

Public Safety Sector Newsletter

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Your Public Safety Sector Team have been active for over eight years now, working to provide support and act as a resource for the public safety sector programs within the SF/Monterey Bay Region and the state. Three years ago, the Regional Director position was created and funded through the BACCC.

We've developed marketing resources, published toolkits, facilitated pathway and credit for prior learning (CPL) development, and created websites to access what has been developed.

We measure our success and value based upon how/when colleges, faculty, administrators, and industry partners utilize our services and resources. Please take some time to peruse our websites, the resources they contain, and provide us with feedback as whether they are useful and suggestions for what we should additionally include.

The PSS All-Discipline Meeting is scheduled for September 12th.

**Mark your calendars.
Your Voice Matters!**

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



Vehicles to public service

Working Toward Positive Change in EMS

We spent two days in Los Angeles working with EMS educators and professionals from throughout the state to discuss the future of EMS, and what legislative changes might be needed to facilitate and/or support positive change. [CARESTAR Foundation](#) sponsored the two-day event at UCLA's El Segundo campus where their EMS/Pre-Hospital Care programs are held. They brought together faculty, medical directors, EMSA personnel, administrators, legislative advocates, and others to discuss a multitude of issues/concerns including: mental health crisis services, data collection, funding, public education and community engagement, and EMS Pathways all viewed through an equity lens. It was a working event, with breakout groups to further discuss what legislative changes might be needed, and the best ways to begin the process of championing the ideas. We all left feeling empowered to continue the work for the betterment of the profession and the future workforce.

Your Public Safety RJV Team is updating the online toolkits and getting ready for the All Discipline Meeting. **scheduled for September 12th. Mark your calendars now.** We will be reporting on what we have accomplished this past year, will have a guest speaker discussing the Impact of Empathy, and this will be your opportunity to provide input on what we should focus our efforts on in the coming year. To see some of the projects we have completed or are in progress, check out the [BACCC Impact Snapshot](#). This spreadsheet also shows projects the other Regional Directors are working on.

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

POST Northern Ca Symposium	August 5th
Labor Day	September 1st
WLLE Conference	September 2nd-5th
CFTDA & CEMSEA	September 4th & 5th
CCCCO Futures Summit	Sept. 10th & 11th
Public Safety RJV, All Discipline	September 12th
Girls Fire Camp, Las Positas College	Sept. 20th & 21st

*“Ethics and equity and the principles of justice
do not change with the calendar.”*

~ D.H. Lawrence

Bay Region Program Spotlight -

July was Full of Explorers

The theme for July seemed to be Explorer Programs. The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department hosted a three-week Explorer Academy. The Academy covers topics such as traffic control and law, criminal law, emergency response, crime scene, patrol procedures, physical fitness, and self defense, with demonstrations from the Emergency Response Team (SERT), Dive Team, K9, and Bomb Investigations. Among others, members from the [Los Gatos Police Department](#) attended. [Alameda County Sheriff's Office](#) also hosted an Explorer Academy with 46 participants from across Alameda, Contra Costa and San Joaquin Counties. Similarly structured, the Academy gave young people hands-on experience and a glimpse into a career in law enforcement. A great deal was learned and experienced; a good time was had by all.

While some were attending these Academies, other Explorers were participating in an Explorer Competition in Southern California. A team of Explorers from [Hayward Police Department](#) returned home with a 3rd place finish in the Interview and Interrogation portion of the event.

Congratulations to all!

The State Fire Marshal held a Second Annual Battery Storage Safety Symposium in Sacramento. Much was shared about lessons learned and the development of policies and procedures into the future to help keep our firefighters and communities safe. The State Fire Marshal has dedicated a specific area on their [website specific](#) to this growing and dangerous issue.

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

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](#) (sent for 3rd reading 07/17/25) and [AB992](#) (ref to Appropriations, suspense file 07/07/25). 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 [include armed security guards?] and expense.)

[SB 48 - Immigration Enforcement](#): Schoolsites; This bill would PROHIBIT schools/districts from allowing immigration officers on campus without a lawful warrant. Amended to only *non-public areas*. (1st Hearing canceled)

[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](#) (ref to Appropriations)

[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. (ref to Appropriations, suspense file 07/07/25)

[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). (Suspense file)

[SB 509 - OES Transnational Repression Training](#): This bill would require POST and CSTI to develop standardized recognition & response training. (ref to Appropriations)

[SB 514 - Wildfire Prevention](#): This bill would require State Forestry & Fire to create an accreditation (training and certification) for residents and jurisdictions. (ref to Appropriations)

[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. (ref to Appropriations)

[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. (*ref to Appropriations, suspense file 07/07/25*)

[AB 885 - Post-Secondary Tuition](#): This bill would authorize the Assembly to initiate a revenue measure to create a new funding source for tuitions. - *Held under submission as of May 23rd.*

[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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