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PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Chief Greg Williamson
Bakersfield Police Department
P.O. Box 59
Bakersfield, CA 93302

Dear Chief Williamson,

On behalf of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), and POST staff, please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences upon the untimely and tragic on-duty death of Officer David Nelson.

All who have ever worn the badge feel your loss. Our communities share your pain. Ultimately, society feels the tremor of the tragic death of one who commits their life to holding the thin line between peace and chaos, for standing for something good.

I never met David Nelson. I don't know his story, or the adventures he lived.

What I do know about each fallen officer is what they did. I know that they stood the line between right and wrong, darkness and light. They faced challenges and danger. They fought those that oppress and provided strength for the meek. They gave order to chaos, and hope to despair. Comfort to grief and a smile to the lost. Too frequently they tried in vain to fix the broken. They were quick to defend and frequently chose action over caution. I know that they viewed the world with crystal clear eyes that sparkled with life and thought no mountain too tall, no canyon too wide. They stood hard against the wind.

What I do know is what they stood for. They railed against injustice. Their cause is as old as the heavens. I know in loyalty they faced conflict shoulder-to-shoulder with their brothers and sisters and, proudly committed to being a small part of a greater cause. They represented hope to some, fear to the unjust, and would give their last breath doing either. They knew the word "sacrifice".

What I do know is that they will never finish their dreams or be part of dreams of others. Their absence will forever be a void in the lives that they touched.

We commend David to the hands of God and commit ourselves to the eternal memory and honor of his life. David will be remembered with a moment of silence at the beginning of the October 2015 POST Commission meeting in San Diego.

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. STRESAK
Executive Director

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July 22, 2015

Chief Diane Urban
Hayward Police Department
300 Winton Ave.
Hayward, CA 94544

Dear Chief Urban,

On behalf of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), and POST staff, please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences upon the untimely and tragic on-duty death of Sergeant Scott Lunger.

All who have ever worn the badge feel your loss. Our communities share your pain. Ultimately, society feels the tremor of the tragic death of one who commits their life to holding the thin line between peace and chaos, for standing for something good.

I never met Scott Lunger. I don't know his story, or the adventures he lived.


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We commend Scott to the hands of God and commit ourselves to the eternal memory and honor of his life. Scott will be remembered with a moment of silence at the beginning of the October 2015 POST Commission meeting in San Diego.

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ROBERT A. STRESAK
Executive Director

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Gregory J. Ahern, Sheriff

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September 25, 2015

Robert Stresak, Executive Director
Commission on POST
860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100
West Sacramento, CA 95605-1630

Dear Mr. Stresak:

I received a very nice card from you congratulating the Alameda County Sheriff's Office on another successful Urban Shield. It was great to hear from you and receive such positive comments about the operation, coordination and leadership of our events. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to attend the Urban Shield. I am glad you were able to see, first hand, the complexity of our operation. I also want to thank you for providing the research for Scenario #4 in Black Command. The exercise was designed to learn how an experienced officer could use his acquired knowledge of tactical situations and impart that knowledge to a new officer more expeditiously.

Urban Shield began in 2007. There is no other exercise like Urban Shield in the world. This 48-hour, continuously-sustained tactical exercise offers our first responders a unique training opportunity to train together and ensure they are as well prepared as possible to respond to a multijurisdictional and multidiscipline crisis. I am very proud of the Urban Shield events and our ability to bring first responders together to effectively test their skills, tactics and endurance while sustaining a large-scale event. Every year the Urban Shield events are tremendously successful, and that is partly because of the numerous participants such as law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical services, transportation, military and related corporate personnel. There is also a tremendous number of staff members from numerous agencies and volunteers who work for an entire year on planning, coordinating and designing the scenarios. The management of these tactical events is a tremendous undertaking. It is only because of the commitment and dedication of all of our participants that we are able to conduct such an extremely large tactical training exercise.

It is my hope that you will be able to see an even better Urban Shield 2016. I welcome your knowledge and expertise. All the best to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregory J. Ahern".

Gregory J. Ahern
Sheriff-Coroner