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■ SHERIFF BRANDON BARNES
■ SUTTER COUNTY

Greetings and I hope this article finds everyone doing well. We at the California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA) are honored to serve and support our sheriffs throughout this great state.

As I travel around the State of California, I realize how blessed we are to be part of such a beautiful part of the country. I couldn't imagine wanting to be anywhere else and I often daydream and get lost in my thoughts. However, my mind then shifts back to work and the challenges we face in public safety. I am reminded of the Charles Dickens quote, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times" from *A Tale of Two Cities*.

The Best of Times:

California is a diverse state, and our differences are what make us unique and special. California continues to be a leader in the tech industry, the agricultural industry, and entertainment. California has beautiful beaches that line the coastal region and mountain ranges that will take your breath away.

Our law community has some of the highest training standards in the nation as overseen by the Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) We've seen positive changes in employee education requirements, state funding to support disaster response, and collaborated on K9 training standards.

The Worst of Times:

In 2024, voters passed Proposition 36, which enhanced penalties for repeat offenders of some drug and theft related offenses. A key component of Prop 36 was having charges dropped if treatment programs were completed. Sadly, the state budget has yet to fully fund Pro 36, undermining the will of the voters. The financial burden has been placed on counties, some struggling to implement programs without proper support from the state.

Senate Bill 184 implemented the "growth gap" program in California for those incarcerated persons determined incompetent to stand trial (IST). This program penalizes counties with fines if the county exceeds a predetermined baseline number for those IST persons in their custody. Some counties have received millions of dollars in fines due to a situation they have very little control over. The state has chosen to penalize their county partners instead of incentivizing innovative and compassionate care of those with mental health disorders.

Here's another thing I have learned as I have traveled around the state, Californians are resilient and so are those who dedicate their lives to protecting our values and serving our communities. The betterment of California is worth the struggle, despite any challenges that lay ahead. To attain a vision of a better tomorrow, we must remain united and make decisions based on common sense and faith. Just like *A Tale of Two Cities*, California's story is also one of redemption and a hope for a better future. You can trust that Sheriffs will be at the forefront of change here in California.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Brandon Barnes, *Sutter County*
CSSA President



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▪ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the April 2026 Edition of *California Sheriff!* This Edition includes:

April 19-25, 2026, is National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVWR): This is a week-long event that honors crime victims and survivors, recognizes the professionals and volunteers who provide critical services to victims of crime, and raises awareness about crime victims' rights and services.

- If you are a victim of crime, or are related to, or know someone who is, there are many rights and services available to help. For more information or to view the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Online Directory of Crime Victim Services website, visit <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/findvictimservices/>. This resource is also available to help you locate local services.
- California Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) Program. CSSA has continued to maintain the VINE Program through various grants since 2007. The VINE Program is almost statewide, currently in 58 of the 58 Counties.

VINE is a free and anonymous online portal (www.vinelink.com) and telephone service (877.411.5588) that provides immediate automated notification to victims of crime, and other concerned citizens. VINE provides up-to-date information on the change in custody status or case status of offenders incarcerated in California's jail facilities 24 hours a day 7 days a week. VINE is also available in 16 languages, Bosnian, English, French, Haitian Creole, Hmong, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

In addition to being able to call the toll-free number or visit their website, the enhanced version of VINE will give the victim complete control of their information and is also very user friendly. Enhanced VINE will allow the following:

- Create a Confidential Account, secured by password.
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- Register to be notified against your offender from apprehension to release, as well as, any/all transfer, relocations, escape etc.
- Search for a Service Provider such as; Basic Needs, Children's Services, Counseling, Crisis Support, Financial Assistance, Healthcare (Physical), Information About Offender, Legal Assistance, or Victim Assistance. Save service provider information in your confidential profile.



One can also access VINE on their mobile phone by downloading the VINE app. The VINE mobile app allows people to use their smartphone or tablet to easily check the status of their offender and register to be notified about changes in that status via phone or email simply by accessing VINE on their smartphone or tablet. The app is available for both iPhone and Android devices or by scanning the QR code below with your smart phone.

Do not rely solely on VINE for your safety. If you feel that you may be at risk, take precautions as if the offender has already been released.

May 10-16, 2026, is Law Enforcement Appreciation Week: During Law Enforcement Week, the California State Sheriffs' Association Foundation (CSSAF) asks you to salute and remember the heroic men and women of law enforcement during CSSAF's Law Enforcement Appreciation Week May 10-16.

These times provide us a special opportunity to demonstrate our appreciation to those officers who daily serve and protect the public, and those that have lost their lives in the line of duty. We hope that you will join us in recognizing their bravery.

Lastly, I would personally like to welcome all our new members who joined the California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA) in the past three months. It is because of YOU and all our members that we can continue providing the much-needed training to all our Sheriff's Offices across the State, we would not be able to do it without you! ✨



▪ **CORY SALZILLO**
 ▪ **LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR**

These public safety related bills are currently moving through the Legislature's policy committee process. These proposals spotlight legislative efforts to regulate how peace officers do their jobs, limit the availability of mental health diversion, and other measures related to criminal justice.

Sheriffs face the manifestations of these challenges in their offices and communities daily and will work on legislation to tackle societal concerns by being proactive and creative in their approach to delivering services.

As part of our continued advocacy efforts for appropriate Proposition 36 funding, CSSA along with our law enforcement partners, signed a joint letter to renew our deep concern that the Governor's 2026-27 proposed budget once again fails to fully fund the implementation of Proposition 36 as intended by voters. We noted that, to ensure individuals are served, we need adequate funding to support treatment in jails and treatment-focused prosecutor workload in drug and other specialty courts. Substance use disorder treatment is difficult and requires the support and supervision that probation officers are uniquely able to provide. Without adequate funding, public officials are constrained in their ability to deliver the results voters expect.

2026 CSSA SPONSORED BILLS

In addition to engaging in the state budget process and working to defeat or improve several dangerous bills that have been introduced, CSSA will again sponsor legislation that will be beneficial to law enforcement.

Every year, CSSA adopts a platform and priorities document that communicates our commitment to protect the public safety needs of all Californians. These priorities serve as a strategic starting point as we engage with the Administration, lawmakers, and stakeholders. Our platform demonstrates that we are addressing public safety needs and challenges, and we will continue to collaborate on fostering effective strategies and advocate policies that move the needle toward safer communities. The following items comprise the CSSA platform and priorities:

Friday, February 20 was the deadline for legislators to introduce bills to be considered in the second year of the 2025-26 session. There were 1,897 bills introduced this year - 608 Senate bills and 1,289 Assembly bills. In early March, the CSSA Legislative Committee met to review approximately 300 of these newly introduced bills to examine their impacts on Sheriffs' Offices and the law enforcement profession generally.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND TRUST/ENHANCED FUNDING FOR PEACE OFFICER TRAINING

We strive to always maintain high levels of community trust, support, and engagement by ensuring the integrity, ethics, and professionalism of Sheriffs and their employees. As public servants charged with protecting our communities, we strive to accomplish that goal while maintaining accountability to those we protect and serve. Sheriffs will seek additional and sustainable funding for peace officer training through the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to help continue these efforts and ensure the best training is available, delivered, and utilized to safeguard and protect all individuals.

PUBLIC SAFETY RESOURCES/CRIME REDUCTION

We strive to keep our communities safe and enhance and protect all funding for local public safety protection programs, including those that pay for deputy sheriffs on the street, keep correctional officers in our custodial facilities, support victims, and assist critical investigations. So that we may ensure we are able to fund necessary programs, we will continue to pursue full reimbursement of the costs of state and federal mandates and oppose unfunded state mandates on sheriffs. Additionally, the Legislature should further address the damage caused by criminal activity and consider proposals designed to deter criminal behavior and increase accountability for those who commit crimes.

FENTANYL

Fentanyl trafficking and use continue to kill our residents and devastate our communities. Fentanyl poisoning cases are growing exponentially in the face of an insufficient state response. The risk of fentanyl exposure threatens law enforcement professionals when they encounter this highly dangerous substance. Fentanyl being smuggled into jails and prisons puts incarcerated persons and custodial staff at risk. While law enforcement endeavors to interdict fentanyl trafficking and distribution into our communities, state statute should be updated to enhance penalties for those who traffic in fentanyl to a level at least on par with penalties that exist for other dangerous substances. Further, repeat offenders should face greater

Measure	Topic	Brief Summary
AB 1913 Soria, D	Licensure: firefighting equipment. Operation of Emergency Equipment.	AB 1913 will extend the authority to allow peace officers and law enforcement volunteers to operate specified emergency equipment with a class C driver license.
AB 2055 Gonzalez, Jeff, R	Vessels: operation of personal watercraft: infractions.	Makes various changes to boating law to conform with federal law, increase accountability for boating under the influence, and alter safe vessel operation procedures.

criminal liability, especially when they have been made aware of the danger inherent in fentanyl trafficking and continue to violate the law. A focus on fentanyl should not distract from appropriate continued attention toward other dangerous controlled substances including methamphetamine and cocaine.

INMATE REHABILITATION, CARE, AND RE-ENTRY

Appropriate adult criminal justice facilities that meet inmates' needs relative to space for programming, education, treatment, and medical and mental health care must remain a priority to support the mission and needs of our state and local criminal justice system, especially post-realignment. We must continue efforts to maximize funding for inmate medical and mental health care services, as well as assisting with continuity of care post-release and pursuing funding for increased needs resulting from realignment. We will continue to mitigate liabilities in areas such as health, mental health, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and other areas of legal concern. We will pursue and support additional opportunities for participation in regional and jail-based competency restoration programs.

HOMELESSNESS / MENTAL ILLNESS

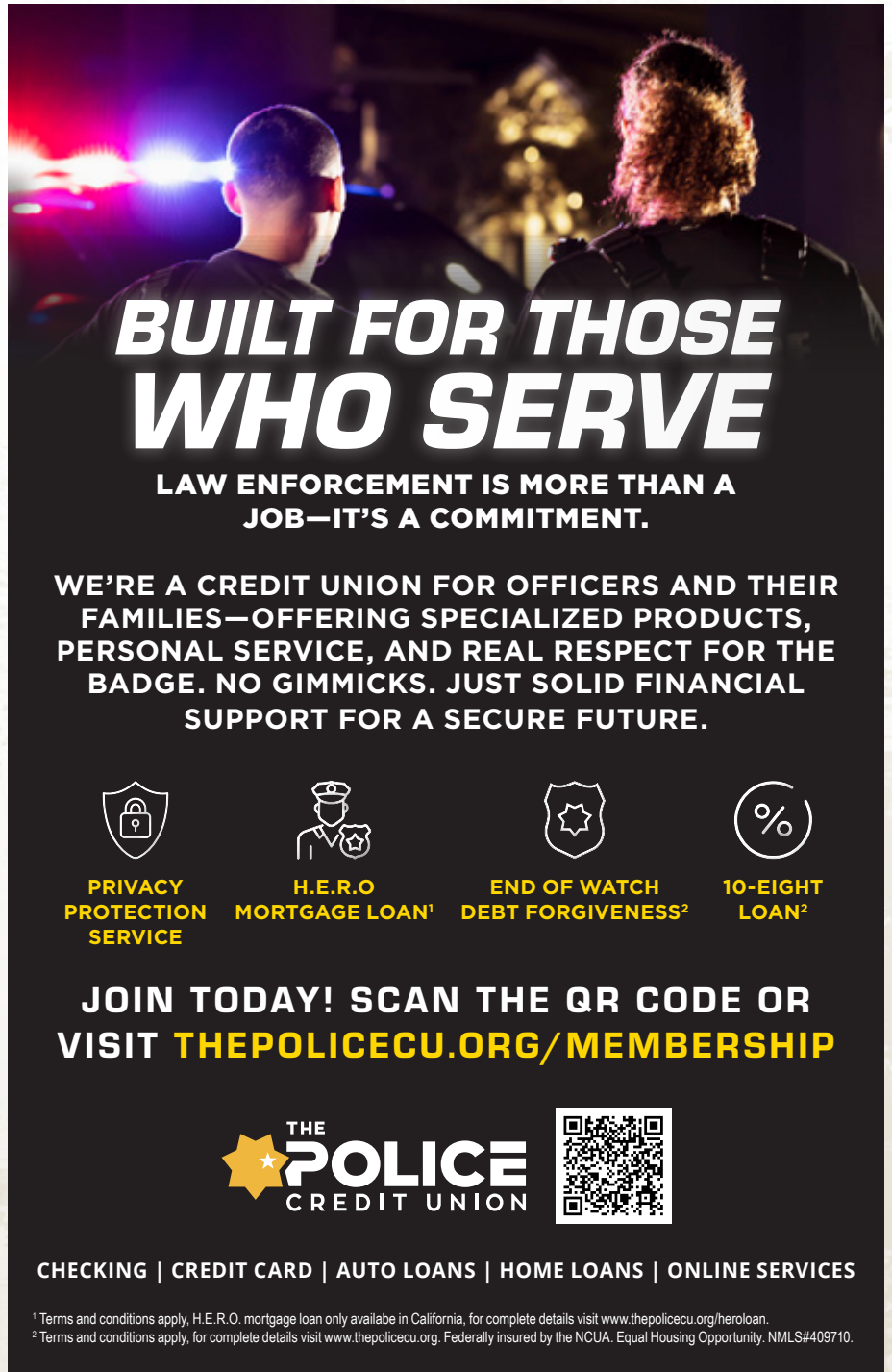
The issues of homelessness and mental illness squarely intersect with the criminal justice space, specifically and especially in terms of law enforcement's interactions with populations experiencing these issues on the street and in county jails. When coupled together, and especially when exacerbated by co-occurring substance use disorder, these issues greatly affect public safety and sheriffs' resources. Examples include challenges around providing appropriate mental health care and competency restoration services, strains on available custodial programming, funding for law enforcement and behavioral health co-response teams, rampant overdose deaths, and churning jail populations. Stakeholders should pursue a multi-element approach to address these issues with not only resources but also a reckoning of how prior and current policies and actions (e.g., Proposition 47, reduced accountability, etc.) have led or contributed to this multi-part problem. However, due to their complexities, it may also be time to consider these two issues separately, in order to focus fuller attention on each in terms of achieving successful outcomes.

COURT SECURITY FUNDING

Costs to provide vital court security continue to rise and outpace state funding. Judges, litigants, attorneys, court officers, and employees expect and deserve safe levels of security and sheriffs are caught between a desire and obligation to provide court security and the challenge of doing so with resources that no longer cover costs. Sheriffs seek adequate and sustainable funding for not only the provision of base court security services but also that resulting from new courthouses coming online.

Though California law enforcement faces another challenging year filled with bills that imperil our communities, we remained focused on working with our public safety partners to keep meaningful accountability measures in place while doing all we can to protect our communities. ✨





Cory Salzillo, CSSA's Legislative Director, is a partner of the firm WPSS Group, 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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“To Enter or Not to Enter a Residence to Provide Emergency Aid”

In *Case v. Montana*¹, the Supreme Court of the United States affirmed the principle that a law enforcement officer may enter a home without a warrant if he or she has an objectively reasonable basis for believing that an occupant is seriously injured or imminently threatened with such injury. Applying that standard here, the Court concluded that this objective reasonableness standard for warrantless home entries to render emergency aid is the proper standard for consideration.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Montana resident William Case called his ex-girlfriend J. H., telling her he was going to kill himself. Because he sounded erratic to J.H., she thought he had been drinking. She tried to talk Case out of committing suicide, but Case instead seemed to get more methodical about proceeding. Case said that he was “going to get a note”—presumably meaning a suicide note, for J. H. or others to find. J. H. testified that she then heard a “clicking” sound, like the “cock[ing of] a gun.” J. H. told Case she was going to call the police, but Case replied, “he would shoot them all too.” Finally, J. H. heard “a pop” followed by “nothing”—“just dead air.” She “yelled [Case’s] name a few times,” but got no response, leading her to think he had “pulled the trigger.” She called 9-1-1 to report the incident and drove as fast as she could to Case’s home.

Three police officers, dispatched to do a welfare check on a suicidal male, met J. H. outside the house. The officers were already aware that Case had a history of alcohol abuse and mental-health issues; that he had previously threatened suicide at the school where he worked; and that he had once seemed to attempt “suicide-by-cop,” by confronting the police in a way that was likely to provoke a lethal response. They decided the situation was “very serious,” based both on what J. H. told them then about the call and on what they already knew about Case. The three officers requested that the chief of police come to the scene.

While waiting for him, the three police officers circled the house looking for signs of injury or danger. They knocked on the doors and yelled into an open window, but got no response. Shining their flashlights inside, they could make out empty beer cans, an empty handgun holster, and a notepad with writing on it, which they took to be the suicide note Case had mentioned to J. H. However, they saw no sign of Case yet.

Once the chief came, the officers conferred and decided to enter the house to render emergency aid,” according to officer testimony. In the best-case scenario, they hoped to “talk [Case] down” and prevent

any injury. Given J. H.’s account, the officers considered also another possibility—that Case had already shot himself and might be “in there bleeding.” At the same time, they considered that if Case remained unharmed, their entry could spark a confrontation.

The officers entered the house through the front door, about 40 minutes after they first arrived. They announced themselves loudly, and continued to call out as they walked through the home. Case was hiding in the closet of a bedroom upstairs and did not respond. When one of the officers entered the bedroom, Case threw open the closet curtain and appeared from behind it, holding a black object which looked like a gun. An officer fired his rifle, hitting Case in the abdomen. Another officer rushed to administer first aid. An ambulance was called to take Case to the nearest hospital. He ultimately recovered from his injuries. One of the officers found a handgun in a laundry basket next to the place where Case had stood.

The county attorney charged Case with assaulting a police officer. Case moved to suppress all evidence obtained as a result of the home entry, contending that the police had violated the Fourth Amendment by coming into his house without a warrant. The trial court denied the motion, concluding that the police officers were responding legitimately to an emergency. A Montana jury then found Case guilty of the charged crime.

On appeal, a divided Montana Supreme Court upheld the trial court’s ruling that the officers’ entry was lawful. The majority analyzed the issue under its “community caretaker doctrine,” under which, the Court explained, police could enter a home to do a welfare check only when objective, specific and articulable facts would lead an experienced officer to suspect that a person inside needs help or is in peril. The Montana Supreme Court found that facts meeting that description existed in this case because of the likelihood of suicide.

The United States Supreme Court granted certiorari, explaining that it did so because courts had differed on whether police officers entering a home to provide emergency aid need “probable cause” to believe that an occupant is in peril.

DISCUSSION

The Fourth Amendment provides that “[t]he right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated.” The United States Supreme Court explained that it is a basic principle of Fourth Amendment law that searches and seizures inside a home without a warrant are presumptively unreasonable, but the “warrant requirement is subject to certain exceptions.” *Lange v. California*ⁱⁱ. One such exception involves the need to provide an occupant with emergency aid.

The Court explained that the Supreme Court first approved a warrantless home entry to render emergency assistance in *Brigham City v. Stuart*ⁱⁱⁱ, in which police officers responding to a noise complaint observed through a kitchen window a physical altercation between an adolescent and several adults. As they watched, the teenager punched one of the adults in the face, resulting in the adult spitting blood. The officers immediately entered the home through a nearby screen door and, announcing their presence, caused the fight to cease. The *Brigham City* Court unanimously approved the warrantless entry as reasonable under the circumstances, explaining that the officers had “an objectively reasonable basis for believing that an occupant [was] seriously injured or imminently threatened with such injury.”^{iv}

Three years later, in *Michigan v. Fisher*^v, the Supreme Court reiterated what it had said in *Brigham City* about the “emergency aid exception.”^{vi} The police in *Fisher*, also responding to a neighbor’s report, found broken windows, blood on one of the doors as well as on a truck in the driveway, and visible through a window, a man inside the house was “screaming and throwing things” at an unseen target.^{vi} The Court in *Michigan v. Fisher* held that the officers’ entry in those circumstances was “reasonable under the Fourth Amendment,” just as it had been in *Brigham City*^{vii}. Using the same standard articulated in *Brigham City*, the *Michigan v. Fisher* Court concluded that the officers had “an objectively reasonable basis for believing” that an occupant of the home needed immediate aid.^{viii}

In *Caniglia v. Strom*^{ix}, the Supreme Court reaffirmed *Brigham City* but still rejected a broader “community caretaking” justification for warrantless home entries. The police had gone to Edward Caniglia’s home after his wife reported that he was suicidal. Caniglia spoke with the officers on his front porch and agreed to go to a hospital for psychiatric testing. Then, once he had left, the officers went inside and took away two handguns he owned. The lower courts approved the entry on the ground that the officers were performing “community caretaking functions.”^x The *Caniglia* Court, however, declined to recognize such an “open-ended license” for law enforcement officers to enter private homes. Citing *Brigham City*, the Court in *Caniglia* acknowledged that officers may enter a home to “render emergency assistance to an injured occupant or to protect an occupant from imminent injury.”^{xi} However, such emergency conditions were required for such entry and, given the facts, the officers had never tried to defend their entry on that basis.

The United States Supreme Court in this case found that the Montana Supreme Court erred in using Montana’s version of the “community caretaker” doctrine. The United States Supreme Court explained that the emergency-aid test incorporated in Montana’s caretaker doctrine was different from the one adopted in *Brigham*

City. Montana’s test would consider a home entry “reasonable” when an officer has “specific and articulable facts” from which to “suspect” that someone needs help. The federal Supreme Court explained that the language of Montana’s test evokes the Fourth Amendment standard applying to brief, investigative street stops: “reasonable suspicion” based on “specific and articulable facts.”^{xii} However, *Brigham City* did not adopt *Terry*’s reasonable-suspicion standard for home entries. Instead, *Brigham City* formulated its own standard for dealing with household emergencies—i.e., whether an officer has “an objectively reasonable basis for believing” that an occupant is seriously injured or imminently threatened with such harm.^{xiii}

The Supreme Court declined Case’s urging that the Court understand *Brigham City* as sounding in probable cause. The Court explained that probable cause is “peculiarly related to criminal investigations,” and that body of law would fit awkwardly, if at all, in the non-criminal, non-investigatory setting at issue here. *Brigham City* asks only whether an officer had “an objectively reasonable basis for believing” that entry was direly needed to prevent or deal with serious harm.^{xiv} The Supreme Court stated that courts should assess the reasonableness of an emergency-aid entry on its own terms, rather than through the lens generally used to consider investigative activity.

Applying the *Brigham City* standard here, the Supreme Court concluded that the officers had an “objectively reasonable basis for believing” that their intervention was needed to prevent serious harm. The Court noted that the officers knew first-hand that Case suffered from mental-health and alcohol-abuse problems, and that he had previously talked about committing suicide. When they reached Case’s house, they learned about J. H. and Case’s very recent phone call—that Case, in an apparently inebriated state, threatened to kill himself, spoke of preparing a suicide note, and quite possibly cocked or even shot a gun before the line went dead.

The concerns that call raised were heightened by what the officers could see through the windows—empty beer cans, an empty holster, and a notepad—as well as by Case’s failure to respond to their urgent knocking. If Case had already shot himself, he could have been severely injured and in need of immediate medical care. If he had not yet done so, the risk of suicide remained acute, given all the facts then known to the officers. It was thus objectively reasonable for the police to believe that Case needed emergency aid. Accordingly, the United States Supreme Court affirmed the judgment, although not the reasoning, of the Montana Supreme Court.

TAKEAWAY

The Supreme Court noted that at the “very core” of the Fourth Amendment guarantee against unreasonable searches and seizures “stands the right of a man to retreat into his own home and there be free from unreasonable governmental intrusion.”^{xv} The Court acknowledged the “first among equals” status the Fourth Amendment affords the home.^{xvi}

By clarifying the new test to determine whether an officer may enter a home to provide emergency aid, the Supreme Court has provided significant guidance to law enforcement officers. Specifically, an officer must be able to articulate that he or she had an “objectively reasonable” basis for entering the home based on the totality of the circumstances known to the officer at the time of entry. This standard should be very familiar to officers, as it is also the standard for use of force employed for many years.

Law enforcement officers should also observe, however, that the Supreme Court, cognizant of that status, declared that an emergency-aid entry provides no basis to search the premises beyond what is reasonably necessary to deal with the specific emergency they face while maintaining the officers' safety. Accordingly, officers should be cognizant of the need to obtain a warrant to search the home beyond the immediate needs justified by the attempt to render aid. The safer course of action would be to seek a warrant if in doubt concerning the permissible search of the residence. As noted, the Court previously did not sanction officers' entry into the home of Mr. Caniglia to seize weapons after he had already been removed from the home.

Pertinent to the specific issue presented by the *Caniglia* case with respect to seizure of weapons inside the home on welfare check calls, California law provides, in Penal Code section 1524, that a warrant may be obtained, "When the property or things to be seized include a firearm or other deadly weapon that is owned by, or in the possession of, or in the custody or control of, a person described in subdivision (a) of Section 8102 of the Welfare and Institutions Code." Accordingly, in California, under the facts of the *Caniglia* case, California law enforcement would either obtain consent to seize the firearms present in the home from a persona authorized to provide such consent, or obtain a warrant pursuant to Section 1524(10), when taking a person into temporary custody under Welfare and Institutions Code section 5150. ✨

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Holding the Line from the Inside: **CSSA, MCSA, AND THE ROLL CALL LISTENING CAMPAIGN**

We talk a lot in this profession about holding the line — the perimeter, the post, the position. But there's another line we have to hold, and it runs through every briefing room in the country: the line between deputies managing the weight of the job and those quietly coming apart.

That line is harder to see. It doesn't show up on a radio call or a use of force report. It shows up in divorces, medical retirements, and flags folded at funerals that didn't have to happen.

After forty years in this profession — Los Angeles, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, and now Santa Clara County — I've stood on both sides of that line. I know what it feels like to carry something you don't yet have words for. And I know how much it can matter when someone creates a moment where the weight becomes a little more bearable. That's what the Roll Call Song Listening Campaign is designed to do.

WHAT THE CAMPAIGN IS

The Roll Call Song Listening Campaign is an eight week, briefing room initiative. Each week, a short piece of music (under five minutes) from *The Cost* is played at roll call, followed by a brief discussion guided by a supervisor card. No therapy. No forced vulnerability. Just a song, a question, and a few minutes to acknowledge what everyone already knows.

It's framed intentionally as a tactical briefing tool, not a wellness program — because language matters in our culture. The music creates emotional permission without requiring anyone to step forward. The conversation moves naturally from there.

Agencies receive facilitator guides, supervisor cards, a resource guide, and an executive brief. An introduction to breathwork accompanies each song. The entire campaign can be run internally, with minimal overhead and no outside consultants. It's built to fit inside rhythms law enforcement already has.

WHY MUSIC

In the Courageous Heart program, I've long used "Wrong Side of Heaven" by Five Finger Death Punch to open discussions on moral injury and PTSD. It wasn't written for law enforcement, but its emotional truth lands. Officers don't need lyrics to say "police officer" to recognize themselves.

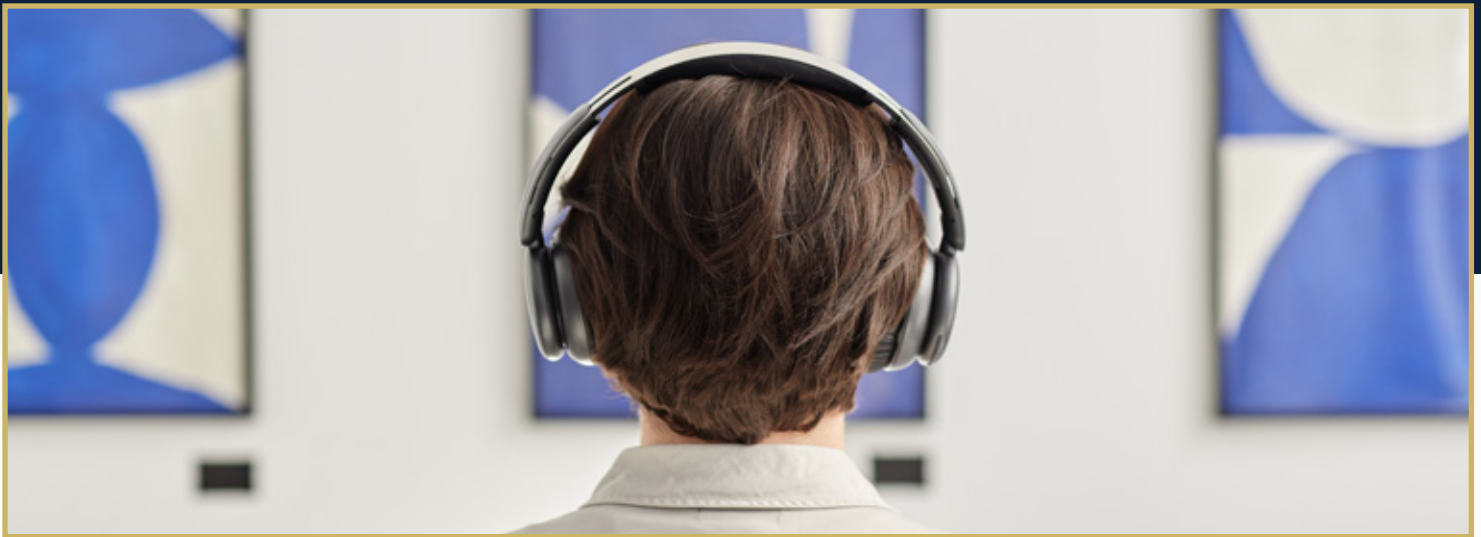
That's why I wrote the songs for this campaign — not to showcase music, but because I've seen how the right song can open the right conversation. And for transparency: yes, the music is mine. I'd rather say that plainly. Agencies don't have to purchase anything, and the facilitation tools are provided at no cost. The campaign exists because the songs proved to be an effective delivery mechanism for something officers already needed.

If someone else had written better songs for this purpose, I'd be using theirs.

WHERE CSSA & MCSA FIT

CSSA and the Major County Sheriffs of America understand that wellness isn't a soft issue — it's an operational imperative. Agencies lose good people to burnout, trauma, and attrition, and the costs are both human and institutional.

CSSA and MCSA can move the needle not by mandating programs, but by credentialing them. When their names accompany a resource into a briefing room, it brings something invaluable in our culture: legitimacy. It signals that the tool came from inside the profession.

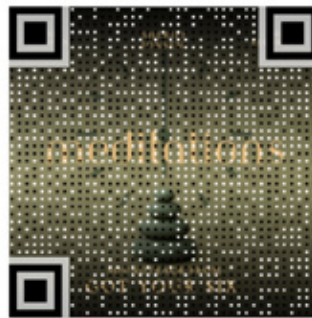


The Roll Call Song Listening Campaign is grounded in the same evidence that underpins the POST certified Courageous Heart program: the neuroscience of compassion, the physiology of chronic stress, and the demonstrated value of peer level connection. But it's built for the briefing room, not the conference room — and that distinction matters.

CSSA's Wellness Committee is already evaluating the campaign as a model for scalable, peer led wellness efforts. The next step is piloting it.

AN INVITATION

If you lead an agency — or know someone who does — I invite you to bring the Roll Call Song Listening Campaign into your briefing rooms this year. The commitment is small: eight weeks, ten minutes a week, a song and a conversation. The potential return is significant: an officer who feels less alone, a supervisor who checks in differently, a culture that makes space for the human behind the badge.



Participants will also have access to NuCalm, the official nervous system regulation partner of MCSA. NuCalm is a neuroscience based platform used by elite military units, athletes, and public safety agencies to improve sleep, recovery, and resilience. Participating agencies will receive access at no cost during the eight week campaign.

CSSA and MCSA are helping lead this effort because our people are worth leading it for. Agencies interested in piloting the campaign are encouraged to contact the CSSA Wellness Committee Chair - Robert.jonsen@shf.sccgov.org

We hold the line for our communities every day. This is one way to hold it for each other. ✨

Sheriff Bob Jonsen serves as Sheriff of Santa Clara County and chairs the CSSA Wellness Committee. He is the author of Got Your Six and the creator of the Roll Call Song Listening Campaign.

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THE PROBLEM

20-30%

OF FIRST RESPONDERS— STRUGGLE WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

7 of 15

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH LINKED TO SLEEP DEPRIVATION

54%

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Song plays at roll call Delivered directly via QR-linked pamphlet — no extra technology required.

Topics addressed directly
Suicide, drinking, sleep, family, hypervigilance, burnout, retirement — no euphemism.

Supervisor facilitates A one-page guide gives sergeants specific prompts, silence protocols, and closing language.

Resources follow every session
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THE MUSIC

8 campaign songs from *The Cost* — streamed directly via QR link in the patrol briefing pamphlet.

SUPERVISOR GUIDES

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This week also provides an opportunity to recognize the men and women who continue to serve in law enforcement today, working every day to keep our communities safe. By taking time to acknowledge their service, we express our appreciation for the commitment and sacrifice required to protect others.

As we reflect during this meaningful week, we also hold close the families and friends who continue to carry the weight of these losses. While no words can fully repay the sacrifice made by these officers and their loved ones, we can honor their legacy through remembrance, gratitude, and support.

We invite you to join us in recognizing their bravery and expressing our sincere appreciation for those who serve and protect our communities.

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The Fresno County Sheriff's Memorial: **Respect. Honor. Remember.**

By Fresno County Sheriff John Zanoni

Fresno County stands united in remembrance and gratitude as we commemorate the completion of the Fresno County Sheriff's Memorial. Dedicated this past October in a formal ceremony, the Memorial is sacred ground.

Located at the Fresno County Sheriff's Area Two Substation in southeast Fresno, it serves as a powerful tribute to the courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment of those who gave their lives in service to our community. The Memorial reflects the deep respect Fresno County holds for law enforcement and the enduring bond between those who serve and those they protect. This Memorial now stands as a place of reflection, remembrance, and unity; honoring a legacy that spans generations.

Within the diverse landscape of Fresno County, we are fortunate to live and work in a community where public safety and the rule of law remain deeply valued. That shared respect fuels the dedication of our deputies, correctional officers, professional staff, and volunteers as they safeguard our homes, families, businesses, farmland, and rural communities. From the earliest constables on horseback to today's highly trained deputies equipped with advanced technology, the legacy of service and sacrifice runs deep.

Showcased on the Memorial's Wall of Honor are the names of 21 fallen heroes. Each name represents a story of valor, selflessness, and devotion to something greater than oneself. Their sacrifice is the price of our safety, and their memory will forever be preserved here, as my perpetual promise and the promise of those sheriffs who came before me, that they will never be forgotten.

A dedicated design committee worked thoughtfully to ensure every detail of the Memorial holds meaning. From the very beginning, the committee sought the blessing and input of the families of our fallen heroes. Their voices helped shape this tribute, making it not just a memorial, but a deeply personal reflection of love, sacrifice, and remembrance. Built entirely through community support, every contribution of time, resources, and funding reflects a shared commitment to honor those who gave their all.

This Memorial also stands as a symbol to the law enforcement community across California and our nation. It represents solidarity, respect, and appreciation for all who wear the badge, often without recognition, but always with courage. It reminds us that while the work is demanding and the risks are real, those who serve never stand alone.

Open to residents, students, and visitors alike, the Fresno County Sheriff's Memorial offers a place to learn, reflect, and pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. It is a space where families can find comfort, colleagues can remember, and future generations can better understand the true cost of service.

To all who visit, may it serve as a reminder to pause, reflect, and carry forward the memory of those whose names are etched on the wall; heroes whose sacrifice lives on in their families, in the agency they served, and in the gratitude of a community that will always remember.

I extend my deepest gratitude to retired Sheriff Margaret Mims, retired Sheriff Steve Magarian (in Memoriam), the Fresno Sheriff's Memorial Foundation, the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, the families of the fallen, the Fresno Sheriff's Sergeants Association, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, and the many business and community partners whose support made this Memorial possible. Together, we have created something enduring, rooted in courage, compassion, and unity, and I invite you to come and experience the Memorial in person, where its stories, spirit, and solemn beauty will stay with you long after you leave.

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JULLIARD School OF Music

▪ SHERIFF YESENIA SANCHEZ, ALAMEDA COUNTY

The Re-Entry and Support Services (RESS) Unit, of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, and Five Keys School partnered together to bring the Juilliard School of Music to the female population at Santa Rita Jail.

The RESS Unit partners with several community-based organizations that play a vital role in providing services that aim to help individuals develop skills, gain employment and connect with their communities. We needed to increase our efforts in providing programs to our incarcerated female population and Juilliard School of Music allowed us to provide an opportunity that the female population requested, in art and music.

Juilliard School of Music brought 3 projects to our Santa Rita Jail female population, "Project Music Heals Us," "Music for the Future" and "Together We Climb."

"Project Music Heals Us" is a non-profit organization which exists to provide encouragement, education and healing through bringing high-quality live music performances and interactive programming to marginalized communities with limited ability to access it themselves, with a focus on rehabilitating incarcerated and homeless populations. This was a 5-day residency where female students worked with artists from Juilliard learning to compose music.

"Music for the Future" was a 9-week intensive music composition course with a 5-day residency followed by an 8-week remote learning class taught through the Juilliard School's Extension



Division. Female students completed a string quartet composition, a professional recording of their work, accreditation via the Five Keys School, a course completion certificate and had a live streamed world premiere of their broadcast from the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York, where the celebration concert occurred.

“Together We Climb” is an inperson, 5-day intensive residency centered on Amanda Gorman’s poem *The Hill We Climb*. During this residency, the musicians and participants created music, poetry, creative writing inspired by this poem, and then commissioned a composer to write new work for string quintet based on the residency output. This work will be premiered in a concert on February 16, 2026 at The Juilliard School.

All these courses were offered to our entire female population, which included Minimum, Medium and Maximum-security classifications and served as a healing process for them.

The RESS Unit’s hope for these female students is to continue taking advantage of the programs and re-entry services they are being offered. These participants have been motivated and determined to create better opportunities for themselves for the future while in custody, we hope they stay on their path of personal growth, rehabilitation and self-awareness.

The RESS Unit offers programs and services designed to help incarcerated individuals prepare for release, such as vocational training, educational programs, and support services. Juilliard School of Music is one of many programs that assist these students in their healing process. ✨



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THE EVOLUTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Indeed, constables were some of the foremost law enforcement officers of their era. They were court officers, and their principal duties were civil in nature, but the reality was that constables were frequently the only peace officers around. Therefore, the responsibilities of protecting the citizenry and apprehending criminal suspects, as well as investigating crimes, fell to them. In much of Kern County, constables were the primary form of law enforcement because the county Sheriff had so few deputies it would have been impossible for him and his deputies to cover the entire county while also keeping the peace in the county seat (originally located in Havilah and later moved to Bakersfield) and while exercising his lawful responsibilities to the county jail and superior court. Constables, on the other hand, lived and worked in the outlying and often rural areas, and because they were already there, it became their job to enforce the law as well as tend to their judicial duties.

When Kern County was formed in 1866, it was divided into several political/judicial subdivisions known as “townships.” Each township had a justice of the peace and a constable. The first six townships were: 1st – Kernville, 2nd – Havilah, 3rd – Tehachapi, 4th – New River (Tejon), 5th – Bakersfield, and 6th – Linn’s Valley. By the turn of the century, there were fifteen townships, and in 1917, the 19th (and last) township was formed.

With its roots embedded in Spanish California, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office has always been a reflection of the

community it has served. Founded in 1850, it stands with the oldest law enforcement agencies in the state. Santa Barbara was the only incorporated city in this county in 1850. The population was 6,000 people. The Sheriff oversaw law enforcement for the city as well as Santa Barbara County (and the northern portion of Ventura County until 1872.)

From the days of Russell Heath, who battled the infamous outlaws Solomon Pico and Jack Powers, to Bill Brown, there have been 23 lawmen who have taken oath of office as Sheriff.

The Sheriff’s Office itself has seen dramatic change during its 176-year history, from the days of the single sheriff, aided only by a jailer and a guard in charge of the chain gang.

A pivotal moment in local law enforcement history occurred in 1902 when George Edwards, then mayor of Santa Barbara, encountered his former ranch hand, James Ross, while returning from a trip to Gaviota. Edwards offered Ross the position of town marshal, and Ross accepted, reporting for duty the very next day. This marked the beginning of a remarkable 43-year career in law enforcement.

Born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in 1869, Ross immigrated to America at age 16, arriving in Santa Barbara in 1887 after traveling through Canada and Colorado. On April 1, 1902, Ross became Santa Barbara’s first Chief of police and quickly made a name for himself by apprehending a bank robbery suspect just months into his tenure.



Coroner's Office

Ross's career took another historic turn on December 31, 1917, when he resigned as Chief of police to succeed County Sheriff Natt Stewart, who had passed away the previous day. At that time, the Sheriff's Department had no branch offices or deputy sheriffs, leaving Ross to patrol a county twice the size of Rhode Island on his own. He even had to learn to drive an automobile to cover the vast territory stretching from the Santa Maria River to Santa Barbara.

The challenges of Ross's role intensified with the passage of the 18th Amendment, which prohibited alcoholic beverages. Santa Barbara's 125 miles of rugged coastline became a prime target for rum-running vessels smuggling illegal alcohol. Known for his integrity, Ross famously ejected would-be bribe-givers from his office and abolished the commissary system for feeding prisoners, citing its potential for corruption.

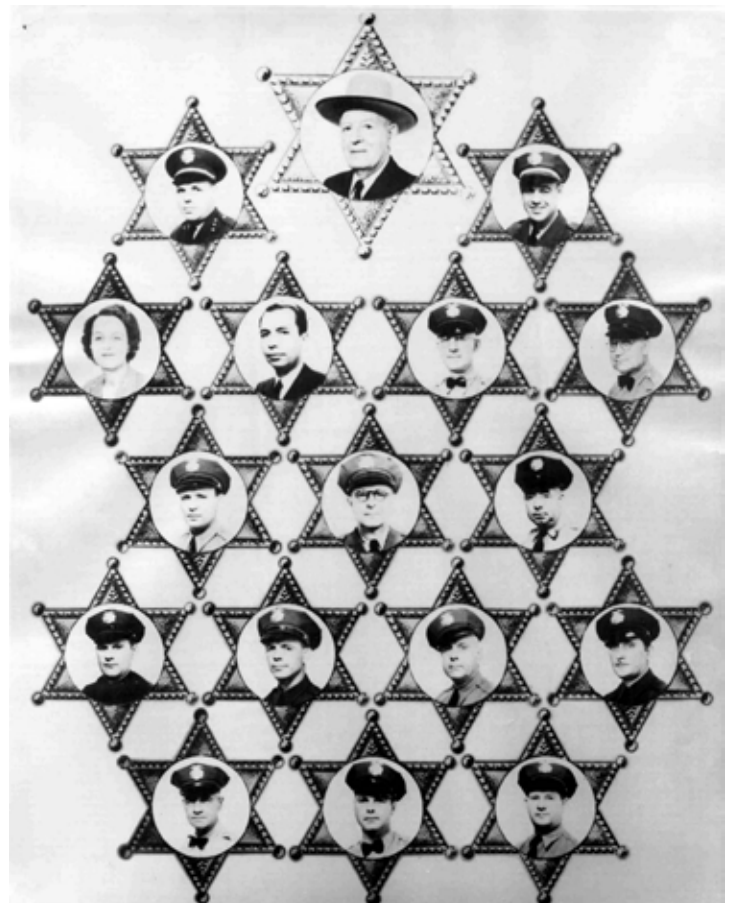
Ross's leadership earned him seven consecutive re-elections, each by overwhelming majorities. Even into his 70s, he wore the sheriff's badge, navigating the increased pressures of the Great Depression, which brought widespread unemployment and a surge in crime. On December 31, 1945, Ross concluded his distinguished career by passing the badge to his son, John, who had served as his deputy and Undersheriff since 1927.

Today's Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

Today, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office (SBSO) is charged with a broad spectrum of public safety responsibilities. It enforces laws across the county's unincorporated areas and provides



James Ross, Sheriff 1918-1946



Santa Barbara Police Department, Circa 1943

contracted police services to the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, and Solvang. Additionally, the sheriff oversees the county jail system, ensures security at the Superior Court, and serves as the county coroner. The department employs approximately 800 staff—including 260 law enforcement deputies and 240 custody deputies—operating from multiple substations in Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Isla Vista, Lompoc, and a dedicated foot patrol in Isla Vista. Through ongoing community partnerships, such as programs aimed at preventing accidental deaths along the bluffs near Isla Vista, the Sheriff’s Office maintains a proactive approach to public safety and crime prevention.

At the heart of the SBSO lies a clear and principled mission: “We, the members of your Sheriff’s Office, are responsible for enforcing the laws, upholding the Constitutions, and providing custody and court services. We are committed to enhancing the quality of life through effective partnerships, protecting persons and property, while serving as role models to our community.” This mission is underpinned by five guiding principles—Integrity, Caring, Courage, Fairness, and Service—and aligns with the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics adopted in 1956. These standards guide every aspect of the Sheriff’s Office’s operations, reflecting a dedication to professional excellence, ethical conduct, and respectful engagement with all of the community it serves. ✨



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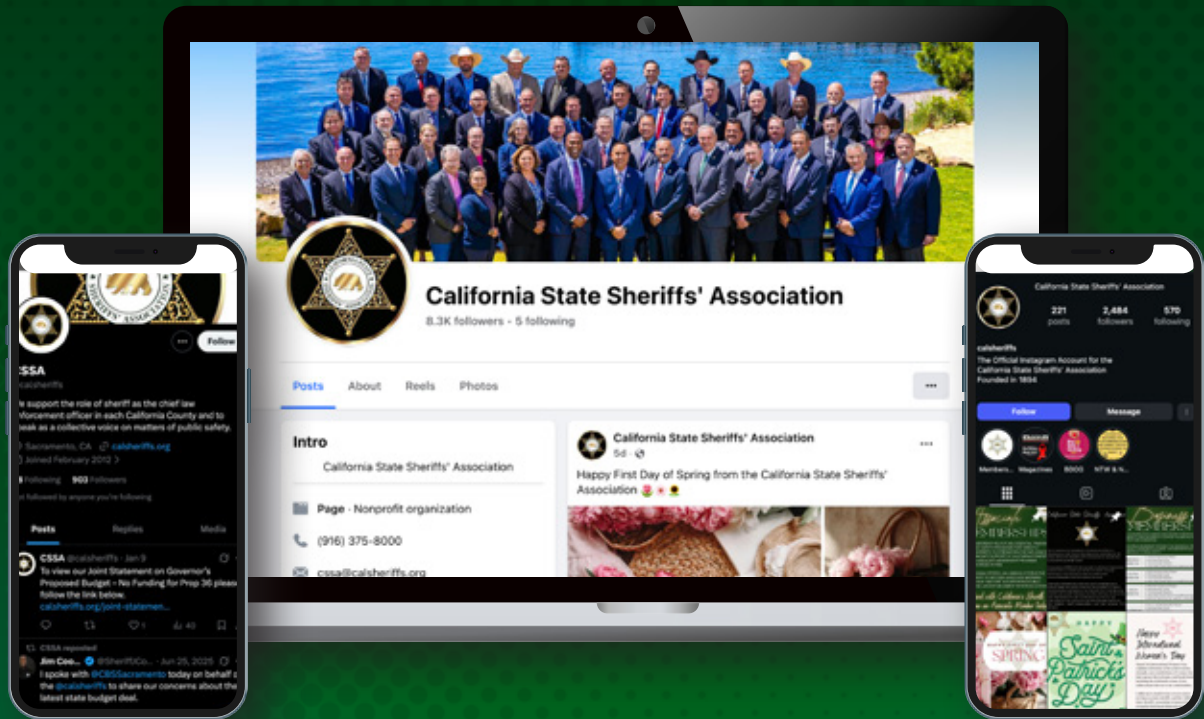
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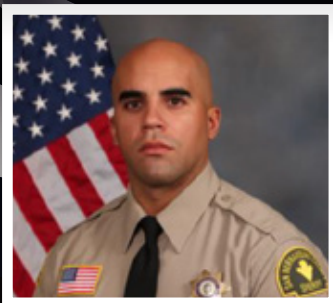
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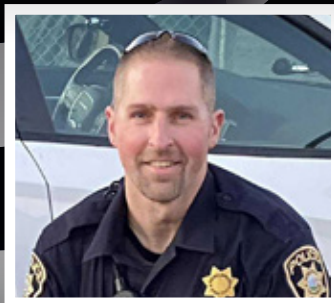
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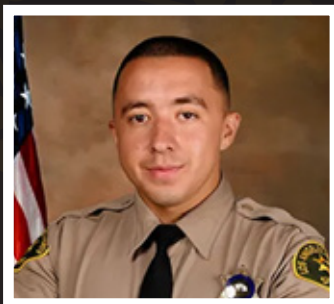
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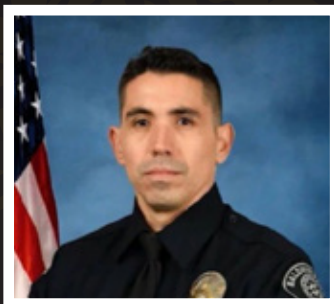
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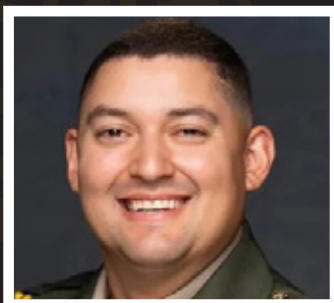
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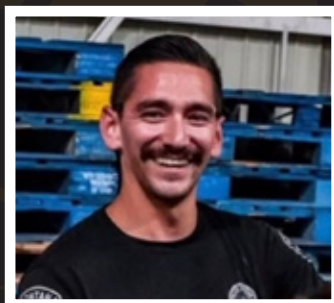
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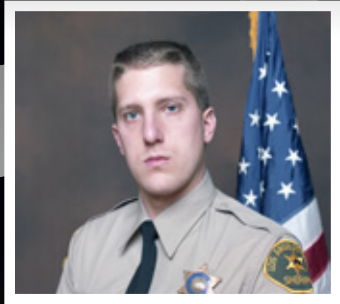
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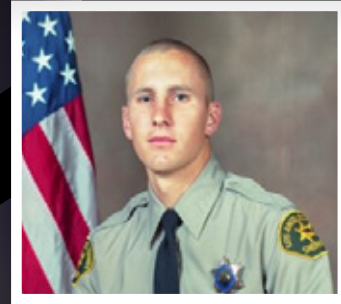
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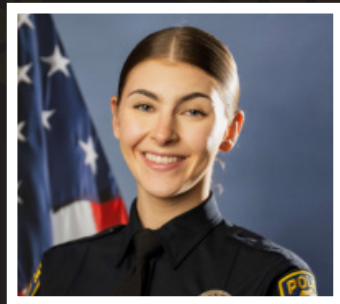
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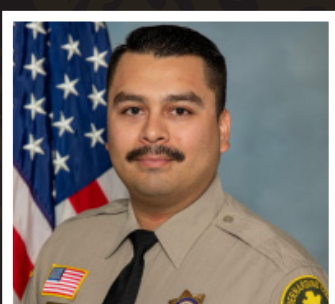
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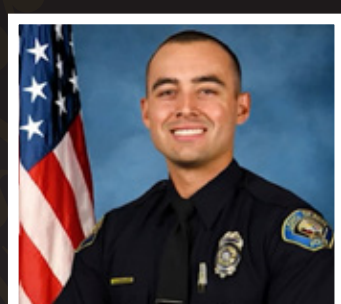
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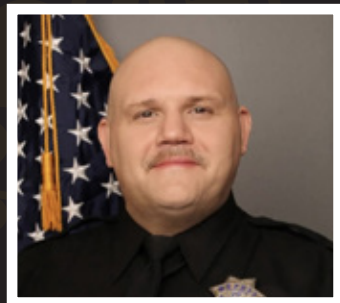
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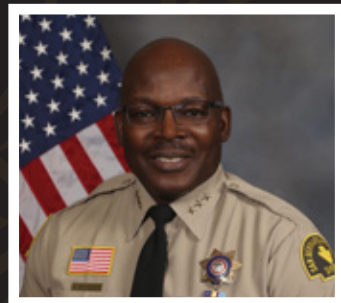
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▪ SHERIFF BRANDON BARNES, SUTTER COUNTY

STANDING WITH FAMILIES ON THEIR HARDEST DAYS

THE TRAUMA INTERVENTION PROGRAM'S IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY

When tragedy strikes, the moments that follow can feel overwhelming. For families facing sudden loss, serious injury, or crisis, the shock can make even simple decisions feel impossible. While first responders focus on life-saving efforts and scene management, there is often a critical need for compassionate, immediate support for those left behind. That is where the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) steps in.

TIP is a nonprofit organization that provides on-scene emotional and practical support to survivors, families, and loved ones during some of the most difficult moments of their lives. Working alongside law enforcement, fire, EMS, hospitals, and coroners, TIP volunteers respond directly to critical incidents, including coroner's cases, ensuring families are not left alone in moments of profound grief.

"TIP bridges the gap between emergency response and emotional care – supporting families while allowing the Sheriff's Office to stay focused on the call," said Lisamarie Helmer, TIP Program Director.

In 2025, TIP volunteer response teams were activated 589 times, offering comfort, guidance, and stability when it mattered most. Through these responses, TIP volunteers supported:

- 2,883 first responders, allowing them to remain focused on their critical duties
- 2,362 community members during times of crisis
- 1,734 volunteer hours served on scene

These calls spanned across jurisdictions, demonstrating TIP's broad reach and trusted role throughout the region:

- Yuba County: 293 calls
- Sutter County: 258 calls
- Miscellaneous / multi-jurisdictional: 38 calls

Each activation represents more than a statistic, it represents a moment where a grieving family received immediate support, where a survivor was guided through next steps, and where first responders could rely on trained volunteers to provide compassionate care beyond the scope of emergency response.

Throughout the year, TIP worked closely with a wide range of partner agencies, frequently responding alongside law enforcement, fire departments, emergency medical services, and hospital partners. This collaborative approach ensures a more comprehensive response to critical incidents and reflects a shared commitment to caring for the whole community.

"Our deputies encounter families on some of the worst days of their lives. Having TIP alongside us ensures those families receive compassionate care beyond the emergency itself. This partnership reflects the values we hold as an agency—service, empathy, and community—and I am grateful for the volunteers who stand with our staff and our residents during those critical moments.", said Sutter County Sheriff, Brandon Barnes.



This year, Deputy Andre Licon and Deputy Paige Tarke were recognized as Heroes with Heart award recipients for their outstanding work, compassion, and dedication to these difficult calls—exemplifying the empathy and professionalism that define this partnership.

“It has been an honor to work in the presence of TIP volunteers in my career. These calls stay with you,” said Deputy Andre Licon. *“Knowing TIP is there for the families makes a difference—not just for them, but for us as responders too. The amount of grace and compassion they extend is beyond measure.”*

“I’m very thankful for the TIP volunteers. They have the ability to provide support and resources for people during the hardest moments in their lives. It’s comforting to know, no one has to be alone,” added Deputy Paige Tarke.

While TIP services are funded and staffed differently in some regions, TIP volunteers serving this area rely entirely on community support. Their presence on scene—often during late nights, holidays, and emotionally charged incidents—is made possible through local donations, sponsorships, and fundraising efforts.

Programs such as Heroes with Heart play a vital role in sustaining TIP’s mission, helping ensure these services remain available at no

cost to local agencies and the community members they serve. As preparations continue for the upcoming Heroes with Heart Gala, TIP is actively seeking sponsorship support to help maintain and expand these essential services within our community.

The continued use of TIP services by local agencies reflects a strong partnership built on trust, compassion, and shared values. Together, TIP is committed to ensuring that no family faces their worst day alone and that first responders have the support they need to do their jobs effectively.

TIP is honored to stand beside our public safety partners during critical incidents and public safety is honored to stand by them. The Sutter County Sheriff’s Office remains grateful for the opportunity to serve this community—one call, one family, and one moment at a time.

For more information about the Trauma Intervention Program, please contact the Program Director, Lisamarie Helmer at (530) 673-9300.

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A COMMITMENT TO SAFETY: A TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP FOR VICTIM NOTIFICATION

▪ VINE VICTIM NOTIFICATION, EQUIFAX

The theme of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW), "Listen. Act. Activate. Protect victims, serve communities," underscores the public safety mission to establish trust as early as possible with those impacted by crime. Legacy notification platforms, built to support communication with victims and survivors, can be a disparate and fragmented array of technology solutions, creating a potential gap that compounds victim uncertainty and fear. In the absence of information or confused by too much information at once, victims may perceive a lack of priority for their safety.

Transitioning from a reactive to a proactive, victim-centered model, law enforcement leadership can prioritize integrated technology to help ensure consistent information flow to victims across the entire criminal justice lifecycle. The following five pillars detail how technology can transform victim notification into a more connected, compassionate process that keeps the victim informed from the moment a case is initiated.

THE 5 PILLARS OF A VICTIM-CENTERED SYSTEM

- **Early Intervention at Case Initiation:** Victim trust is built in the first moments after a crime. By delivering automated updates as soon as a case begins, integrated platforms can offer a sense of clarity during a difficult time. This outreach lets victims know their situation is being prioritized, helping them feel more informed, connected and supported through the process.
- **Continuity Across the Criminal Justice Lifecycle:** A victim's journey doesn't end with an arrest. It continues through hearings, protective orders, trials, sentencing, custody, and release. When law enforcement, the courts, and correctional systems work together through a shared data connection, it creates a more reliable and supportive experience. This coordination helps ensure timely notifications, and helps create a consistent victim experience throughout the entire criminal justice process.
- **Empowerment and Victim-Centric Support:** Effective systems prioritize the needs of the individual, emphasizing privacy, ease of use and personal choice. Notification technology should offer more than automated alerts; it needs to balance digital resources with empathetic personal human support. Implementing confidential digital portals and

24/7/365 access to sensitivity-trained professionals helps ensure victims are respected, heard, and regain a sense of control.

- **Data-Driven System Optimization:** Community usage data gives us a clear look at how our services are working. Analyzing this data enables agencies to uncover ways to better serve victims, improve community trust, and work more effectively. And, showing data-driven, real-world impact is key to support continued funding for maintaining public safety resources.
- **Rigorous Security and Accessibility:** Protecting privacy is essential for victim safety. Notification platforms must be built on a proven track record of security and reliability to ensure reliable information and timely delivery. For a system to be truly safe, it has to be easy to use, ensuring the system is available to any victim, at any time. Security and reliability aren't extras; they are fundamental to safety.

A COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

Building a safer community means building a system where no one is left in the dark. The adoption of connected, victim-centric notification technology helps provide the necessary transparency and empowerment victims deserve as they navigate the path toward healing.

Learn more about VINE and its products and services for survivors, their families, law enforcement, and community advocates at VINE.equifax.com. And, if you or someone you know has been impacted by crime in California, you can access VINE or locate resources in your area at any time by visiting vinelink.com, using the VINELink mobile app, or calling 1-866-277-7477. ✨

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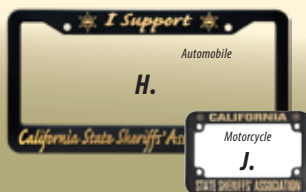


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