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Schedule of 2023 RSA Board Meetings

General meetings are held on a monthly basis (except December and January). Regularly scheduled general meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month. The annual meeting of the association is held in January of each year. For more information, check the website at www.rcdsa.org.

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- Riverside County Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation (RCPOMF)
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Local Freshman State Assembly Member Continues His Personal Attacks On Law Enforcement

By Bill Young
RSA President



Assembly Bill 742 is the latest effort by the California Legislature to neuter law enforcement by prohibiting the use of police canines (K-9) for arrest, apprehension, or crowd control. This terribly misguided effort will greatly increase the danger to law enforcement officers and the general public, resulting in greater use of force to affect arrests, and lead to an increase in injury and death.

The purported reasons for the bill are fantasy, invented talking points to address an issue that simply does not exist in California. For example, the bill's author claims that K-9's have been "used to inflict brutal violence and lifelong trauma on Black Americans and communities" and his proposed restrictions will build "trust between the police and the communities they serve." The bill's proponents also claim that K-9's are a throwback to the slave era and their use against crowds in the south in the 1960's. K-9's are not used for crowd control and there are no classes teaching officers to use K-9's as crowd control. Likewise, proponents note that persons of color constituted 2/3 of the 180 persons bitten by a police K-9 in 2020-21, implying, but offering **No Evidence** that the incidents resulting in a dog bite were racially motivated.

Instead, K-9's are a very effective tool for both arrest and apprehension,

Assembly Bill 742 is the latest effort by the California Legislature to neuter law enforcement by prohibiting the use of police canines (K-9) for arrest, apprehension, or crowd control.

increasing both officer and suspect safety by their use. As written opposition to the bill notes, in the 1990's the San Diego Police Department adopted a grand jury recommendation to increase use of police K-9's to reduced officer involved shootings, and shootings decreased. Then, in the 2000's a committee of 71 community members and 66 police department members unanimously agreed the police K-9 unit be expanded to make them available 24 hours a day, and once again, police shootings decreased.

The reason why police K-9's lead to decreased shootings and more officer safety is that they are powerful de-escalation tools in crisis situations, while greatly enhancing officer and community safety. They are effective de-escalation tools because a suspect is much less likely to fight a K-9 than an officer. Often, the mere announcement that a K-9 will be deployed will cause

a suspect to not resist or flee, thereby avoiding use of force. Their use during a search for a suspect also provides officers more space and time to react, as they alert to a location and freeze the suspect in place. Finally, unlike the use of a gun or other non-lethal weapon, they can be called back by their handler during their deployment, allowing a quick de-escalation of force.

While the bill's proponents claim that in 2021 the use of a K-9 accounted for 12% of all cases that resulted in severe injury or death, that is a gross overstatement. First, there has only been one death attributed to a police K-9 in California, and that did not occur in 2021. Likewise, the claim that K-9 bites led to 12% of all "severe injuries" is baseless, because there is no context provided as to what a "serious injury" is. A K-9 bite does not typically result in the need for hospitalization



or significant medical care. Further, in California the overwhelming number of K-9 uses to detect and apprehend suspects **Do Not** result in a dog bite.

In contrast, when K-9's did bite a suspect, in a significant percentage of cases those suspects were armed. In 2021, 27 of the 77 suspects bitten by a K-9 were found to be armed with a gun. In 2020, 24 of the 76 suspects bitten were armed with a gun.

There is simply no reason to enact legislation that would prohibit the use of police K-9's to arrest or track suspects. Their use saves lives and prevents injuries to both officers and suspects, consistently allowing the swift and effective resolution of crisis situations. Barring their use will result in more of the bad outcomes the bill's proponents purport to be trying to avoid.

I ask that everyone have their family members and friends reach out to their local State law maker and express their opposition to Assembly Bill 742. By making their voices heard, hopefully we can stop this one-sided attack on the safety of our law enforcement officers who go in service everyday to keep our communities safe.

Assembly Member Jackson has attacked law enforcement all the way back to his days on the Moreno Valley School District, Board of Education. He also recently ran a bill trying to

ban School Resource Officers/Police from schools. Fortunately, that bill died in Committee. I'm sure, as long as Member Jackson is in Office, he will continue his efforts and attack the good work our members do daily. Please don't let Member Jackson's attacks on law enforcement make you think the people of Riverside County don't appreciate law enforcement. Survey after survey shows that most people support law enforcement and

feel safe with increased law enforcement presence.

Lastly, I ask everyone to keep Deputy Day and his family in your prayers. I know everyone knows, but they lost a member of their family, K-9 Deputy Rudy, who was killed in the line of duty protecting his partners while searching for a suspect who was a prime example of the failed criminal justice system reform experiment. During the search, Rudy alerted to the presence of the armed suspect, and was killed when the suspect fired on him. Under Assemblymember Jackson's bill, there would not have been a K-9 present to alert deputies to the location of the armed suspect, greatly increasing the likelihood that it would have been a deputy shot and injured or killed during the search.

This incident also illustrates the danger of letting criminals go under the false label of "Criminal Justice Reform." The mad dash to free criminals early from prison, or not incarcerate those convicted of violating our laws has made our communities unsafe and has led to the death of multiple police officers. When will the people of California say enough is enough?

Stay safe out there and help ensure you and your partners go home safe. ★



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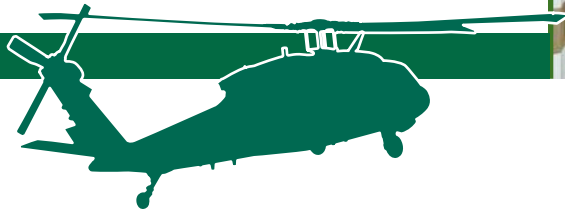
On November 8th an email was sent out to the Board of Directors to download the new NEP Connect platform/app. Tomorrow during the board meeting we will give a short presentation to go over this new platform and

Thank You Chad Marlatt!

The RSA wishes to express a hearty thank you to outgoing Chapter 22 Director Chad Marlatt. We send our best wishes to you for your next adventure!

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF CHAD'S CAREER

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- 27-year career with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department
- 18 years with the Aviation Unit
- Flew over 7,400 accident-free hours
- Completed hundreds of Search and Rescue missions
- Mentor to deputies assigned to the Aviation Unit
- Board of Directors for over 17 years
- President of the Riverside County Deputy Sheriff Relief Foundation as Treasurer for one year, and as president for four years
- Law Enforcement Bargaining Unit Negotiations Committee five years
- Legal Coverage Appeals Committee eight years (four years of that as chairman)
- Special Events and Donations Committee thirteen years (eight years as chairman)
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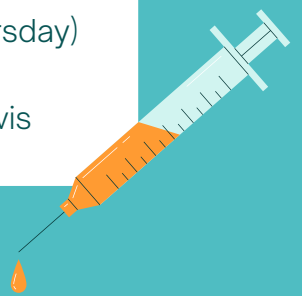
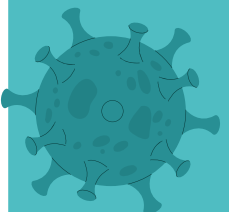
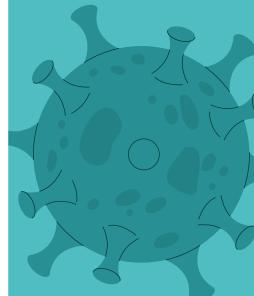
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School: California Coast Academy

Major: Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership

Jonathan Woodroof

Scholarship: RCDSRF Scholarship

School: Abilene Christian University

Major: BA Psychology

Samantha Hill

Scholarship: RSA Memorial Scholarship

School: Grand Canyon University

Major: Professional Writing for New Media

Landon Renaud

Scholarship: RCDSRF Scholarship

School: Georgia Institute of Technology

Major: Bachelors Computer Engineer

Mia Peralta

Scholarship: RSA Memorial Scholarship

School: Martin Luther King High School, California Baptist University

Major: Bachelors in Communication Sciences and Disorders

Travis Cospers

Scholarship: RSA Member Scholarship

Gregory B. Martinez

Scholarship: RCDSRF Scholarship

School: Mt. San Antonio College

Major: Fire Technology Program

Sylvia Perez

Scholarship: RSA Member Scholarship

School: Grand Canyon University

Major: Masters in Business Administration w/ Enhancement of Project Management

Logan Mullion

Scholarship: RCDSRF Scholarship

School: Baylor University

Major: Bachelors in Business Administration w/,double major in Marketing and Pro Sales

Jeremiah Reynolds

Scholarship: RSA Memorial Scholarship

Allexa Van Gorder

Scholarship: RSA Memorial Scholarship

Mitchell Sulak

Scholarship: RSA Member Scholarship

School: California Coast University

Major: Bachelors in Criminal Justice



Winner Photos

Please note that not all award recipients are pictured.

RSA 2023 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Gregory Martinez



Jeremiah Reynolds



Jonathan Woodroof



Kyle Shea



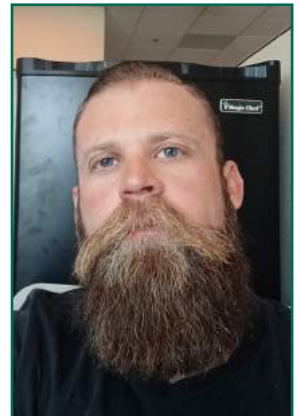
Landon Renaud



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Mitchell Sulak



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Samantha Hill



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This is an excellent opportunity to give back to the membership and community and also gain valuable culinary training.

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In Memory Of Retired Deputy
Ruben Rasso

RSA is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Retired Deputy Ruben Rasso. Ruben worked for the Riverside Sheriff's Department for nearly thirty years. He was devoted to the RSA members, serving on the RSA Board of Directors and many committees for over twenty-three years.

Ruben was a Vietnam veteran dedicated to serving and honoring his fellow veterans. An active member of the American Legion, he spearheaded a movement to have a veterans' memorial built at Corona City Hall. The memorial's design is a solid granite structure with five points representing each of the five military branches. He also organized an annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day motorcycle ride to Riverside National Cemetery.

Ruben will be missed by many. Thank you, Ruben, for your service to the RSA members, the members of the community, and your country.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Rasso family during this difficult time. RSA will notify RSA members of his memorial service when they become available.

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Chapter 19, PSU, Update



Charles Roberts
Chapter 19 Director, PSU

Thank you to everyone who participated in Baker to Vegas whether you ran, caught, drive timed, donated, etc. Each and everyone of you were integral to making the event a success.

Each year the county asks for contributions to the employee campaign. Many staff generously donate and your giving nature is much appreciated. In the future, please consider donating to the RSA 11-99 relief foundation. All donations go directly to helping staff in need.

If money is tight, please consider volunteering to help with the RSA BBQ trailer. Stay safe at work and home. ★



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The Riverside Sheriffs' Association is the Exclusive Employee Organization representing our members employed by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department is one of the largest Sheriff's Departments in California.

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To not only represent its members but to advance the social, economic, educational and general welfare of its members. We are committed to fighting for all RSA members.

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Promote

To promote the professional interest of the members and protect their rights to such economic, educational and other benefits and services as may be desirable.

Assist

To provide aid through the Riverside County Deputy Sheriff Relief Foundation to members and their families facing life changing crises.

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association began as the Riverside County Sheriff's Training Center Corporation in 1943, but since then has evolved into a labor organization that represents members, individually or collectively, in all matters relating to their employer-employee relations, including but not limited to grievances, labor disputes, hours, wages, and to other terms and conditions of employment as prescribed by law.

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- Legal Review Committee
- Legal Defense Trust
- Political Action Committee
- Benefit Trust Board
- Riverside County Deputy Sheriff Relief Foundation
- Special Events & Donations
- Award Review Board
- Collective Bargaining Committee/LEBU
- Collective Bargaining Committee/CDBU
- Collective Bargaining Committee/PSU
- Trailer Committee

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RSA ALL-STAR Basketball



High School Girls North Team



High School Boys North Team



High School Girls South Team



High School Boys South Team

RSA proudly sponsored the RSA All-Star Basketball tournament on April 16, bringing some of the best talent from across Riverside County to compete.

Teams consisted of High School boys North and South teams, High School girls North and South teams, and 8th grade boys teams.

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8th Grade Boys Team 1



8th Grade Boys Team 2



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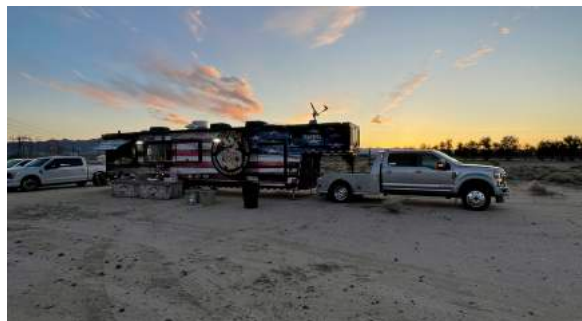
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RSA Sponsors Clays Shoot-Out

It's clay season and Art Montes and his friends were ready. Montes, an RSA member, took part in the 3rd Annual Boy Scouts of America California Inland Empire Council Scouting Clays Shoot-Out on April 14.

The shooting tournament, of which RSA was a returning sponsor, raises funds for the Boy Scouts of America.

At last year's tournament a team of RSA members took third place. The RSA fielded two teams this year. One team consisted of Artur "Art" Montes, Rick San-Nicolas, Aaron Ellingwood, and Jose Valdez. The other team included Tom Salisbury, Kanen Salisbury, Daniel Knight, and Kevin Knight.

The tournament took place at Mike Raahauge Shooting Enterprises in Corona.

For more information about the tournament go online to www.scoutingclays.org.



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Use of Spotlights: When Does a Detention Occur?

People v. Leon Tacardon 14 Cal. 5th 235 (2022) CA Supreme Court

RSA Legal Defense Trust

QUESTION:

Are you being detained if an officer shines his vehicle spotlight on you, but doesn't turn on the red and blue emergency lights?

ANSWER:

Generally, no. The use of a spotlight will not, standing alone, constitute a detention; but will be considered in the totality of the circumstances.

FACTS:

Around 2045 hours, Grubb was patrolling a residential neighborhood in an area known for narcotics sales and weapons possession. He drove past a BMW parked in front of a residence and saw it was occupied by three people. As he drove past, Grubb made eye contact with the driver, Tacardon.

Grubb made a U-turn, parked about 15-20 feet behind the BMW, and turned his spotlight on. He did not activate the siren, his emergency lights, or issue any commands to the occupants. He stayed in his patrol car for approximately 15 seconds while he put out his location and the license plate to dispatch and then he approached the BMW at a walking pace without drawing his weapon.

Grubb used his flashlight to check the passenger compartment of the car. In plain view, he saw two small, clear, plastic bags which contained what he believed to be marijuana. He



Courts have been split on whether the use of a spotlight is a large enough "show of authority" that would cause a reasonable person to believe they were not free to leave. The

California Supreme Court resolved this issue.



asked Tacardon for his identification and if he was on probation/parole to which Tacardon admitted he was on probation. A search of the car yielded 24 oz. of marijuana, 76 hydrocodone pills, and \$1,904 in cash. Tacardon was arrested and charged with possession for sale.

Tacardon asked the court to suppress the evidence arguing that the use of Grubb's spotlight constituted an illegal detention. The Superior Court agreed, granted Tacardon's motion, and dismissed the charges.

DISCUSSION:

The issue here is whether Tacardon was detained, meaning restrained by means of physical force or show of authority.

Courts have been split on whether the use of a spotlight is a large enough "show of authority" that would cause

a reasonable person to believe they were not free to leave. The California Supreme Court resolved this issue.

In situations involving a show of authority, a person is detained when, "in view of all the circumstances . . . a reasonable person would believe they are not free to leave or otherwise terminate the encounter, and if the person actually submits to the show of authority." *People v. Brown*, 61 Cal.4th 968, 974 (2015).

In *Brown*, the court did not create a rule stating the use of emergency lights near a parked car will always constitute a detention and noted, because someone whose car had broken down on the highway might reasonably believe the officer is stopping to render aid or warn other motorists of the potential hazard. Instead, the use of emergency lights



must be considered in the totality of the circumstance in each individual incident.

The Court noted some examples of circumstances that could establish a detention including:

- The presence of multiple officers,
- Displaying a weapon,
- Physically touching a person,
- Using the patrol car to block movement,
- Commanding language and tone of voice,
- The use of the siren

Here are some examples when a spotlight did or did not constitute a detention. In *People v. Franklin*, 192 Cal.App.3d 935 (1987) the court found no detention when an officer pulled behind a person walking and shined a spotlight on him because the officer didn't block the person's way nor gave any verbal commands. Likewise, in *U.S. v. Campbell- Martin*, 17 F.4th 807, 811-812 (8th Cir. 2021) the court found no detention where an officer parked two spots away from the defendant's car, shined a spotlight on it, and approached on foot.

However, in *U.S. v. Delany*, 955 F.3d 1077, 1079- 80, 1082-83 (D.C. Cir. 2020), the court found a detention when officers parked within a few feet of the front of the defendant's car in a narrow parking lot effectively blocking him in and activated the take-down lights.

In this case, the Court declined to establish a brightline rule regarding the use of spotlights or takedown lights because their use should always be considered as a factor in the totality of circumstances.


The Court found the circumstances here were clear. Tacardon was not detained when Grubb parked behind the BMW, shined the spotlight on it, and began to approach on foot. The "conduct up to this point conveyed none of the coercive hallmarks of a detention. He did not stop Tacardon's vehicle or block him from driving away. He did not activate a siren or emergency lights or give directions by loudspeaker. He did not approach rapidly or aggressively on foot or draw a weapon. He gave no commands . . . until the woman got out of the car and began to walk away."

The Court found, "a reasonable person would understand that spotlights can have a practical function . . . [and] can be used to illuminate the surrounding area for safety or other purposes unrelated to the projection of authority."

BOTTOM LINE:

The use of spotlights or takedown lights will not, on their own, necessarily constitute a detention; but will be considered as part of the totality of the circumstances.

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Through The Looking Glass

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In his nineteenth-century novel “*Through the Looking Glass*,” Lewis Carroll describes of a world where everything is reversed, including logic. As such, there is little doubt that any modern-day Alice visiting our state’s capital would feel remarkably at home while observing upside-down public safety committees of the California state Senate and Assembly.

It is in these committees where legislation is approved to reduce or eliminate prison time for dangerous felons, all while passing bills to eliminate police K9s, and school resource officers, prevent officers from conducting traffic stops and consensual searches.

The committees coddling of criminals and restricting law enforcement doesn’t tend to evoke traditional concepts of public safety. Nor does their focus on significantly impairing the ability of elected sheriffs to manage their departments and jails, but these committees are doing just that.

Most bills have now been amended for the year, so, in addition to the bills previously reviewed, some of the more impactful but here are a few more

MORE CRIMINAL CODDLING

- Release of cop killers and other first degree murders with special circumstances, sentenced to death or life without possibility



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of parole, can have their sentences reduced to 20 years and be released by a sympathetic judge. Passed out of the Senate Public Safety Committee. (SB 94 Cortese)

- Use a gun, get a break - The Assembly committee passed legislation to reduce prison sentences for felons convicted of a violent firearm offense. (AB 1310 McKinnor)

IMPAIR LAW ENFORCEMENT / OPERATIONS

- County supervisors to unilaterally remove a sheriff from office. (AB 1090 Jones-Sawyer)
- County supervisors to create new department, stripping jail operations from the sheriff. (SB 519 Atkins)
- Creates citizen investigative/ oversight commissions for

- police and sheriffs departments (AB 797 Weber)
- Schools banned from reporting violent attacks, narcotics dealing on campus (AB 1323 Kalra)
- Prohibits individual officers from purchasing off-roster (SB 377 Skinner)

PUBLIC SAFETY - WHERE GOOD BILLS GO TO DIE

Gun Violence

When ever a high-profile mass shooting occurs, lawmakers seek to demonstrate to the public that they are taking action. However, in the public safety committees, approved bills either further restrict lawful possession/ ownership or increase taxes and fees on firearms or ammo.

Bills that seek to enhance punishments for criminals who actually use a firearm in the commission of a crime



are swiftly defeated. You can't make this stuff up!

The committees have killed numerous bills this year that would have strengthened penalties for felons who commit violent crimes, including those with firearms.

- AB 27 Ta: restore firearms sentence enhancement recently eliminated by legislature
- AB 97 Rodriguez: felony for possessing ghost gun or missing/removed serial number
- AB 229 Patterson: includes felony domestic violence, rape of unconscious, trafficking as "violent"
- AB 758 Dixon: sentence enhancement for possessing firearm without serial number
- AB 328 Essayli: restores sentence enhancement for using firearm in commission of a felony
- SB 14 Grove: classifies human trafficking as violent felony

- SB 268 Alvarado-Gil: classifies all types of rape as violent for sentencing purposes

Retail Theft

Retail theft is out of control. Media reports on businesses shuttering due to myriad thefts are ubiquitous. The committees have responded by refusing to hear or defeating bills that would restore some prior penalties for habitual, repeat criminals

- AB 23 Muratsuchi: asks voters to restore \$400 minimum amount for petty theft w/prior
- AB 1708 Muratsuchi: 1-3 years for petty theft w/prior; exempts some thefts from Prop 47
- AB 75 Hoover: 1-3 years for petty theft w/prior
- SB 316 Niello: restores 18 months to 3 years for serial shoplifters
- AB 523 Fong: retail theft wobbler provisions for cargo theft

Fentanyl

Take the fentanyl epidemic for example. This synthetic opiate is 100 times more powerful than heroin and is killing about 100 Californians each month. What's the legislature's response? Kill bills that would require a court to warn a convicted fentanyl dealer that if a future "customer" dies from fentanyl poisoning, the dealer could be charged with homicide.

- AB 18 Patterson: Watson-type advisement from court upon conviction for selling fentanyl.
- SB 13 Ochoa-Bogh: Watson-type advisement from court upon conviction for selling fentanyl
- SB 325 Grove: 3-5 years sentence enhancement for selling fentanyl



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- SB 237 Grove: 2-4 years increase above current sentence for fentanyl sales
- SB 62 Nguyen: 3 year sentence increase for selling more than a kilo of fentanyl
- AB 675 Soria: sentence increase for possession of fentanyl while armed
- AB 701 Villapudua: 3 year sentence increase for selling more than a kilo of fentanyl
- AB 367 Maienschein: sentence enhancement if GBI results from selling fentanyl
- AB 955 Petrie-Norris: 3, 6, or 9 years for selling fentanyl on social media

It is no coincidence that majority membership of these committees hail from the very progressive/leftist regions of either Los Angeles or the San Francisco Bay Area. Members are selected

to serve on the committees with the understanding that they will oppose sentence increases or enhancements and support legislation to reduce the number of people going to, or in, jail or prison, without regard to the victims who suffer as a result.

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A list of oxymorons compiled by the late George Carlin included the phrases “jumbo shrimp” and “military intelligence,” among others. The California legislature’s “Committee on Public Safety” would be an appropriate, if not disheartening addition to that list.

As for Alice, once she passed through the looking glass, she immediately recognized that things were not as they should be. Topsy-turvy. Ass-backwards. Upside-down. At least these names accurately reflected the distorted reality on the other side of the mirror.

Maybe the lawmakers in Sacramento could follow Lewis Carroll’s and re-name these committees to better reflect their distorted legislative priorities? “The Committee on Criminal Protection” or “Public Endangerment Committee” might fit the bill.

Maintaining the name of the “Committee on Public Safety” is inaccurate, if not intentionally deceptive.

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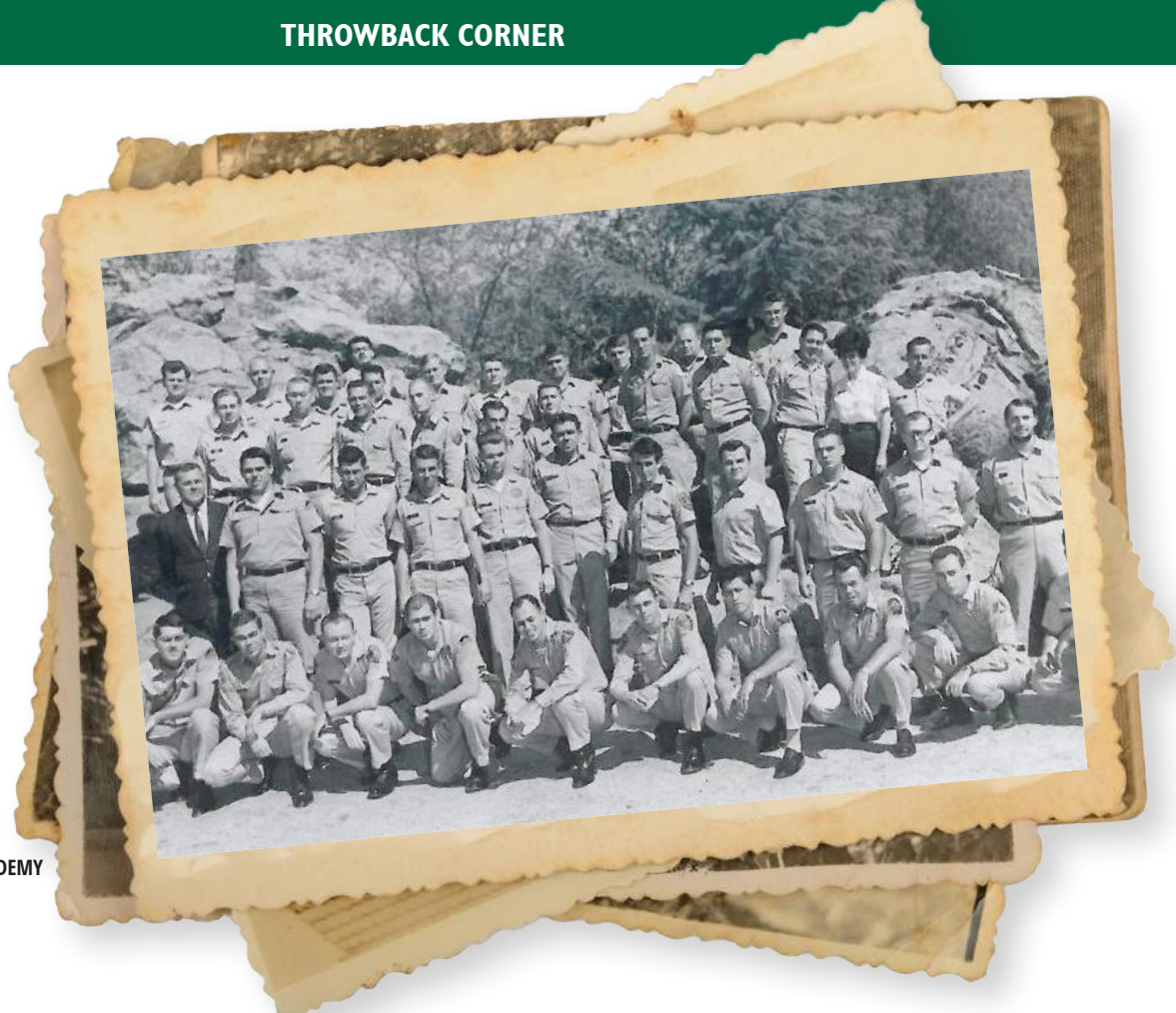
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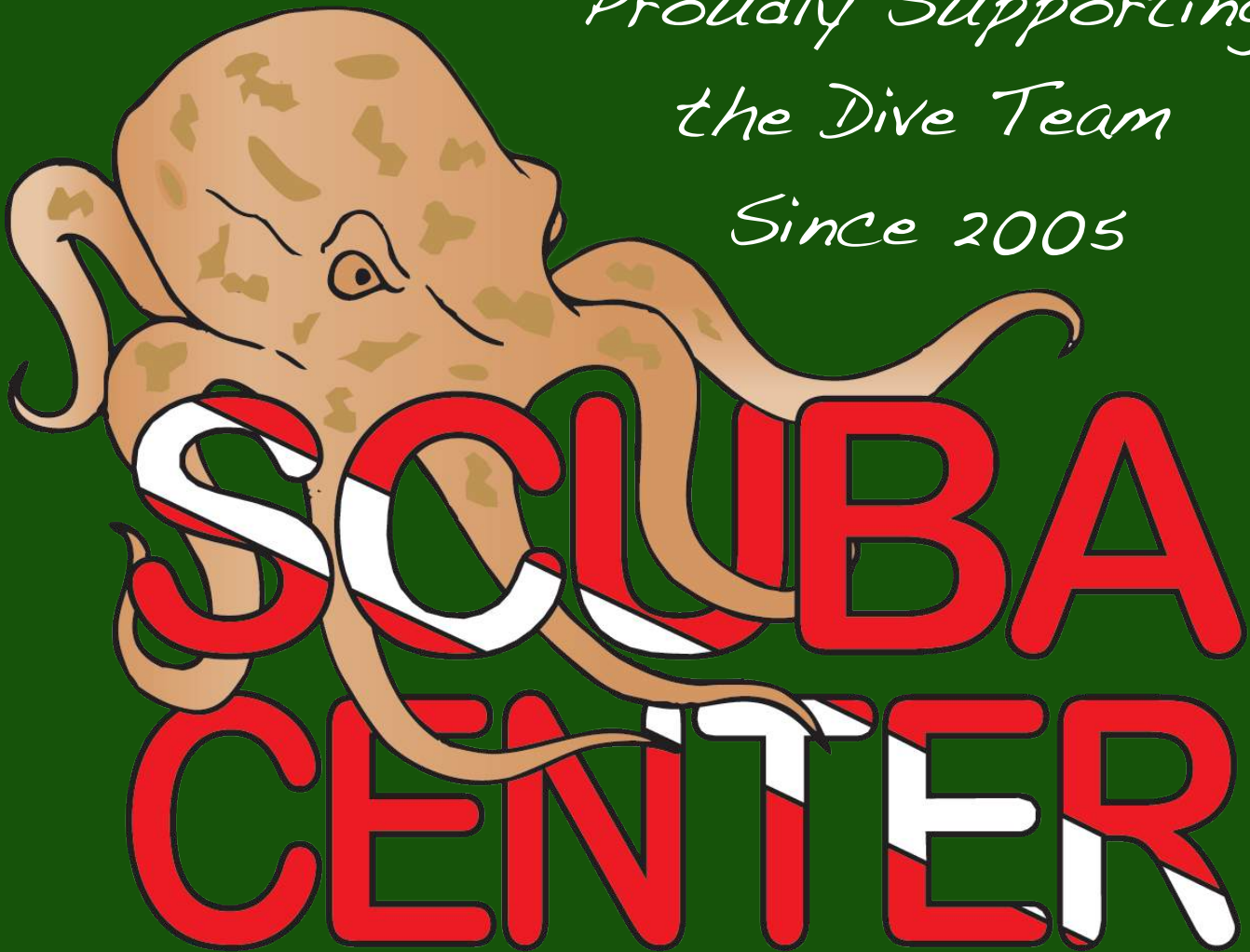
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