

# Public Safety Sector Newsletter

September 2025

**Hello September, Hello Fall?**

## WORKING TOGETHER FOR YOUR PROGRAMS

Your Public Safety Sector Team has been active for over eight years now, supporting and acting as a resource for the public safety sector programs within the SF/Monterey Bay Region and the state. The Public Safety RJV is solely supported through college participation.

We've developed marketing resources, published toolkits, facilitated pathway and credit for prior learning (CPL) development, and created websites to meet sector needs. We hope we have been a value added to your programs.

***To ensure our support of your programs continues, we ask each college to contribute \$5000 of their SWP Funding to the Public Safety Sector RJV. If you or your college has not yet done so, please pledge your support immediately.***

**Thank you and see you on  
September 12<sup>th</sup>**

*How might we be of greater service to all of you? Please let us know.*

We could definitely tell everyone was back to campus for the start of the year. We had a flurry of emails and meetings throughout the month of August. At the end of July/beginning of August we were in Southern California with the CareStar Policy Workshop (see [August Newsletter](#)), then to the CA Commission on Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) Northern California Symposium, Police Academy Graduations, Chief's Advisory Meetings, Retirement Celebrations, Multi-Discipline Threat Assessment Training, Verizon Innovations Lab Tour and presentation, and working on both the CCCCO Futures Summit and the Public Safety Sector All-Discipline Meeting.

We continue to watch [SB385](#) and [AB992](#) to see where the Law Enforcement Educational requirements land, and plan to facilitate some pre-emptive meetings/discussions to ensure our colleges are prepared to support students and industry needs. There are changes to Fire Officer courses (formerly Company Officer series) that will impact our college programs. This was discussed at the CFTDA Meeting last week where a [presentation](#) and [SFT Memo](#) was shared. We have also been advised that additional scrutiny will be given to the [Title 22, section 100253\(a\)\(1\)\(G\)](#)- Public Education and Prevention requirement through Cal EMSA. We are hoping the focus will assist in increasing equity in access to services as well as empower local youth to pursue careers in EMS fields.

*\*Please contact us should you have content that would be a benefit to readers or you would like included in future issues.*

CCCCO Futures Summit, Santa Clara	Sept 10th & 11th
Public Safety RJV All Discipline Meeting	September 12th
FirstAlarm Girls Camp, Las Positas	Sept 20th & 21st
STEAC Meeting	October 10th
HS Fire Camp, Merritt College	October 18th
CCCOAE Fall Conference	October 21st-24th
CPL Summit	November 7th
Veteran's Day	November 11th
CTE Conference	November 19th-21st



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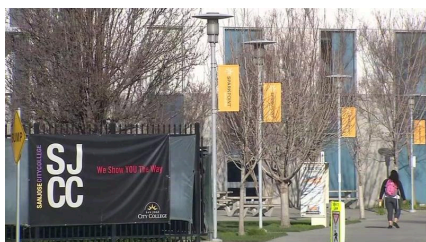
***"Oh, The Places You'll Go!***

***You have brains in your heads, You have feet in your shoes, You can steer yourself any direction you choose."***

*~ Dr. Suess*

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## Bay Region Program Spotlight - Back to Educating and Training



Campuses began to bustle with faculty returning to prepare for classes to begin, new students attending orientations and wandering the campus making sure they knew where to find their classroom, and returning students getting materials and reuniting with some of their friends they might not have seen over the Summer break.



Our highlights, as mentioned above, included the POST Symposium where many of our local industry partners and adjunct faculty were presenting on various topics including equity in recruitment and retention. Topics such as Emotional Intelligence, Imposter Syndrome, Science-Based Interviewing, Personal Wellness, Critical Incident Debrief: Gilroy Garlic Festival and much more were offered throughout the day. San Leandro Police Chief Angela Averiett and Chief Scott Smithee (ret. Gilroy Police Department) were two of those sharing their vast knowledge and experience with the future leaders and trainers in our Region.



And last but not least, attending graduations is always a pleasure. Forty-six recruits graduated from the South Bay Regional PSTC Police Academy - Monterey Peninsula College site. Representing twelve agencies within the Bay Region and a handful of recruits from Stockton Police Department, the young men and women completed over 924 hours of training, testing and inspections. The graduating class was quite diverse in ethnicity and over 23 percent

of the recruits were female. Chief Escalante, Santa Cruz Police Department provided an inspiring keynote speech prior to each recruit walking the stage and being awarded their certificate by their Chief or Sheriff. We wish all of them well as they continue with their training in their respective Field Training Programs.



### Congratulations to All!!

*We are always looking for programs to highlight each month. If you are interested in our visiting your campus (again or for the first time) or being featured in the newsletter, please reach out to me ([lvaughn@bcccc.net](mailto:lvaughn@bcccc.net)).*

## Regulatory Changes from the Chancellor's Office

For those interested, the CCCCCO, in collaboration with the Association of Chief Business Officials, Association of California Community College Administrators, and the Community College League of California, published the [Joint Analysis of the Governor's Enacted Budget 2025-26](#) July 9, 2025. The

budget includes a modest 2.3% COLA for the year and budgets 2.35% for Growth. The new SCFF Rates can be found beginning the bottom of page 9.

The CCCCCO has a few things on the table related to regulatory changes, but nothing that is focused on the public safety sector programs specifically. Continuing from 2024:

Language clean-up for Certificates of Achievement Title 5 Section 5507, also allows for CoAs of as little as 8 semester units or 12 quarter units.

Language clean-up and modifications to Student Education Plans

Baccalaureate Programs

Course Outline of Record (curriculum committee language update)

[CCCCCO Pending Regulatory Actions site](#) (takes you to individual links for all of the above proposed regulations)

## Topics to Watch

Updates for [SB385](#) (*Ordered to 3rd reading 07/17/25*) and [AB992](#) (*Ordered to third reading 09/04/25*). While there has not been much movement on the website, we are told that things are moving forward with both bills. The expectation is that SB385 will pass to alleviate the immediate actions required by AB89, and AB992 is being further discussed to ensure military and out-of-state experience pieces are more appropriately defined. More to come as we have it.

The following bills seem to be moving along in the process:

[AB 68 - School Safety](#): Armed School Resource Officers; This bill would require the employment of armed school resource officers on all school campuses. (*ref to Commission on Ed. - concerns about the definition [includes armed security guards] and expense.*)

[SB 98 - Immigration Notifications](#): This bill would require all K-16 schools to immediately notify all staff, faculty, students, and parents (as appropriate) of the presence of ICE Agents on campus. Additional requirements for [Ca Education Code 234.7](#) (*Urgency Clause added 09/02/25*)

[AB 252 - Wildland Protection](#): Department of Forestry; This bill would increase funding for year-round staffing within the Department to be accomplished by 2028. - *Held under submission as of May 23rd.*

[AB 270 - Office of Emergency Services](#): Autonomous firefighting; This bill would require OES to develop an autonomous firefighting program. - *Held under submission as of May 23rd.*

[AB 323 - Strong Workforce Program](#): Work-based learning This bill would extend use of SWP Funding to support paid work-experience. (*Special Consent Vote passed 09/04/25*)

[AB 345 - Apprenticeship Approval Process](#); This bill would require DAS to advise applicants within 30 days of the “completeness” of their submission and a final determination within 6 months. *Held under submission as of May 23rd.*

[SB 345 - Funding for State Fire Training](#): Provides for future funding opportunities for SFT as state resources become available (potentially categorical or general fund). (*Ordered to 3rd reading 09/02/25*)

[SB 509 - OES Transnational Repression Training](#): This bill would require POST and CSTI to develop standardized recognition & response training. (*Ordered to 3rd reading 09/04/25*)

[SB 514 - Wildfire Prevention](#): This bill would require State Forestry & Fire to create an accreditation (training and certification) for residents and jurisdictions. (*Amended to cross reference [AB1143](#) - Home Hardening Certification Program and [AB1457](#) - Defensible Space Inspections, and ordered to 3rd reading 09/04/25*)

[AB 645 - Emergency Medical Dispatch](#): This bill would require that all dispatchers who work for an agency who dispatches Fire and/or EMS must be certified as emergency medical dispatchers in addition to the POST required Basic Dispatch Academy. (*Special Consent Vote passed 09/04/25*)

[AB 731 - Dual Enrollment & CCAP Agreements](#): This bill would allow colleges to offer courses under dual enrollment and/or CCAP agreements as closed cohort sections. - *Held under submission as of August 29th.*

[AB 918 - Tax Exemption for 1st Responders Special Pay](#): This bill would provide a tax exemption for 1st responder mandatory OT or wages earned during a deployment to support mutual aid. - *Held under submission as of May 5th.*

For those who like scrolling through endless legislation, below are some links to resources:

[LegiScan California Website](#)

[California Peace Officers Association Legislative Watch List](#)

[Community College League of California Bill Tracker](#)

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