

COMMISSION ON

PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING



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ATTORNEY GENERAL

December 4, 2020

Amanda Ray, Commissioner



Dear Commissioner Ray:

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 tragic on-duty death of Officer Andy Ornelas.

In these troubling times of law enforcement scrutiny, the health and well-being of our officers is crucial. 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 Ornelas. 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.

It is with great sadness in our hearts that we offer our support to you and your department at this tragic time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Manuel Alvarez, Jr.".

MANUEL ALVAREZ, JR.
Executive Director

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January 22, 2021

Scott Jones, Sheriff

Dear Sheriff Jones:

On behalf of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences upon the tragic on-duty death of Deputy Adam Gibson and K-9 Officer Riley. Our hearts go out to your department.

In these troubling times of law enforcement scrutiny, the health and well-being of our officers and K-9 officers is crucial. 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.

By all accounts from some of our colleagues, Deputy Gibson was a true hero. I never met him. 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 save lives, and he frequently chose action over caution.

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