

Public Safety Sector Newsletter

December 2025

Winding Down 2025

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.

This year has flown by with Finals right around the corner and the Winter Holiday Break only three weeks away.

The big events from November were the Cal Fire Technology Directors Association ([CFTDA](#)) and Cal EMS Educators Association (CEMSEA) held at the [Alan Hancock College Public Safety Training Complex](#). The meeting was filled with great dialog regarding the changes in curriculum from Company Officer and Chief Officer to the Fire Officer Sequence of courses. CFTDA will be convening a workgroup to discuss how to approach the changes. Since the Company Officer courses are approved through C-ID and attached to both Certificates of Achievement and Associate Degrees this will impact programs throughout the state. We will provide updated information as we have it. Reach out if you are interested in participating in the workgroup, and we will get you in touch with the right people.

[CEMSEA](#) held elections with some new and old faces approved to keep the organization moving forward. The new E-Board members should be up on the website soon. We also celebrated that Amanda Ward, Crafton Hill College faculty and CEMSEA member, was appointed to the Ca EMSA Commission. Our voices are being heard and taken seriously. Congratulations! The next [CA EMSA Commission meeting](#) will be held at the Marines Memorial Club & Hotel in San Francisco on December 10th for anyone interested in attending.

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

CA EMSA Commission Meeting, SF	December 10th
Law Enforcement Community of Practice	December 12th



Vehicles to public service

"The truest devotion is that which we give with no expectation of return."

~ Khalil Gibran, Author

Bay Region Program Spotlight - HAPPY HOLIDAYS

November was fairly uneventful. 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@bacc.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 [Pending Action](#) items 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)

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. Colleges need to review their certificates and ensure they meet the new requirements, if they do not already. Your Public Safety Sector Team will be issuing a Special Curriculum Bulletin to discuss specifics. New requirements go into effect January 1, 2031.

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

[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 \(Signed\)](#)

[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 - May 23rd.)*

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

[AB 323 - Strong Workforce Program](#): Work-based learning This bill would extend use of SWP Funding to support paid work-experience. **(Signed)**

[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 - 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). **(Signed)**

[SB 514 - Wildfire Prevention](#): This bill would require State Forestry & Fire to create an accreditation (training and certification) for residents and jurisdictions. **(Signed)** ** Cross reference [AB1143](#) - Home Hardening Certification Program and [AB1457](#) - Defensible Space Inspections (Held under submission)

[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. **(Signed)**

[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 - 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 - 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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