

COMMISSION ON  
PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING



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August 1, 2016

Shelley Zimmerman, Chief  
San Diego Police Department  
1401 Broadway, MS 700  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Chief Zimmerman:

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 Jonathan DeGuzman.

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 Jonathan DeGuzman. I do not know his story, or how he lived.

However, I know he stood the line between right and wrong, darkness and light. He faced challenges and danger. He gave order to chaos, and hope to despair. He was quick to defend and frequently chose action over caution.

He railed against injustice. I know he stood in loyalty and faced conflict shoulder-to-shoulder with his brothers and sisters and proudly committed to being a small part of a greater cause. His absence will forever be a void in the lives that he touched.

We commit ourselves to the eternal memory and honor of his life. Jonathan will be remembered with a moment of silence at the beginning of the October 27, 2016 POST Commission meeting in West Sacramento.

Sincerely,

STEPHANIE C. SCOFIELD  
Interim Executive Director

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August 3, 2016

Edward Bonner, Sheriff  
Placer County Sheriff's Department  
2929 Richardson Drive  
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Sheriff Bonner:

On behalf of the Commission, myself and POST staff, please accept our heartfelt wishes and prayers for the complete recovery of Deputy Austin Harper.

When we learned of the injuries sustained by Deputy Harper during a K-9 training exercise, our hearts immediately went out to his family, and your entire agency. We understand Deputy Harper may have a long road ahead in his recovery.

Please know, the Commission, POST's Executive Team and the POST family are thinking of Deputy Harper, his family, friends, and the Placer County Sheriff's Department. We will continue to keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Should you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 227-2803.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "S. Scofield".

**STEPHANIE C. SCOFIELD**  
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October 5, 2016

Jim McDonnell, Sheriff  
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department  
211 W. Temple Street, Suite 854  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Sheriff McDonnell:

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 Steven Owen.

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 Steven Owen. I do not know his story, or how he lived.

However, I know he stood the line between right and wrong, darkness and light. He faced challenges and danger. He gave order to chaos, and hope to despair. He was quick to defend and frequently chose action over caution.

He rallied against injustice. I know he stood in loyalty and faced conflict shoulder-to-shoulder with his brothers and sisters and proudly committed to being a small part of a greater cause. His absence will forever be a void in the lives that he touched.

We commit ourselves to the eternal memory and honor of his life. Steven will be remembered with a moment of silence at the beginning of the October 27, 2016 POST Commission meeting in West Sacramento.

Sincerely,

MANUEL ALVAREZ, Jr.  
Executive Director

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October 10, 2016

Bryan Reyes, Chief  
Palm Springs Police Department  
200 S. Civic Drive  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Dear Chief Reyes:

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 Officers Jose Vega and Lesley Zerebny.

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 two who commit their lives to holding the thin line between peace and chaos, for standing for something good.

I never met either Jose Vega or Lesley Zerebny. I do not know their stories, or how they lived.

However, I know they stood the line between right and wrong, darkness and light. They faced challenges and danger. They gave order to chaos, and hope to despair. They were quick to defend and frequently chose action over caution.

They railed against injustice. I know they stood in loyalty and faced conflict shoulder-to-shoulder with their brothers and sisters and proudly committed to being a small part of a greater cause. Their absence will forever be a void in the lives that they touched.

We commit ourselves to the eternal memory and honor of their lives. Jose and Lesley will be remembered with a moment of silence at the beginning of the October 27, 2016 POST Commission meeting in West Sacramento.

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October 20, 2016

Mike Poindexter, Sheriff  
Modoc County Sheriff's Department  
102 South Court Street  
Alturas, CA 96010

Dear Sheriff Poindexter:

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 Deputy Jack Hopkins.

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 Jack Hopkins. I do not know his story, or how he lived.

However, I know he stood the line between right and wrong, darkness and light. He faced challenges and danger. He gave order to chaos, and hope to despair. He was quick to defend and frequently chose action over caution.

He railed against injustice. I know he stood in loyalty and faced conflict shoulder-to-shoulder with his brothers and sisters and proudly committed to being a small part of a greater cause. His absence will forever be a void in the lives that he touched.

We commit ourselves to the eternal memory and honor of his life. Jack will be remembered with a moment of silence at the beginning of the October 27, 2016 POST Commission meeting in West Sacramento.

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October 24, 2016

Jim McDonnell, Sheriff  
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department  
211 W. Temple Street, Suite 854  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Sheriff McDonnell:

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 Alfonso Lopez.

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 Alfonso Lopez. I do not know his story, or how he lived.

However, I know he stood the line between right and wrong, darkness and light. He faced challenges and danger. He gave order to chaos, and hope to despair. He was quick to defend and frequently chose action over caution.

He railed against injustice. I know he stood in loyalty and faced conflict shoulder-to-shoulder with his brothers and sisters and proudly committed to being a small part of a greater cause. His absence will forever be a void in the lives that he touched.

We commit ourselves to the eternal memory and honor of his life. Alfonso will be remembered with a moment of silence at the beginning of the October 27, 2016 POST Commission meeting in West Sacramento.

Sincerely,

MANUEL ALVAREZ, Jr.  
Executive Director

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