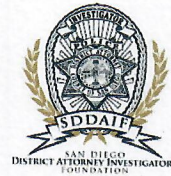
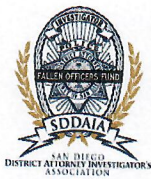


# SAN DIEGO DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION



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## **RE : Addition of Document to the Rulemaking file Amending Commission Regulation 1005(a) Minimum Standards for Training for District Attorney Investigators**

I represent the San Diego District Attorney Investigator's Association, an organization comprised of over 125 peace officers.

This letter is to inform you that my members and Association strongly opposed the rule change reference Regulation 1005 (a) minimum standards for Training for District Attorney Investigators.

I believe POST has failed to understand that in this climate the classification of DAI is more than dropping off subpoenas and minor follow-up investigations. We consistently perform the same duties of first responders including being out of the front lines during the most recent public unrest.

POST should conduct an updated job description study to determine and understand what the DAI does in 2022. The experience of DAI's that are RBC graduates and holders of 830.1 PC certificates support the Office of the District Attorney in ways that require general law enforcement training and education. I have members that, on a daily basis, complete work that fits the description for your definition of General law Enforcement,

*"General law enforcement duties" are duties which include the investigation of crime, patrol of a geographic area, responding to the full range of requests for police services, and performing any enforcement action on the full range of law violations."*

I am perplexed at this decision after I listened to and provided testimony on 9/20/21 during the open comment period. In hearing the comments, it appeared there was a unified consensus among DAI's, that this shift was not welcome.

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I read your ADDENDUM-INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS which included the following paragraph.

*The professional experience and relevant expertise of the POST Commissioners is as follows: Elected District Attorney – 31 years as a prosecutor, including 11 years as the District Attorney; Educator – 33 years as a Police Officer, including five years as a Chief of Police; Special Agent, Department of Justice – 40 years of general law enforcement and investigator experience; Elected Sheriff – 31 years of law enforcement experience, including seven years as the Sheriff; Police Sergeant/Law Enforcement Instructor – 26 years of law enforcement experience, including 15 years as a Police Sergeant; Police Sergeant – 21 years of law enforcement experience, including 15 years as a Police Sergeant; Elected Sheriff – 52 years of law enforcement experience, including 25 years as the Sheriff; Public Member – 35 years of experience in the public sector, including service as a Fire Chief and City Manager in three large cities; Public Member – 33 years as a public safety staff member for the California State Legislature; Elected Sheriff – 36 years of law enforcement experience, including nine years as the Sheriff; Public Member – Reverend, President of the San Jose/Silicon Valley National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and served on both the Independent Police Auditor Committee (Past) San Jose Police Department Community Advisory Board (2012) and Santa Clara County Court Community Leadership & Liaison Program; and a Police Sergeant – 23 years of law enforcement experience, including 14 years as a Police Sergeant.*

I was once again perplexed that in all the experience these officials have, I did not locate a peace officer that started their career as an RBC graduate and then became a DAI. It is unconscionable that POST did not ask someone that has been both an SIBC and/or RBC graduate and DAI for input. This type of groupthink is always devastating in the end. I have two current members that started out their career graduating from a SIBC, became an investigator and then went through the RBC. Both of my members tell me that they could not do job with the same level of expertise and safety without the RBC certificate. I ask you to interview these types of officers to get a complete picture.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I would appreciate the opportunity to express my view at any future hearing.

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