

Public Safety Sector Newsletter

January 2026

Happy New Year!!!

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS

Eight years has gone quickly. In September we held our Stakeholder's Meeting to establish our priorities for the 2025-26 fiscal year. If you haven't done so yet, please complete the short survey sent out last week. Your input is invaluable for our ability to continue to support and act as a resource for the public safety sector programs within the SF/Monterey Bay Region and the state.

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.

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



Vehicles to public service

Your Public Safety Sector Team would like to wish everyone a very blessed and prosperous 2026.

As we look forward to creating even more positive learning opportunities for our students and preparing them for the workforce, it is always good to reflect on our accomplishments. The Legislative Analysts Office has published an [Assessment of the Strong Workforce Program](#) which shows that Public Safety is the fourth largest CTE program across the state. The report also indicates that enrollment has been slowly increasing and that CTE programs have outperformed traditional educational programs.

We look forward to working with all of you to consider the possibility of developing apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship opportunities, as well as other programs that can support student exploration of public safety career pathways. We are also excited about assisting in the expansion of the K-12/K-14 pathway relationships and will be facilitating some conversations surrounding the JumpStart First Responder program highlighted at the CCCAOE 2025 Fall Conference. If you are interested in participating and/or learning more, please contact us.

Lastly, we will be hosting the EMS/FIRE Community of Practice on February 20th at the Chabot Las Positas District Offices in Pleasanton. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!**

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

STEAC Meeting	January 9th
Martin Luther King Holiday	January 19th
LAPSEN Conference/Summit	February 3rd-5th
CPL Summit	February 6th
CPOA Wellness Symposium	February 9th
President's Weekend	February 13-16
EMS/FIRE Community of Practice	February 20th

**"We all get the same 365 days.
The only difference is what we do with them."**

~ Hilary DePiano, Author

Bay Region Program Spotlight - HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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@baccc.net).

Regulatory Changes from the Chancellor's Office

The CCCCCO has a few [Pending Action](#) items related to regulatory changes, but nothing that is focused on the public safety sector programs specifically.

Topics to Watch

[SB385](#) and [AB992](#) were both signed by the Governor with SB385 going into effect immediately repealing the requirement for POST to adopt and employ the recommendations from the Chancellor's Office Report (AB89). AB992 redefines the educational requirements to include eight (8) or more years of experience in the military or with an out-of-state police agency with honorable discharge/separation. Of particular note is the requirement that a Certificate of Achievement must include at least one course in addition to the POST Police Academy curriculum. Your Public Safety Sector Team issued a [Special Curriculum Bulletin](#) (also found in the Curriculum area on the Regional Director's website) to discuss specifics. New requirements go into effect January 1, 2031.

The Chancellor's Office published the [2025 Chaptered Legislation and Guidance Report](#).

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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