mercifully passed away. We exchanged a few private words, he took my hand and we both knew it was the last time we would spend together in this life. True to form, he was my mentor and my friend to the end. When the time came to plan a memorial service or funeral, Charley's decision to make his retirement dinner the last major event to honor him was respected by his family and a small ceremony was held with his children, grandchildren (one of whom is now an Alameda County Deputy Sheriff) and great grandchildren in attendance, plus a few friends. It has been said that people may forget what you say or do but they will remember how you made them feel. Charley Plummer made people feel good. Charlie Plummer was my friend and I will never forget his kindness. I miss him every day and hope that those of you reading this will honor his memory by reflecting on the life of a great man.





Rich Lucia, Undersheriff, Alameda County Sheriff's Office.



# ONE TEXT OR CALL COULD WRECK IT ALL

Each April, the National Safety Council (NSC) and the California State Sheriffs' Association observe Distracted Driving Awareness Month to help raise awareness of the dangers of cell phone use while driving and reduce the number of needless crashes.

or anyone who thinks they can talk on their phone, text, apply make-up, or do any other distracting activity while driving, it's time for a crash course in reality from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA):

- In 2016, 3,450 people were killed by a distracted driver. (NHTSA)
- 391,000 people were injured by distracted driving in 2015. (NHSTA)
- 481,000 passenger vehicles were driven by people using handheld cell phones during the day in 2016. (NHSTA)

According to a study by Carnegie Mellon, driving while using a cell phone reduces the amount of brain activity associated with driving by 37 percent. Driving is an activity that requires your full attention and focus in order to keep yourself and others safe.

To tackle this ever-increasing problem, NHTSA is focusing on ways to change the behavior of drivers through legislation, enforcement, public awareness and education—the same tactics that have curbed drinking and driving and increased seat belt use.

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# NATIONAL CRIME

# **VICTIMS RIGHTS' WEEK**

# "Honoring our Past. Creating Hope for Our Future"

very year in April, California joins the nation in honoring our victim and survivor community during National Crime Victims Rights' Week (NCVRW). This year, NCVRW is scheduled during the week of April 7-13, 2019 with the theme "Honoring our Past. Creating Hope for Our Future. In honor of this community and the families tragically impacted by crime, the Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, Office of Victim & Survivor Rights & Services, will host our annual NCVRW event on April 10, 2019, in Sacramento, CA.

Over the last several decades, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has taken steps to proactively change the perceived reputation as strictly a housing agency to a transparent resource center to assist all venues of the population - from other law enforcement agencies including Deputy Sheriffs, Police and Probation, to community members- victims, offenders and families of both. Also, through strong advocacy efforts, working in concert with all public safety entities and community and legislative partners, substantial progress has been made in the creation of constitutional and statutory rights for victims. These reforms have also led to the expansion of integral services and

programs for victims of crime. Information about these services is now made more readily available for victims.

CDCR has updated their main webpage to include a vast number of services including resource pages for victims and the public. Victims and certain family members of offenders can register for services easily with a click of a button. Requesting notification services through the Request for Victim Services e1707 form, individuals are able to access anytime - anywhere. Those services allow for victims, next-of-kin, witnesses, family members of offenders (certain crimes apply) to request special conditions of parole, notification of death or escape, general release notification, notification of hearings and collection of restitution. The e1707 also allows for easy updates of contact information changes, such as address, email or phone numbers. To access this link please visit: https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/victim\_services/ application.html

In keeping with the theme Honoring our Past. Creating Hope for Our Future and with the new era of CDCR rehabilitation and change, OVSRS has developed and finalized Departmental Operational Guidelines which will allow for a Victim to request to meet with

their offender - Victim Offender Dialogue (VOD). The dialogue will allow for the nurture, healing and hope process to begin. Prior to the actual dialogue, the offender and the victim each have individualized on-going meetings with a volunteer facilitator. The facilitator works towards preparing for a meaningful healing dialogue which can have lifelong effects. Impacting all those surrounding and touched by both criminality and victimization.

While a VOD may not be for every victim or their family, the ability for victims to have that option is invaluable to their healing. VOD creates a safe place for the victim and the offender to come together and discuss the impact of the criminal act, get answers, and express their feelings as part of the healing and recovery process. VOD empowers victims and allows offenders to express remorse and accept full responsibility for the harm they have caused, creating a safer environment for our communities once the offender is released.

We understand and respect the unique and complex issues faced by victims of violent crimes and will continue to strive to improve services and ideas to address the needs of victims, survivors and families throughout California.

If you are a victim of an offender who is under the jurisdiction of CDCR, whether incarcerated or paroled, please contact the OVSRS at (877) 256-6877 or victimservices@cdcr.ca.gov for assistance with any of the above services. 🌣

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# HONORED OFFICERS



Deputy Steven E. Belanger
Los Angeles County
Sheriff's Department
EOW: February 06, 2018



Officer Greggory Casillas Pomona Police Department EOW: March 09, 2018



Deputy Sheriff Ryan Zirkle Marin County Sheriff's Office EOW: March 15, 2018



**Officer Kirk Griess** CHP – Solano Area Office EOW: August 10, 2018



Corrections Officer Armando Gallegos, Jr. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation EOW: September 14, 2018



Deputy Mark Stasyuk Sacramento County Sheriff's Department EOW: September 17, 2018



**Sergeant Ron Helus** Ventura County Sheriff's Office EOW: November 08, 2018



Deputy Tony Hinostroza III Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department EOW: November 25, 2018



Corporal Ronil Singh Newman Police Department EOW: December 26, 2018



Officer Natalie Corona Davis Police Department EOW: January 10, 2019

#### CALIFORNIA STATE SHERIFFS' Association Foundation

# Law Enforcement Appreciation Week May 5-11, 2019

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ach year in May, the California State Sheriffs' Association Foundation (CSSAF) takes special recognition of the service and heroism of our law enforcement officers that have lost their lives in the line-of-duty. During California's Law Enforcement Appreciation Week, May 5-11, thousands will meet at our State's Capitol to participate in honoring those who have fallen in the line-ofduty the preceding year and recognizing the sacrifice of those loved and left behind.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Week is a special time to honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of public safety. In doing this, we are also showing our appreciation for those courageous officers who put their lives on the line on a daily basis to protect our communities. We hold them in the highest regard and respect them for the important work they perform.

We can never repay our debt to these officers and their families, but we can pay tribute to their memory. We hope that you will join us in recognizing their bravery.

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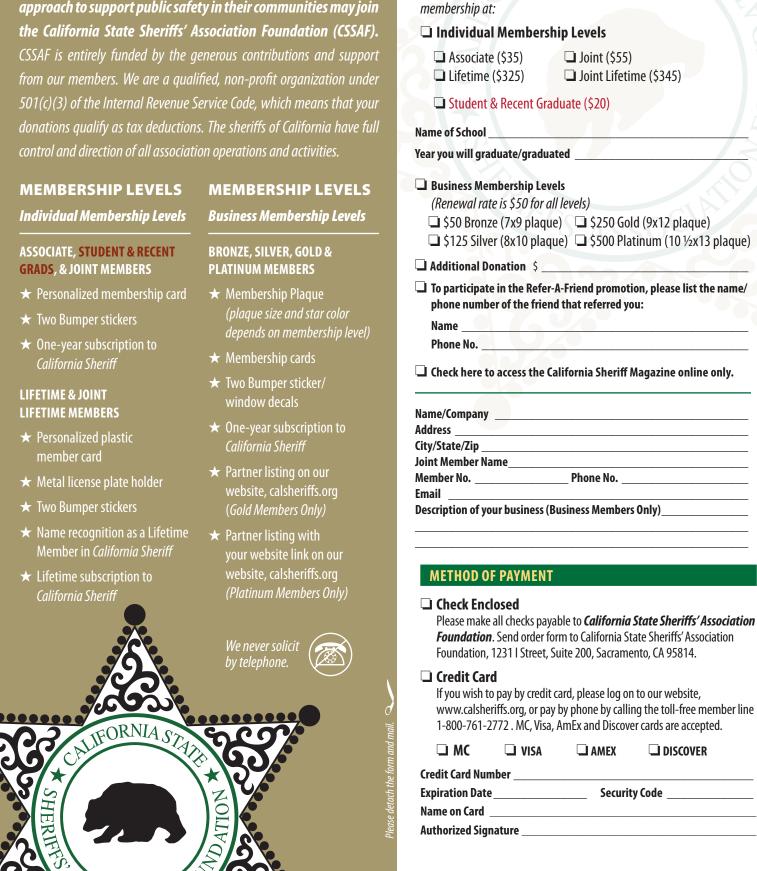


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