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PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING

February 21, 2014



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KAMALA D. HARRIS  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Commissioner Joseph A. Farrow  
California Highway Patrol  
P.O. Box 942898  
Sacramento, CA 94298

Dear Commissioner Farrow:

On behalf of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), and POST staff, I want to express my deepest sympathy over the tragic, on-duty deaths of Officer Juan Gonzales and Officer Brian Law.

Whenever a California peace officer is killed in the line of duty, the entire profession grieves. These valiant officers will be sorely missed for their contribution to public safety and will live on in the memories of their colleagues.

Officer Gonzales and Officer Law were formally remembered at the beginning of the February 20, 2014, POST Commission Meeting to be held in Long Beach, California.

If there is anything POST can do during this difficult time, please do not hesitate to contact me personally at (916) 227-2803.

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. STRESAK  
Executive Director

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

March 11, 2014

Charles Beck, Chief  
Los Angeles Police Department  
100 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Room 269  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chief Beck:

On behalf of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), and POST staff, I want to express my deepest sympathy over the tragic, on-duty death of Officer Nicholas Choung of your department.

Whenever a California peace officer is killed in the line of duty, the entire profession grieves. This valiant officer will be remembered and honored for his contribution to public safety. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have suffered this loss.

It is our challenge to make every effort to prevent yet another empty chair at a family event. The challenge is unrelenting and, inevitable as evil itself. If our challenge is unrelenting, so too must be our efforts to do everything possible to protect the brave men and women who daily serve our communities.

Officer Choung will be formally remembered at the beginning of the June 26, 2014, POST Commission Meeting to be held in Universal City.

If there is anything POST can do during this difficult time, please do not hesitate to contact me personally at (916) 227-2803.

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. STRESAK  
Executive Director

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March 20, 2014



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**KAMALA D. HARRIS**  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Thomas Allman, Sheriff  
Mendocino County Sheriff's Department  
589 A Low Gap Road  
Ukiah, CA 95482-3736

Dear Sheriff Allman:

On behalf of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), and POST staff, I want to express my deepest sympathy over the tragic, on-duty death of Deputy Ricky Del Fiorentino.

Whenever a California peace officer is killed in the line of duty, the entire profession grieves. This valiant officer will be sorely missed for his contribution to public safety and will live on in the memories of his colleagues.

Deputy Del Fiorentino will be formally remembered at the beginning of the June 26, 2014, POST Commission Meeting to be held in Universal City, California.

If there is anything POST can do during this difficult time, please do not hesitate to contact me personally at (916) 227-2803.

Sincerely,

**ROBERT A. STRESAK**  
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April 11, 2014



Chief Charles L. Beck  
Los Angeles Police Department  
100 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Room #269  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chief Beck,

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 Chris Cortijo.

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 Officer Cortijo. 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 Officer Chris Cortijo to the hands of God and commit ourselves to the eternal memory and honor of his life. Officer Cortijo will be remembered with a moment of silence at the beginning of the June 2014 POST Commission meeting in Sheraton Universal Hotel.

Sincerely,



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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Date May 6, 2014

Chief Charles Beck  
Los Angeles Police Department  
100 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Room #269  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear *Charles* Chief Beck:

On behalf of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), and POST staff, I want to express my deepest sympathy over the tragic, on-duty death of Officer Roberto Sanchez of your department.

Whenever a California peace officer is killed in the line of duty, the entire profession grieves. This valiant officer will be remembered and honored for his contribution to public safety. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have suffered this loss.

It is our challenge to make every effort to prevent yet another empty chair at a family event. The challenge is unrelenting and, inevitable as evil itself. If our challenge is unrelenting, so too must be our efforts to do everything possible to protect the brave men and women who daily serve our communities.

Officer Sanchez will be formally remembered at the beginning of the June 26, 2014, POST Commission Meeting.

If there is anything POST can do during this difficult time, please do not hesitate to contact me personally at (916) 227-2803.

Sincerely,

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COMMISSION ON  
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June 11, 2014



Chief Eric Jones  
Stockton Police Department  
22 East Market Street  
Stockton, CA 95202-2876

**EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**  
GOVERNOR

**KAMALA D. HARRIS**  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dear Chief Jones,

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 Scott Hewell.

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 Hewell. I do not 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. Officer Scott Hewell will be remembered with a moment of silence at the beginning of the June 26, 2014 POST Commission meeting in Sacramento.

Sincerely,

**ROBERT A. STRESAK**  
Executive Director

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**BONNIE M. DUMANIS**  
**SAN DIEGO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

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April 28, 2014

The Honorable Mike Gatto  
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2387 (PAN) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Gatto:

The Office of the District Attorney of San Diego County supports Assembly Bill 2387. This proposal is sponsored by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and seeks to remedy a serious training issue regarding contracting authority. AB 2387 amends Government Code Section 19132 and Penal Code Section 13503, to exempt the Commission from the provisions of the Government Code Section 19132, as it relates to the use of personal service contracts to provide training and other services to law enforcement.

Our office has over 100 sworn peace officers who serve as District Attorney Investigators (DAI) in our Bureau of Investigation. All of our DAIs are POST certified. We depend on POST to provide crucial training. We depend on POST to provide quality instructors. However, without the passage of AB 2387, POST's ability to contract with quality instructors, who provide top notch training, will be in jeopardy.

POST is a small agency of the Department of Justice with 130 employees. For nearly two decades, POST has contracted with public entities to deliver its legacy courses. Legacy courses are those where POST, has developed the content and maintains oversight to ensure that the highest quality of training delivery takes place. These courses include: the Supervisory Course, the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute Course, the Command College, the Management Course, and the Executive Development Course. It also includes courses involving simulator training [e.g., Law Enforcement Driving Simulator (LEDS), and the Force Option Simulator (FOS)] which are presented through 24 regional skills training centers. Other legacy courses include: the Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigation and the Instructor Development Institute Program.

These are high-cost courses that most law enforcement agencies cannot afford to send their officers to without POST's subvention. That subvention occurs through coverage of tuition, travel, and per diem. This means that POST contracts for the services required to present these courses. To deliver these courses, POST uses a combination of contracts with public entities and personal services.

Many of the presenters used by POST provide an array of law enforcement training courses. To do so, the public entities employ instructors with technical expertise related to the topics within these courses. In many instances these individuals are active or retired peace officers with special expertise and specific instructor qualifications. They are in essence, adjunct faculty of the contract presenters. Only a limited number of state employees meet the POST instructor qualifications to present training in the legacy courses.

POST's ability to deliver critical training needed by our law enforcement community will be seriously affected if AB 2387 is not passed. Government Code section 19132 will ultimately eliminate the use of personal services contracts as an effective means of providing law enforcement instruction without specific authorization from the Department of General Services Review by State Bargaining Units. It will also prevent POST from using its funds to contract for the delivery of training unless the Department of General Services authorized the use for specified purposes.

Without an exemption or waiver of the provisions of Government Code 19132, POST will face significant challenges in its efforts to provide training critically needed by the law enforcement community.

We respectfully urge you to **SUPPORT** Assembly Bill 2387.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Legislative Director, Gail Stewart at (619) 895-0327.

Respectfully,



**BONNIE M. DUMANIS**  
**San Diego County District Attorney**

Cc: Joel Tashjian, Principal Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
Bernadette Lawrence, Legislative Aide, Assembly Member Pan's Office  
Brendan Hughes, Legislative Director, Assembly Member Gray's Office  
Charles Evans, Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training





**BONNIE M. DUMANIS**  
**SAN DIEGO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

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June 17, 2014

The Honorable Kevin de León  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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*The Honorable Kevin de León*  
*Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee*  
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