

Public Safety Sector Newsletter

October 2023

Follow-up Testing Risks of Mammography Screening

Out of every **100** women who get a screening mammogram:

90

will be told that their mammograms are normal



10

will be asked to return for additional mammograms or ultrasounds

6

will be reassured that their mammograms are normal



2

will be asked to return in 6 months for a follow-up exam



2

will be recommended to have a needle biopsy



MammographySavesLives®
... one of them may be yours

To learn more about mammography benefits and risks visit mammographysaveslives.org



[Chief Ronny J. Coleman \(Ret.\)](#)

October: Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

A cause near and dear to my heart. Breast cancer is affecting women at a younger age and can be more deadly. 1 in 6 breast cancers occur in women in their 40's. Exams and mammograms are our best sources for early detection and saving lives.

Encourage your loved ones to get tested. Many police and fire departments support breast cancer research and treatment by selling and wearing pink patches during the month of October. Consider wearing pink this month and/or other ways to support this great cause. (the [Pink Patch Project](#))

In other news, the [CFTDA](#) / [CEMSEA](#) meetings were well attended and great conversations were had. The meetings began with a moment of silence to honor the recent passing of Retired State Fire Training Marshal Ronny J. Coleman. Presentations were made by the Federal and out-of-state fire agencies regarding the top quality of our community college fire academy graduates and their efforts to recruit them. There are efforts to review/update the Fire Technology FESHE courses and align them with current Fire Academy to establish a pathway to degree for our current and aspiring fire professionals. Work on the Chief Officer series of courses for upper division credit continues to occur with community college, CSU and State Fire Training personnel sitting at the table.

CEMSEA continues to work closely with CalEMSA. Work groups will be formed to review and update curriculum and discuss standardized skill sheets. The organization will be holding elections for the Executive Board at the November meeting.

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



Vehicles to public service

STEAC Meeting

October 13

CCCAOE Fall Conference

Oct 18-20

Teach For the Bay Conference

Oct 26-28

4th Annual CPL Summit

November 3

"The most authentic thing about us is our capacity to create, to overcome, to transform, to love, and to be greater than our suffering." ~ Ben Okri, British poet & author

Bay Region Program Spotlight



There are a lot of exciting things happening in the Bay Area programs. College of San Mateo hosted their first 2-day Girls Fire Camp in September. 40 young women, ages 14-18 attended the event with over 72 volunteer women firefighters supporting the activities and training from local agencies as well as from all over the state.

The girls completed more than 20 different stations over the 2-day camp and learned how to use charged hose, chainsaws, climb the aerial ladder, use extinguishers, completed a survival confidence course,

forceable entry, and much more. The weekend would not have been complete without the career exploration and educational pathway presentation. The girls left energized and eager to begin their journey into the fire service.



We are hoping to host another camp in Spring at another Bay Area community college. Look for more information on the [NorCal First Alarm Girls Fire Camp](#) website.

This event came on the heels of CSM presenting its first collaborative full-time Firefighter 1/2 Academy. After almost a year of conversations and planning, the CSM Academy started in August with 28 students enrolled. The Academy is a 50-50 blend of sponsored and self-sponsored students, presented in cooperation with the San Mateo County Fire Chiefs. The offering is already proving successful with all the students striving to do their best, and agencies having the opportunity to participate, be a part of the quality instruction provided, and witness the quality of the candidates produced by their local community college program. This will be a model to emulate throughout the region.

Regulatory Changes from the Chancellor's Office

There are a number of regulatory actions in works or recently enacted through the CCCCCO. Available for first reading is regarding **dual enrollment** courses. Parental consent will now be a one and done, rather than class by class permission required. Also, community colleges will no longer be allowed to require a student's HS transcript for enrollment. Also posted for its first reading are changes to **Associate Degree** minimum requirements.

The new **DEIA employee evaluation** requirements went into effect April 2023, and the new **Work Experience** requirements went into effect August 2023.

All these and others are available on the [CCCCCO Pending Regulatory Action](#) webpage.

Topics to Watch

[AB355 - Academy student possession of assault rifles](#)

This bill was signed September 26, 2023 and now allows, for purposes of training, students enrolled in police academies to possess an assault rifle while in attendance.

[AB260 - Equitable pay for part-time faculty](#)

Held in committee as of May 2023, this bill would require colleges to pay part-time equivalent hourly wages as full-time faculty for the same work. Colleges need only address this at the time of contract negotiations. [AB1190 - Part-time faculty office hours pay](#) ~ Held in committee as of May 2023, this bill would require colleges to pay part-time faculty for office hours that the employee is required to provide.

[AB299 - Hazing: educational institutions: civil liability](#)

Passed and submitted to the Governor September 14, 2023. Establishes civil liability for the public or private institution should hazing occur involving an institution-affiliated organization on or off campus. The assumption is that the institution knew and/or should have known the hazing activities were taking place.

[AB634 - CDCP course attendance accounting](#)

Passed and submitted to the Governor of September 18, 2023. Allows for either positive attendance or census as acceptable attendance accounting methods for all CDCP courses.

[AB689 - Enrollment and Incumbent Healthcare Workers](#)

Held under submission as of September 1, 2023. Would require a community college with limited enrollment course/program to ensure that at least 15% (no less than 3 students per cohort) of the admitted students be incumbent health care workers. Would require a community college with a priority enrollment system to grant priority to incumbent health care worker students. New language repeals the requirement on January 1, 2034, as well as other changes.



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