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Dear District Attorney Spitzer,

The California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) is in receipt of your letter dated September 17, 2019. Your letter requested POST consider instituting mandated and recurring discovery training for California peace officers.

By way of background on the current status of POST discovery training, the topic of discovery is addressed in the Regular Basic Course (RBC) or in what is commonly referred to as the basic police academy. All students in the RBC receive a minimum of six hours of training related to courtroom matters. This instruction can be found in POST Learning Domain 17 - Presentation of Evidence, which includes brief coverage of discovery. There is no POST or legislative mandate for sworn peace officers to receive discovery training upon completion of the RBC.

In terms of in-service training for existing peace offices, all discovery training is optional or voluntary. Nonetheless, several advanced courses for investigators in the POST Institute for Criminal Investigation (ICI), or the what are commonly referred to as the POST basic detective schools, include limited training on the topic of discovery.

I will present your letter to the full Commission for their consideration at the next POST Commission meeting which will be held at 9:30 AM on October 24, 2019, at POST Headquarters located on 860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100, West Sacramento, California 95605.

Sincerely,

MANUEL ALVAREZ, Jr.
Executive Director

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