

Tri-Counties Chapter Meeting

Location: The Harbor Restaurant Date: Monday January 26, 2015

Time: 1830

Minutes

<u>ITEM</u> <u>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</u> <u>TIME</u>

I. Call to Order Mike McGrew 1 min.

1845 hours

II. Approval of Minutes Mike McGrew 1 min

Motion to approve the November 2014 minutes was made by Tony Sanders and seconded by Don Douglass. With no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote of all members present.

III. Treasurer's Report Roger Garcia 5 min

General Fund balance \$5942.43. This number does not include pending 4th quarter reimbursement.

Current PAC&PIC Balances not available at this time.

IV. PORAC Officer's Report Tony Sanders 5 min

Steptoe & Johnson, our D.C. lobbyists is coordinating with PORAC to have some of our E-Board members meet with lawmakers in D.C. Currently, their biggest fear is that with the shift in Congress, some programs that we participate in may be cut. S&J also wants us to help educate our reps in D.C. so that they do not

push so hard for restructured sentencing guidelines, so that the same thing that happened here in CA does not occur elsewhere.

Legislative Report – The following 5 bills did not pass, but may be brought back:

- AB2052 (Work Compensation Presumptions)
- AB2378 (Work Comp Temporary Disability Payments 2 year extension)
- SB1035 (Health Savings Accounts)
- SB1193 (Controlled Substance Destruction)
- SB1234 (4850 for School & Special Police)

PORAC has asked that Mark Sirkorski look at potential of moving money from Templeton Fund. Based on Stockton PD's request due to recent "anti-cop" moves made by the Fund.

Jan 12th meeting in SAC:

- Prop 35 (Human Trafficking), PORAC has allocated \$10k in support of this proposition.
- PORAC will be sending E-Board members to D.C. in March and September.
- PORAC has formed a committee tasked with looking at feasibility of restructuring the regions. The committee will report back at the April meeting.
- 62 associations have opted out of paying the dues increase to fight pension reform.

This year over 200 Bills introduced so far. According to Aaron Reid and Associates, the Governor's budget looks ok this year. State wants to give County and City agencies \$5.5M to mandate programs. Currently there are three upcoming Legislative intent bills dealing with body cameras. PORAC has been asked for input on potential body camera laws. AB86 (independent review for UOF deaths) has been proposed. This would require an independent review board to review the actions of an officer any time there is a death where an officer used force.

V. President's Report Mike McGrew 5 min No report

VI. Committees

A. Insurance and Benefits Bill Daniels 5 min Meeting was held a few weeks ago. Bill is now the vice-chairman of the I&B Committee

ASLOCDS has now joined PORAC LTD

B. Legal Defense Fund Chris Coulter 5 min Chris Coulter is now Vice-Chair for LDF. Elections for Region I vacancy will be held soon.

JPX Pepper Spray case

Recently went to trial resulting in a hung jury; 10-2 in favor of guilt. D.A. will be refiling on the case. PORAC has authorized a jury consultant for the case.

Detective Misconduct/Obstruction

A detective has recently been arrested on suspicion of 1st degree official misconduct and obstructing government operations. The allegations stem from a computer child pornography sting in which the detective is accused of sending the suspect a warning. The case has been scheduled for arrangement. PORAC has authorized a computer forensic expert for the case.

Justified OIS

Officers cleared by D.A. in shooting of a suspect at a local (Ventura County) park. The suspect had been asleep in his car earlier and was checked on earlier by two officers. A subsequent welfare check by an officer who was unaware that the earlier check had taken place resulted in a use of force situation after the officer felt objects in the suspect's waistband and pocket. The UOF escalated to a shooting after the suspect fought the officer and was able to take the officer's baton and strike the officer. A UOF expert concluded that there was little doubt the shooting was justified.

Membership LDF is now in 38 states and 2 U.S. Territories 104452 Members 1067 Associations \$14.7M in net assets

Rate setting meetings coming up

Yuwhiler (SHS&L)

Drinkwater Case - whichever is the hearing body can hear arguments for pitchess motions (including Civil Service commissions, Arbitrators, etc)

Earl vs. State Personnel Board Case – Re: Service of I.A.'s Under Government Code 3304d, agencies must now be made in person, unless subject receives notice of proposed discipline prior to end of one year limit

FLSA case - Amazon employee search issue 9th Circuit test no longer applies. According to the Supreme Court, test for compensation is no longer "required" by the employer, rather only whether the activity is "beneficial" to the employer for a job purpose.

C. Retiree Medical Trust Tony Sanders 5 min Next meeting will be February 2nd.

D. Political Action No report 5 min

VII. Directors' Reports

A. Tri-Counties Director Chris Corbett 5 min

Not Present

B. Executive Board Director Tony Sanders 5 min

See PORAC Officer's Report above

VIII. Vice Presidents' Reports

A. San Luis Obispo County Steven Hendrickson 5 min

Not Present

B. Santa Barbara County Chris Corbett 5 min

Javier Antunez (SBCDSA)

Benefit BBQ for Senior Deputy Dan McSkimming will be held on Saturday February 21st at the Elk's Lodge in Goleta.

Contract Negotiations have finally begun. Our contract expires mid-February.

Mike McGrew (SBPOA)

Wellness program for officers implemented. SB Police Foundation.

Eventually would like to see the program be county-wide.

Santa Barbara City is currently due for a new city administrator; will likely to be the current interim administrator.

There are still a lot of problems with the current Chief with regards to retaliation for union activity.

C. Ventura County Don Douglass 5 min

Scott Peterson (VCDSA)

The Union that represents the District Attorney Investigators is suing Ventura County for improper hiring practices. The union is alleging that the county is not following proper "lateral" hiring procedures; including failing to require testing.

Ventura County pensions are currently 89% funded.

IX. Unfinished Business Mike McGrew 5 min

X. New Business

Guest Speaker: Assembly Member Das Williams

Assemblyman Williams Met with us to touch base and see what our concerns are. Williams represents the western half of Ventura County to the central/southern half of SB County. He spoke on Proposition 47 and the loss of judiciary discretion. Assembly Bill 3 - Establish Community Services District in Isla Vista; giving the residents the ability to tax themselves in order to pay for increased services (including public safety). 911 routing - over past 2 yrs, has been observing the routing of 911 flaws, and the flaws in the system (delay times due to call transfers, etc). Unfortunately, there is little interest in fixing the problem; expecting Gen.2 911 to be the fix. Problem with Gen.2 911 is it operates on cell phone location accuracy, which has diminished in accuracy over the years. Das would like to see departments request that local cell phone towers be "optimized" to route calls to their dispatches, rather than Ventura CHP.

XI. Good of the Chapter Round Table/Member Comments

Tony Sanders

To all association members, it you have any state legislators you would like to have contact with please get a hold of Tony, as he can provide contact assistance.

Roger Garcia

Oxnard POA is currently in contract negotiations with the city.

Don Douglass

Despite several attempts to reach out, no responses have been received from "other" Ventura County LE Association agencies, for participation in our Tri-Counties meetings.

Adjournment ~ Next meeting: March 16, 2015 at the Harbor Restaurant (SB)



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