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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As we say goodbye to 2017, it's time to reflect on the hard-won accomplishments we have achieved together over the last year and look ahead to the opportunities 2018 will bring.

2017 was an exciting time for LAX and the Los Angeles community. LAX broke the 80 million passenger mark — a milestone that could not have been reached without the hard work and dedication of all of our officers, who continue to keep our airport one of the safest and most traveler-friendly in the world.

Given the ever-growing demands placed on our officers, the Board of Airport Commissioners authorized LAWA to allow builders to submit construction bids for our new LAXPD station. LAAPOA has been in discussions with airport leadership for the last eight years regarding the need for a new police facility, and we are glad to see this effort finally moving forward. Construction is expected to begin in mid-to-late summer 2018, with a completion goal of 2020. This will be a game changer for our department, and LAAPOA will continue to advocate for its advancement.

The LAAPOA Board agreed to the LAFPP option and the new LACERS Enhanced Tier, bringing us closer to closing the gap and attaining both salary and benefits parity with other law enforcement agencies in the region. This will help all our officers and their families, and is a massive achievement given the current challenging environment for police and labor.

The past year also saw the addition of new vehicles to the LAXPD fleet. The airport has prioritized and implemented a replacement plan to ensure our officers have safe and functioning vehicles that will allow us to perform our duties throughout our massive, and still-expanding, airport complex.

In addition, the public was offered a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the inner workings of some of our complex policing efforts when CNBC profiled our airport. The piece reinforced the multifaceted and challenging work our officers perform every day — while often making it look easy. The story helped raise our profile nationally and gave an unprecedented peek at what we do to keep the public safe.

With the transfer of Ontario Airport back to local control, 2017 brought about the end of our nearly 50 years of policing and aircraft rescue/firefighting services at Ontario. While this is unfortunate, we are proud to welcome our dual-trained members to join us at LAX and VNY. We also congratulate those members who chose to join the other City family at LAFD.



2017 also saw the return of the NFL to the Southland, with plans for the Rams and Chargers to relocate to our neighboring community of Inglewood in 2020. We look forward to working with Inglewood P.D. on future endeavors. You can feel the excitement in the air — and it's only the beginning, as it was announced this year that the Olympics will be returning to Los Angeles in 2028. While this may seem far off, work must begin now to prepare our airport and community for the influx of athletes and visitors. This event will be a significant undertaking for our region, and LAAPOA looks forward to working closely with airport and community leaders to ensure that our officers have the necessary resources to protect the massive number of passengers who will be traveling through LAX.

With all the good things that happened in 2017, we cannot forget our brothers and sisters in blue across the nation who lost their lives. This continues to be a difficult time for law enforcement, but we must all rise above the violence and hateful rhetoric, and work together to find solutions to make our communities better and stronger.

We also said goodbye to many of our colleagues and friends who retired from the Department this year. It is anticipated that by next year, 10–20% of our officers will be gone due to attrition. We must ensure that recruitment remains a priority in 2018 and beyond, so that our ranks are staffed and we can properly secure the airport.

LAAPOA looks forward to carrying on our many successes into the new year, as we continue working with airport leadership to improve the quality of life for all of us. With many important electoral races in 2018, we will also continue to engage leaders at the local, state and federal levels to advocate for legislation that supports our profession, our members and our families. In this regard, I would encourage each and every one of you to support each other and our union, and become involved in the dialogue.

Marshall E. McClain, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ME McClain', written in a cursive style.

ABOUT LAAPOA



THE MISSION

To maintain a leadership role in organizing, empowering and representing the interests of all current and retired members:

- › To facilitate a member-driven organization that promotes public awareness that encourages and upholds a professional image to the aviation community and public at large
- › To preserve an environment in which members interact and work toward achieving common goals and objectives and to define and enhance standards for professionalism
- › To advocate for ensuring that the latest training and equipment are identified, provided and implemented for all law enforcement and public safety professionals
- › To represent and protect the rights and benefits of all our members

THE STORY

The Los Angeles Airport Police Department is the fourth-largest law enforcement agency in Los Angeles County, with more than 1,200 law enforcement, security and staff personnel.

The Airport Police Department is a division of Los Angeles World Airports, the City department that owns and operates three airports in Southern California: Los Angeles International, L.A./Ontario International and Van Nuys (general aviation).

Although the Los Angeles Airport Police Department has served the aviation security needs of the Los Angeles World Airports since

1946, the birth of the Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers Association (LAAPOA) can be traced to a single event in the history of the Department: the 1984 Summer Games. In conjunction with the opening of the Tom Bradley International Terminal and Terminal 1 for the Olympics, staffing increased to handle the influx of travelers flying to Los Angeles.

Today, at the request of the membership, LAAPOA has grown into an outspoken, proactive organization that works to enhance professional and personal benefits for its members. In recent years, the association has built a successful track record of protecting its members' contracts against fluctuations in the local economy.

As part of the **Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)** and **Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)**, LAAPOA members have access to comprehensive legal defense coverage and several insurance and benefit options.

Throughout the year, LAAPOA hosts a number of free activities for members and their families, including a holiday party and picnic. The association's **Los Angeles Airport Police Athletics & Activities League** sponsors members and the surrounding communities to participate in athletics and charity events that better the membership and the community at large.

As aviation security requirements change to secure the dynamic environment at LAX — the number-one terrorist target on the West Coast — and Ontario International and Van Nuys Regional airports, LAAPOA will continue to evolve to protect the sworn personnel of the Los Angeles Airport Police Department.



LAAPAAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The mission of the Los Angeles Airport Police Athletics & Activities League (LAAPAAL) is to encourage and sponsor members of the Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers Association and the surrounding communities to participate in athletics and charity events that better the membership and the community at large.

Activities and events sponsored by LAAPAAL include the Tommy Scott Memorial LAX Run, the Cruise for a Kid's Cure, the Police Unity Tour, Mistletoe Memories, the State of the Union Dinner, and the LAXPD soccer, basketball and shooting teams.

LAAPAAL is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, tax ID 90-0604757. To make a donation or for more information, visit www.laapaal.com. In addition, proceeds from the LAAPOA online store benefit LAAPAAL-sponsored events — shop the wide variety of LAAPOA and LAXPD branded merchandise at www.rasportinc.com/store/c29/LA_Airport_Police_Assn.html.

2017 CHARITABLE DONATIONS

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| Eagle & Badge Foundation | LAXPD Youth Cadets |
| Filipino-American Law Enforcement Officers Association | Los Angeles Police Museum |
| Kids of Courage | Meals on Wheels—La Mirada |
| L.A. Airport Team—LAX | North Valley Youth Baseball (NVYB Inc) |
| LAPRAAC—Baker to Vegas Charity Run | Pacific Heart, Lung & Blood Institute |
| LAWA Camping Trip | Pepperdine University |
| LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce Protectors Appreciation Luncheon | Police Unity Tour Chapter 37 |
| | St. Jude Children's Research Hospital |

MEMBER SERVICES

INSURANCE

All active LAAPOA members receive a paid **City Employees Club of Los Angeles** membership. The club connects City employees through a network of information and discounted products such as theme park and movie tickets. Members also have access to group-rated insurance products.

PORAC INSURANCE AND BENEFITS TRUST

LAAPOA members are granted free membership in the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), which offers a number of insurance options and benefits.

RETIREE MEDICAL TRUST

PORAC's **Retiree Medical Trust (RMT)** is a health care pre-funding vehicle that is funded by defined contributions set in the labor agreement and provides a stream of monthly payments for life, for those who meet the eligibility rules.

SHORT- AND LONG-TERM LIFE AND AD&D NEEDS

Available through our membership in PORAC, these plans are administered by **Myers, Stevenson & Toohey**, which has countless years of serving its clients.

LONG-TERM-CARE PLAN

All active members receive the optional initial benefit amount of \$1,000 per month in coverage from the City Employees Club of Los Angeles.

BANKING

LAAPOA is partnered with several banks to offer the best service to its members, including **Citibank** and the **Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union**. These full-service banks have been in business for years and have sound track records. Among the benefits offered are checking and savings, real estate loans, internet banking, debt consolidation, direct deposit, low-interest credit cards and auto loans.

ACCOUNTING

Since 1941, **Miller, Kaplan, Arase & Co., LLP**, has been committed to providing clients with the highest level of personal service and attention. So it only makes good sense to ensure that LAAPOA maintains an accurate account of its funds.

INVESTING

LAAPOA has partnered with **UBS Financial Services**, drawing on its 150-year heritage to serve private, institutional and corporate clients worldwide by combining wealth management, investment banking and asset management businesses to deliver superior financial advice and solutions. LAAPOA members have access to the UBS wealth management team to assist with any investment needs.

COMMUNICATION

All members receive complimentary copies of the print **BOLO** newsletter, providing timely updates on law enforcement issues and association news. In addition, members receive, at no cost, the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) monthly publication, **PORAC Law Enforcement News**, which contains information on statewide legislative issues, reports from the Legal Defense Fund, member association news and career-related articles. Members also receive the award-winning, quarterly **FOP Journal**, which includes law-enforcement-related feature articles and updates on national FOP activity, lobbying efforts and federal legislation.

LAAPOA's extensive website (www.laapoa.com) is full of useful information for the public, in addition to an exclusive members-only section containing sensitive, ongoing union information. Other communications with LAAPOA members include:

- › Free calendar and benefits booklet
- › "Eye on Aviation" daily e-newsletter
- › Biweekly BOLO electronic newsletters
- › LAAPOA Twitter account
- › LAAPOA Facebook page
- › LAAPOA Pinterest page

THE LAAPOA APP

Available in both the Google Play and Apple iTunes stores, the new LAAPOA app keeps users at the forefront of public safety issues at home and abroad. The app provides access to the latest LAAPOA news and press releases, the American Alliance of Airport Police Officers (AAAPO) press releases and the latest issue of the **BOLO** newsletter. LAAPOA members can stay up to date on union news, events, legal representation, benefits and more.

LAAPOA ONLINE STORE

Members can purchase LAAPOA and LAXPD memorabilia at the online store or in person at LAX Airport. **Hudson News Group** has also noticed the high demand and pride of owning a piece of merchandise with the LAXPD or LAAPOA logo on it. These items include hats, challenge coins, T-shirts, glasses, polo shirts, coffee mugs, sweat-shirts, backpacks, lapel pins and more, all available online at www.rasportinc.com/store/c29/LA_Airport_Police_Assn.html. Proceeds from the LAAPOA store go toward contributions to the Los Angeles Airport Police Athletics & Activities League.



NEGOTIATIONS

BARGAINING UNIT

LAAPOA is the exclusive bargaining unit for the sworn police officers and firefighters of the Los Angeles Airport Police Department and is the only union recognized by the City of Los Angeles to negotiate their wages, benefits, hours and working conditions. Only LAAPOA members have the right to ratify a potential contract. The following are just a few examples of previous and recent successes:

- › One of the few City unions to avoid any salary or benefit cuts, layoffs or furloughs
- › Implementation of marksmanship bonus
- › Creation of compensated time off bank
- › Creation of a new public safety tier and increased retirement formula
- › Uniform allowance increase
- › Approval of Class “C” uniforms and outer bulletproof vest for optional patrol uniform
- › Increase of 10.75% for pay parity
- › Elimination of 20% pay reduction for new hires
- › City withdrawal of release time balance owed and lower future reimbursement rates
- › Creation of one full-time release position at the reduced rate
- › Creation and implementation of two additional pay grades, actively working on more
- › Expansion of on-call pay to more members
- › Implementation of bilingual and sign-language pay
- › Approval of Class “C” uniforms for vehicle checkpoints and during inclement weather

More information about LAAPOA’s contract negotiations can be found at www.laapoa.com.



STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing committees are composed of the Board of Directors and LAAPOA members. Committees include:

- › Activities/Fundraising
- › Discipline/Grievance
- › Legislative/PAC
- › Members/Benefits
- › Negotiations/Bylaws
- › PAL
- › Public Information
- › Scholarship
- › Training/Equipment
- › Retiree Liaison

FRINGE BENEFITS

Due to LAAPOA’s PORAC membership and experienced negotiators who contract directly with the City for fringe benefits, there is more to offer members and their families, such as added medical, dental, vision and, of course, vacation and sick-leave benefits.

2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY 6

A gunman opens fire near the Terminal 2 baggage claim area at the Fort Lauderdale–Hollywood International Airport in Broward County, Florida, killing five and injuring over 40.

JANUARY 27

President Trump issues an executive order temporarily banning refugees and citizens from seven countries from entering the U.S., prompting waves of protests at LAX.



MARCH 18

Soldiers at the Orly Airport in Paris prevent an attack, shooting a man to death after his attempts to seize a soldier's weapon.

MARCH 19

LAXPD arrest a hit-and-run driver with a loaded gun in his vehicle at the departure level of LAX's Terminal 2.

MARCH 22

A terrorist injures over 50 while driving his car into pedestrians on the pavement of Westminster Bridge in London.

MAY 22

Manchester Arena is bombed in a terrorist attack, killing 23 and injuring 250.

JUNE 2

President Trump signs two federal bills supporting law enforcement: the American Law Enforcement Heroes Act and Public Safety Officers' Benefits Improvement Act of 2017.

JUNE 14

A shooting occurs in Alexandria, Virginia, involving members of Congress, law enforcement and others practicing for an upcoming bipartisan congressional baseball game.

JUNE 16

The House approves the Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act of 2017, amending the Act of 2002 to make improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

JUNE 21

Airport police officer Lieutenant Jeff Neville is stabbed by a suspected terrorist at Bishop International Airport in Flint, Michigan. Neville survives the attack and is discharged from the hospital on June 26.

AUGUST 11

Former Coast Guard Vice Commandant David Pekoske is chosen to lead the TSA.

AUGUST 25

Hurricane Harvey makes landfall in Texas, devastating numerous communities throughout Houston and parts of Louisiana, and kills over 35 people, including Houston police officer Sergeant Steve Perez, a 34-year department veteran.



AUGUST 28

Attorney General Jeff Sessions announces President Trump's restoration of the 1033 Program, lifting Obama-era restrictions on the transfer of surplus military equipment and weapons to state and local law enforcement agencies.

SEPTEMBER 7

CNBC profiles LAX in a first-ever look at how the airport targets threats from airport workers.

SEPTEMBER 13

Los Angeles is selected by the International Olympic Committee as the host city of the XXXIV Olympiad 2028.





SEPTEMBER 20

Hurricane Maria, a powerful Category 5 storm, rips through Puerto Rico, killing over 50.

OCTOBER 1

A gunman fires into a crowd of over 22,000 people at the Route 91 Harvest Festival in Las Vegas, killing 58 and injuring over 500. The attack is the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.



OCTOBER 5

The Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) authorizes Los Angeles World Airports to allow teams to submit bids for the construction of the new public safety building.

OCTOBER 17

LAPD begins its year-long test of drones, becoming the largest police department in the nation to utilize the technology.

OCTOBER 31

New York Police Officer Ryan Nash shoots and captures a terror suspect who killed eight and injured nearly a dozen while driving a truck down a bicycle lane in lower Manhattan, near the World Trade Center memorial.

NOVEMBER 1

Members of LAAPOA mark the fourth anniversary of the 2013 shooting at LAX.

NOVEMBER 5

A gunman targets a church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, killing 26 and injuring 20.



With 1,119 registrants and 200 more participants than 2016, the 2017 Tommy Scott Memorial LAX Run welcomed the biggest field of runners to date. The USATF-certified and sanctioned event continues to grow by leaps and bounds year after year.



PUBLIC RELATIONS

ADVOCATING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

Mass shootings and terror attacks — tragic events that have become all too common in our society — were at the center of many of the press releases that LAAPOA sent out this year in partnership with the American Alliance of Airport Police Officers (AAAPO), as well as LAAPOA's own BOLO e-newsletters. In responding to both domestic and international attacks, these statements offered recommendations to help increase public safety in airports and other public venues.

In **January**, the shooting at Fort Lauderdale–Hollywood International Airport reaffirmed the need for proactive airport security measures to be implemented nationwide. LAAPOA reiterated that AAAPPO's 300-foot recommendation would be a major step in preventing and mitigating such violent attacks, and questioned TSA management's failure to address the airport security protocols and recommendations made by AAAPPO in 2012.

In **February**, a new report by the House Homeland Security Committee found that vetting procedures for airport employees were insufficient. AAAPPO repeated its proposals for 100% screening of all airport employees, including TSA, and the need for lawmakers to step in and fix security gaps by enacting the proper legislation.

After 11 passengers breached a TSA screening checkpoint at the JFK Airport, AAAPPO criticized the TSA for failing to recognize the severity of such security gaps. It called for two commonsense efforts to reduce oversight: passing the Checkpoint Safety Act (HR 550) and requiring the TSA to immediately notify airport police in the event of any breach or threat.

In **March**, AAAPPO called on the TSA to focus its attention on screening processes instead of its Behavior Detection Officer (BDO) and Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response (VIPR) programs, both of which have proven to be ineffective in identifying threats. AAAPPO applauded the Trump administration's proposal of eliminating the programs altogether so that TSA could refocus on its core mission of screening passengers and luggage.

Terror attacks in Paris and London prompted AAAPPO to urge lawmakers to establish increased airport security measures, stating that airports are prone to attacks because of the presence of large crowds in unsecured areas.

In **April**, AAAPPO responded to the trend of increased local and state police troopers from outside agencies being sent to patrol airports, explaining that outside presence added more harm than good, due to lack of airport-specific training of non-airport police officers. It championed a unified police structure, with only airport police officers, for a cohesive safety environment.

In **June**, AAAPPO and LAAPOA commended Congress and President Trump for signing into law two federal bills that supported veterans

and law enforcement community: the American Law Enforcement Heroes Act of 2017 (S. 583) and Public Safety Officers' Benefits Improvement Act of 2017 (S. 419).

AAAPPO also thanked House of Homeland Security Committee member Congressman Dan Donovan for authoring and getting approved an amendment to the Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act of 2017, requiring the TSA to report on the current structure of the law enforcement reimbursement program and how the funding decisions are made.

With new rules requiring all electronic devices to run through X-rays at TSA checkpoints, in **July** AAAPPO encouraged officer presence at checkpoints, as the Department of Homeland Security reported that terrorists have figured out how to smuggle explosives in electronic devices both large and small.

In **August**, AAAPPO expressed support for National Night Out, which connects communities to their local law enforcement agencies through barbecues, porch parties and other social venues. All activities work to foster a positive relationship between the police and the public.

In **September**, along with honoring those who lost their lives in the 9/11 terrorist attack, AAAPPO thanked Congressman Joe Crowley for introducing legislation allowing the 9/11 Medal of Valor to be bestowed on members of law enforcement who responded to the attacks that day and have since succumbed to 9/11-related illnesses.

In **October**, both AAAPPO and LAAPOA offered condolences to those affected by the mass shooting that occurred during the Route 91 Harvest Festival in Las Vegas, and commended the lifesaving response of both on- and off-duty first responders.

After the first confirmed in-flight collision of a drone and a piloted aircraft in the U.S., AAAPPO recommended that airport law enforcement have the capability to both detect drones and locate their operators.

Also in October, Elaine Duke, acting secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, warned that terrorist organizations wanted to take down aircraft to inflict mass civilian casualties. AAAPPO called for airports to enact commonsense security measures to prevent such attacks from reaching airplanes.

PROTECTING OUR OFFICERS

This year, LAAPOA not only advocated for its members and officers on the local, state and national levels, but also made it a priority to safeguard officers on a more personal level, with numerous BOLO e-newsletters promoting health, well-being and safety in an increasingly dangerous environment beset by numerous threats.



In **March**, both e-newsletters featured a two-part exploration written by LAXPD Wellness Coordinator and LAAPOA Board member Fran Sur on why cops die young, raising awareness that police work has been linked to a high rate of cardiovascular disease. In **April**, Sur championed exercise as a way for officers to reduce stress and maintain physical and mental health. Lastly, just before the Tommy Scott Memorial Run in **May**, Sur encouraged officers to increase their energy levels by running, providing helpful tips for novices on breathing, pacing and form.

Prompted by the attack on an airport police officer at Bishop International Airport in Michigan in **June**, LAAPOA described how public safety officers are plagued by multiple threats, further highlighting the need for legislative support in protecting the benefits of officers who put their lives on the line every day.

In **July**, AAPO denounced attacks made against NYPD Police Officer Miosotis Familia, San Antonio Police Officers Miguel Moreno and Julio Cavazos, and New York State Trooper Joel Davis. LAAPOA called on policymakers to stand up for public safety and reminded the community of heroic sacrifices made by those who protect and serve.

In **August**, LAAPOA turned the spotlight on the lack of adequate workers' compensation for law enforcement officers who are injured on duty, with many officers betrayed by a system that often leaves them without a paycheck or the adequate care needed for recovery.

In addition, LAAPOA focused on how — alongside realignment legislation (AB 109/AB 117) and Propositions 47 and 57 — new legislation proposing to reform California's bail system posed a threat to public safety and the lives of peace officers.

In **September**, LAAPOA expressed its support of President Trump's reinstatement of the federal 1033 Program, which provides military-surplus equipment to law enforcement agencies to help them protect communities more effectively.

LAAPOA also called for more federal funding dedicated to comprehensive and up-to-date law enforcement training and increased recruitment campaigns.

In **October**, LAAPOA voiced its dismay over Governor Jerry Brown's decision to veto AB 1408, which would have reduced the damage to public safety caused by realignment legislation by improving the monitoring of felons, helping law enforcement and corrections authorities identify the most dangerous, unreformed career criminals and keep them off the streets.



SECURING LAX

In **January** and **February**, LAX saw waves of protests after the president's executive order temporarily banned refugees and citizens from seven countries from entering the U.S. LAAPOA respected the right of citizens to gather in a peaceful manner, but encouraged travelers, airport employees and protesters to be respectful of one another and the authority of the airport police who work to ensure the safety of all traveling to and from the airport.

LAAPOA also revisited the issue of LAXPD vehicles being in a state of disrepair and unsafe for officers to operate, calling for repairs and replacements in order for officers to do their jobs safely and efficiently.

In **March**, LAAPOA commended LAXPD's Emergency Services Unit for swiftly apprehending a hit-and-run driver with a loaded gun at LAX's Terminal 2.

With construction of the new \$1.6 billion 12-gate concourse beginning in **April**, LAAPOA pointed out the need for LAWA to step up recruitment efforts and hire more officers to patrol the massively expanding airport.

In addition, LAAPOA decried LAWA's decision to hire two non-LAXPD persons to fill two vacant assistant chief positions, ignoring two LAXPD chiefs who had the necessary requirements and experience to fill the positions.

In **September**, LAAPOA publicized CNBC's story offering a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the inner workings of some of LAXPD's policing efforts, which reinforced the multifaceted and challenging work officers perform every day.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLITICAL ACTIVITY

For the past 35 years, LAAPOA has been proactive in the political sphere, advocating for legislation that advances the interests of its members and law enforcement, while also keeping the safety of its communities at the forefront. This year, LAAPOA continued its vital work of promoting proposed bills that would benefit public safety and opposing bills that aimed to threaten it.

LAAPOA's lobbying firm locally and in Sacramento is Aaron Read & Associates (ARA). LAAPOA is also part of the Peace Officers Research Association (PORAC), which represents its police association members with lawmakers. For lobbying on national and global transportation issues, LAAPOA utilizes the services of Iseman & Szeliga in Washington, D.C.

Of the 2,980 bills introduced in 2017, nearly 1,000 were sent to Governor Brown. He signed 859 into law (chaptered) and vetoed 18. Of the rest, 1,145 were made into two-year bills, 98 are inactive or dead and the remaining 430 are resolutions or other measures that, by law, did not have to be sent to the governor.

Below is a summary of LAAPOA and PORAC's sponsored, actively supported and actively opposed legislation for 2017. Unless otherwise noted, all chaptered bills take effect January 1, 2018.

CHAPTERED BILLS

AB 459 by Assembly Member Ed Chau (D-Arcadia), supported:

This bill exempts from the California Public Records Act video and audio files from a body-worn camera created by a peace officer of a state or local law enforcement agency that depict any victim of rape, incest, domestic violence or child abuse from disclosure pursuant to the act, unless the victim or victims depicted provide express written consent.

AB 512 by Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez (D-Pomona), supported: This bill removes the sunset clause on industrial disability retirements.

AB 1024 by Assembly Member Kevin Kiley (R-El Dorado Hills), supported: This bill requires a court to disclose all or a part of a grand jury indictment proceeding, excluding the grand jury's private deliberations, if the grand jury decides not to return an indictment in a grand jury inquiry into an offense that involves a shooting or use of excessive force by a peace officer that led to the death of a person being detained or arrested by the peace officer, except as specified.

AB 1459 by Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva (D-Fullerton), supported: This bill makes the unlawful killing of a peace officer murder of the first degree.



SB 54 by Senator Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles), opposed: The "Sanctuary State" bill is an attempt to keep law enforcement agencies from cooperating with federal immigration agents and places certain restrictions on state and local government entities in their interactions with federal immigration authorities.

SB 65 by Senator Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo), supported: A response to the legalization of recreational marijuana (Proposition 64), this bill addresses an oversight by creating a penalty for being under the influence of cannabis while driving a vehicle.

SB 226 by Senator Robert Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys), supported: To prevent voter deception, this bill provides transparency by requiring that slater mailer organizations disclose on the mailing, in a specific format, if the organization represents public safety personnel.

VETOED BILLS

AB 530 by Assembly Member Jim Cooper (D-Elk Grove), supported: This bill would have expanded the jurisdiction of PERB to include resolving disputes and statutory duties and rights of persons who are employed by public agencies and are peace officers.

AB 1408 by Assembly Member Ian Calderon (D-Whittier), supported: This bill would have required the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide local law enforcement agencies with copies of the released inmate's record of supervision during any prior period of parole.



SB 599 by Senator Anthony Portantino (D-La Cañada Flintridge), sponsored: This bill would have added PORAC's Health Benefits Trust to the code section allowing them to offer regional rates and other optional plans to their members. This change would have only affected PORAC's Trust and PORAC's own members, and only if they chose in the future to offer regional rates.

SB 687 by Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley), supported: This bill would have applied notice and consent requirements to a nonprofit corporation prior to agreeing to sell, transfer, lease, exchange, option, convey or otherwise dispose of the assets resulting from the reduction or elimination of emergency medical services provided at a licensed emergency center after the Attorney General gives a specified consent or conditional consent.

TWO-YEAR BILLS

AB 186 by Assembly Member Susan Eggman (D-Stockton), opposed: Until January 1, 2022, this bill would authorize specified counties or cities to authorize the operation of supervised injection services programs for adults that satisfies specified requirements, including, among other things, a space supervised by healthcare professionals or other trained staff where people who use drugs can consume pre-obtained drugs, sterile consumption supplies, and access to referrals to addiction treatment.

AB 284 by Assembly Member Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento), opposed: Sponsored by the Attorney General, this bill would allow the AG to review any case related to officer-involved shootings or serious uses of force from 2015 to 2016, with the intent of making recommendations to the department regarding investigations, training or policies and procedures.

AB 359 by Assembly Member Reggie Jones-Sawyer (D-Los Angeles), opposed: This bill would revise the definition of an in-custody informant and require disclosure of their complete criminal history, substance abuse history, mental health history and any other information that would be relevant to their credibility as a witness. Additionally, if the informant has testified as a victim in a case, that detailed information would have to be searched out and disclosed as well.

AB 748 by Assembly Member Phil Ting (D-San Francisco), opposed: This bill sailed through the Assembly as a fairly innocuous measure, but when it reached the other house, Assembly Member Ting gutted the bill and mandated the disclosure of all videos involving a peace officer's use of force to be released after 120 days.

AB 887 by Assembly Member Jim Cooper (D-Elk Grove), supported: This bill would specify that a public safety officer under investigation is required to be informed of the time, date and location of any incident at issue, the internal affairs case number, if any, and the title of any policies, rules and procedures alleged to have been violated with a general characterization of the event giving rise to any complaint.

AB 1116 by Assembly Member Timothy Grayson (D-Concord), supported: This bill would create the Peer Support and Crisis Referral Services Act, defining a "peer support team" as a local critical incident response team composed of individuals from emergency services professions, emergency medical services, hospital staff, clergy and educators who have completed a peer support training course developed by the Office of Emergency Services, the California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee or the Commission on Correctional Peace Officer Standards and Training.

AB 1298 by Assembly Member Miguel Santiago (D-Los Angeles), supported: This bill would require that when any public safety officer is under investigation and subject to interrogation by any member of the employing public safety department, on the allegation of making a false statement, that any administrative finding of the false statement shall require proof based on clear and convincing evidence, which shall include corroborating evidence.

AB 1428 by Assembly Member Evan Low (D-San Jose), sponsored: This bill was PORAC's attempt to be proactive in the area of transparency as it relates to officer-involved shootings, serious uses of force and citizens' complaints. The bill was held in committee.

AB 1595 by Senator James Gallagher (R-Nicolaus), sponsored: This bill would make a person who commits second-degree burglary or grand theft, or who commits petty theft, under an emergency evacuation order resulting from a natural or manmade disaster, guilty of the crime of looting or a misdemeanor, respectively.

SB 21 by Senator Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo), opposed: This bill would require all agencies to hold public hearings regarding the use of surveillance technology or equipment. Each agency would have to report to their city councils or board of supervisors for approval prior to purchasing surveillance equipment or technology.

SB 10 by Senator Robert Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys) and AB 42 by Assembly Member Rob Bonta (D-Oakland), opposed: These identical bills would eliminate the cash bail system in California and establish an assessment tool to determine whether or not a criminal must remain detained until their court date or be released under their own recognizance.

LEGAL REPRESENTATION

PROTECTING MEMBERS' RIGHTS

It is paramount that LAAPOA members' rights are protected. To ensure this, the association has teamed up with the best law firms the state has to offer. Members can rest easy knowing that their reps have been trained by the best and that experienced labor attorneys are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. LAAPOA is available to assist with filing a grievance, Internal Affairs interviews, administrative appeals hearings and much more.

Members should call a LAAPOA rep when named as a suspect in an investigation, interviewed as a witness or questioned by a supervisor. It is never in a member's best interest to submit to an interview without representation, even if the member believes there is nothing to worry about because he or she has done absolutely nothing wrong. Based on the records of numerous members interviewed as witnesses who, as a result of their interviews, became subjects themselves, all prudent LAAPOA members should have a reasonable belief that they might be accused of misconduct, and as such may be subjected to discipline.

Mastagni Holstedt, APC is the general counsel for LAAPOA, and also provides legal services in the following areas for our members: workers' compensation, personal injury, criminal defense, civil litigation defense and retirement law.

LAW FIRMS

LAAPOA has established relationships with the following law firms for member representation:

- › **Law Office of Saku E. Ethir**
- › **Faunce, Singer & Oatman** (retirement law)
- › **Gordon, Edelstein, Krepack, Grant, Felton & Goldstein** (workers' compensation)
- › **Law Office of James T. Raetz** (family law)
- › **Law Office of Kasey L. Sirody**
- › **Straussner Sherman** (workers' compensation)

The above are available in addition to the list of Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) panel attorneys. Members can call one of these attorneys and ask for advice or referrals free of charge.



PORAC LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

Members of LAAPOA receive membership in the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), in addition to the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC). The **PORAC Legal Defense Fund** provides members with access to a host of attorneys and law firms specializing in everything from workers' compensation to the Peace Officers' Bill of Rights and contract negotiations. Features of the PORAC LDF include:

- › No cap on benefits
- › Administrative discipline coverage
- › Criminal coverage
- › Civil coverage
- › Civil case monitoring
- › Court costs
- › Investigators
- › Polygraph examiners
- › Court reporters
- › Expert witnesses





IN MEMORIAM

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

LAAPOA grieves the passing of the following officers and extends deepest sympathies to their families.

Officer Delano Jones (Ret.)
LOS ANGELES
AIRPORT POLICE DEPT.

Officer Janet LeBlanc (Ret.)
LOS ANGELES
AIRPORT POLICE DEPT.

Lieutenant Howard Whitehead (Ret.)
LOS ANGELES
AIRPORT POLICE DEPT.

IN THE LINE OF DUTY: PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL

Every year in May, LAAPOA joins law enforcement organizations and families from throughout the state of California for the California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony in Sacramento.

Officer Keith Boyer
WHITTIER POLICE DEPT.
EOW: February 20, 2017

Deputy Sheriff Michael Robert Foley
ALAMEDA COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
EOW: February 23, 2017

Deputy Sheriff Robert Rumpfelt
LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.
EOW: August 22, 2017

Officer Lucas F. Chellew
CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
(SOUTH SACRAMENTO)
EOW: February 22, 2017

Deputy Jason Garner
STANISLAUS COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPT.
EOW: May 13, 2017

Deputy Sheriff Robert "Bob" French
SACRAMENTO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPT.
EOW: August 30, 2017



We will never forget.

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