

Public Safety Sector Newsletter

March 2024

CCCOAE SPRING CONFERENCE 2024

We are pleased to announce that we have been selected to present at the CCCOAE Spring Conference 2024 in Sacramento.

Save the Date: April 25th

Time 3:40 pm

Public Safety Dean's Toolkit: A Reference Guide for Sustained Program & Student Equity and Success

The Dean's Toolkit is available as a Resource on the Regional Director and RJV websites and the link will be provided to all attendees. We continue to update information keeping the resource current, and are working to develop the FAQ page.



Vehicles to public service

Welcome to Women's History Month

From a 1968 advertising slogan, to 1979 Coal Miner's Daughter hit song, to the 1998 Fatboy Slim album cover "We've come a long way, baby!" or similar phrase, has been a symbol of the women's movement for decades. While great strides have been made for women over the years, we are still considered under-represented and/or non-traditional as it relates to the public safety professions.

Coincidentally, the Chancellor's Office recently issued a memorandum regarding the reporting requirements for [Perkins V](#). One of the important factors is specific to addressing the gender gap as it relates to educating/training, matriculation and employment. Many of the Bay Region colleges have been hosting and supporting Girls Fire Camps and Young Women Police Camps open to girls/young women between the ages of 14-18 years. [Monterey Peninsula College](#) will host their second (annual?) on April 20th in Seaside and NorCal First Alarm will be partnering with Mission College later this year for another opportunity. The [Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department](#) is hosting a week-long camp in June this year in Clayton. We are hoping to replicate these types of events throughout the Bay Region to make them accessible to as many young women as possible. Not all the girls who attend the events will enter the public safety field, but they all leave with a boost in their confidence levels and pride in what they accomplished. Definitely another step in the right direction!

If you are offering similar events your Public Safety Sector Team would like to support your efforts as well as publicize the event, and if you are interested in hosting one, we can certainly provide some templates (game plans), contacts as well as support and publicize.

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

ASCCC Regional Curriculum Meeting	March 2
Daylight Savings	March 10
Cal Fire T.O.s Conference	March 18-22
St. Patrick's Day	March 17
BACCC Monthly Meeting	March 21
STEAC Meeting	April 12
EMS & Fire RJV Community of Practice	April 19

"I raise my voice - not to shout - but so those who have no voice can be heard." ~ Malala Yousafzai.

Bay Region Program Spotlight

I spent time all over the Bay Area and in Sacramento for the P.O.S.T. Symposium the past Month. While the official grand opening does not occur until March 23 during their campus-wide open house, I was able to tour the Las Positas College Public Safety Center which houses both the [Fire Technology](#) and [Administration of Justice](#) programs (working well in close quarters, who knew??).

Both programs have dedicated space, offices and a shared conference room for meetings. The facility boasts generous classrooms with the latest technology to assist in student learning and success. The classrooms also have a small library of texts, manuals and maps just in case the technology isn't working on any given day. There is plenty of space for both degree and academy programs in this well designed area.

I was also able to see the current Fire Academy students in action. The fire training grounds has a state-of-the-art, custom fire



tower with 7 built-in training props ready to train recruits and refresh current professionals on the necessary skills to keep them safe and successful. The 3-level structure was designed to allow for law enforcement to use for active shooter and building search training as well.

Across the grounds from the tower is a burn box and roof vent prop. Students were testing their self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for fit and oxygen use rates while completing routine activities.

Don't let the beautiful backdrop fool you. The recruits, comprised of both sponsored and self-sponsored students, have little time to stop and enjoy the green hillsides as they work to pass all the State Fire Training Testing and Training requirements over the next few months. The Las Positas Academy is another great example of colleges and industry working better together to create efficiencies and highly trained firefighters.

The facility is also home to the [Las Positas Automotive Program](#), which seems like a complimentary program that could support at least maintenance of some vehicle associated with the other programs. Great job!



We are always looking for programs to highlight each month. I will continue to visit the various programs in the region and report on your great work. If you are interested in my 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 same few regulatory actions are in the works or recently enacted through the CCCCCO available on the [CCCCCO Pending Regulatory Action](#) webpage. Again, the one that may have an impact on your programs is related to standardized unit hours for attendance accounting ([title 5, sections 58000 et seq](#)). This would establish that 1 semester lecture unit would be 18 hours, and 1 semester lab unit would be 54 hours (12 hours and 36 respectively for quarters) for attendance accounting purposes. We have reached out to determine whether this would require updating CORs in curriculum to match. Other sections have been repealed, modified and added.

Topics to Watch

[AB359 – CCAP Agreements](#)

Facilitate and streamline CCAP agreements for students/programs, including out-of-district partnerships. One concern regarding requirements to run courses with at least 5 students enrolled.

[AB1914](#) – Model Curriculum for Care of Persons with Disabilities

[AB1839](#) – Grant of \$6000 to students who choose to enroll in the modern policing degree and commit to 4 years employment as a police officer with a department.

[AB1189](#) – CTE Master Plan

[CCCCCO Vision 2030](#)

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

Community College League of California [Joint Analysis of Proposed 2024-25 Budget](#)

[SB2 – Conceal Carry Limitations](#) – 26 Public places where valid CCW cannot be carried (exception for retirees).

[AB1843](#) – Emergency Ambulance Employee Safety. Provides for minimum 20 EAP treatment sessions and cover PTSD.

[AB1792](#) – Cal EMSA to develop standards for PPE.



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