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Participation is Needed for a Successful Association by Alex Bernard



Participation issues seem to affect many different law enforcement associations. RPOAC is not an exception to that problem. The membership of these various associations feels that their respective boards of directors can run the association without the participation of the members. But that is not the case. An association is only as strong as its membership is. It is vital that the membership participates in the election of the association's leadership, guiding the direction of the association and the recruitment of new members. The membership needs to work with the board of directors to move their association forward.

The election of the association's leadership is one of the most important responsibilities of the membership. They are the ones who elect leaders to represent their interests during board meetings and annual meeting. In



RPOAC, we hold elections for chapter directors in even years at a local chapter meeting. An email notice of the meeting is sent out to each member of their respective chapter. The notice tells them where and when the chapter meeting is being held. The notice also gives the member the option to vote for a director if they are unable to attend the meeting. That is why it is vital that you keep RPOAC informed of your current email address. It is the way we communicate to you with newsletters and notices. The officers of RPOAC are elected from the board of directors by the board of directors at the annual meeting. The president and vice president are elected in even years. The secretary and treasurer are elected in odd years. As you can see, the leadership of RPOAC is elected from the local chapter level. That is

"Life is for participating, not for spectating."

"We always hear about the rights of democracy, but the major responsibility of it is participation."



LEGAL SERVICE MEMBERSHIP

If you carry a concealed weapon, you don't want to be without this important coverage. Visit our benefits provider for details.

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RPOAC Newsletter

why it is important that you participate in the local chapter election.

The membership needs to guide the direction of the association through communicating with the association leadership. You need to let us know what issues, legislation and programs affect you. The board needs to have this information so they can take action to try and meet your needs. We volunteer to serve you. You can contact RPOAC in a number of different ways. You can use the contact form on the RPOAC website. You can call our Executive Director, Dennis Wright at our toll-free number: (800) 743-7622. You can mail a letter to our P.O. Box at: RPOAC, P.O. Box 1239, Colfax, CA 95713. Either Dennis or an appropriate association leader will respond to you as the issue dictates.

Recruitment is a big issue for all associations including RPOAC. Board members are always going out trying to recruit members. We use many different methods to reach potential members including social media. The Front Sight drawings we have held have helped to attract new members. But we can't do it all on our own. We need your help. You may know law enforcement retirees that we are unable to reach. There are a lot of retirees out there that don't know what RPOAC has to offer to them. With your help we can reach those individuals. If each member would only recruit one member, we could double our membership. Remember, there is strength in numbers.

Also keep in mind, if you recruit a new member you will be eligible to be in the next Front Sight drawing for recruiters. Please refer to the current Front Sight flyer for the rules of the drawing. Membership brochures and applications are available online at www.rpoac.org. However, if you want paper brochures, contact Dennis Wright at the toll-free number. Let's all work together to move RPOAC forward.

Stay safe out there this Summer.

RPOAC Board Meets in Reno

On May 21 the RPOAC Board of Directors met in Reno, NV for their bi-annual meeting. Each Director also holds an Annual Chapter meeting within the area they represent. Those meetings will be held soon so watch the website for dates and times. Members are always encouraged to attend their Chapter meetings as well as the General Membership meeting usually held in November.



RPOAC Annual Meeting

This years Annual General Membership meeting will be held at the Peppermill Hotel & Casino in Reno,, Nevada.

The annual meeting is usually held on a Tuesday in November. Watch the RPOAC website and our October Newsletter for specific dates and times.

All RPOAC members are invited AND encouraged to attend the general meeting.



The Peppermill Hotel & Casino, Reno

Benefits Available to Members

- ◆ CCW Safe
- ◆ Hear in America
- ◆ Healthiest You
- ◆ My Notification
- ◆ LegalShield
- ◆ United Health Dental
- ◆ Vision Plan of America
- ◆ And much more are available to RPOAC members.

What is Front Sight?

The Front Sight Firearms Training Institute was founded in 1996 by Dr. Ignatius Piazza. It is a privately owned and operated organization whose purpose is twofold:

- 1) to provide training, mostly on how to safely operate firearms in self-defense settings, and
- 2) an activism goal to "positively change the image of gun ownership in our lifetimes" by repudiating unfavorable views of gun owners put forth by various private gun control, and political, organizations.

Visit the Front Sight website for more information about this amazing facility and the many member benefits!

FRONTSIGHT.COM

[Front Sight Brochure](#)



Firearms training course at the Front Sight facility in Nevada

Our 3rd Front Sight Giveaway!

We are now in our third giveaway for a Lifetime membership in the Front Sight Firearms Training Institute. Every new RPOAC member whose application and dues we receive between May 1 and October 31, 2019 will be entered into the drawing. At our November General Membership meeting two names will be drawn. One will be from the Giveaway III entries and the other will be our Second-Chance drawing from the Giveaway II entries that did not win in the first drawing.



For full details of the giveaway, click [HERE!](#)

RPOAC's Latest Front Sight Winners

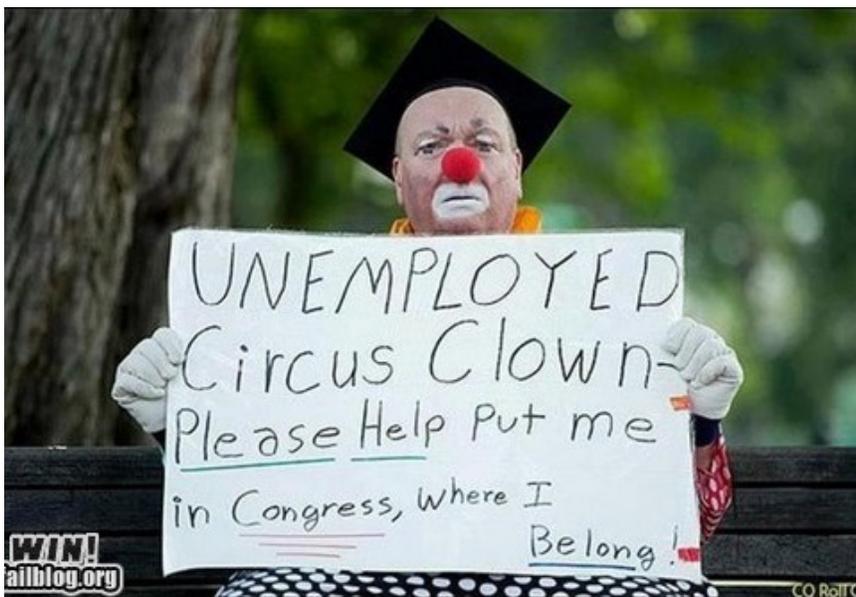


Retired Deputy Chief Louis Lumpkin, Jr from the Seaside Police Department was the winner of our Front Sight Giveaway II.



Retired Police Officer Niles Graham from the Antioch Police Department was the winner of our Front Sight Giveaway I—Second Chance drawing.

Congratulations to both winners!



Members Only!

Access To:

- Jobs
- Newsletters
- Legislative Actions

Are You a “Members Only” Member?

If you're receiving this newsletter you are most likely a RPOAC member AND you are most likely retired! However, after a few years many find they have a desire (or in some cases a need) to return to the work force.

If you find yourself in this situation RPOAC can help. Did you know as a RPOAC member you have access to our Job Opportunities list? You'll need to get a username and password first. Contact our Executive Director to request access.

Currently we have employment opportunities as investigators, inspectors, executive drivers, public safety officers

and more. We even have an opportunity for you to be the host of a new TV series!

Joining our “Members Only” group also gives you access to all of our past newsletters and our “Briefing Board” which gives you links to many legislative articles. You'll be amazed at how many attempts there are to reform pensions and adversely affect benefits.

Don't wait another minute! Send your request for members only access to Dennis Wright at:

rpoac1@yahoo.com





In this issue we are introducing a new section in which we will highlight one of the many benefits available to members.



LEGAL SERVICE MEMBERSHIP

CCW Safe is a legal service membership plan that was designed for CCW permit/license holders, active and retired military and law enforcement officers, and gun owners.

They are not an insurance plan, they are a legal defense service plan. CCW Safe takes on the burden of the expenses associated with defending a self-defense/use of force critical incident. These expenses can include attorneys fees, investigators, experts, and other associated costs, such as depositions, document fees, trial exhibits, and more.

CCW Safe does not have the conflicts of an insurance product because the company is designed to indemnify the cost of the incident and not the outcome of a trial. It is not a reimbursement package and no money is required to be paid

back to the company regardless of the outcome.

You are covered in all states that honor your permit, and in all 50 states where you can legally possess firearm. CCW Safe members will not have any out of pocket expenses associated with defending a self defense incident, nor will they be limited by a policy cap on defense costs.

The importance of having this coverage cannot be over stated! There are several different plans available from other sources but RPOAC's research has led us to CCW Safe as the best choice for our members.

Here is a chart showing how CCW Safe compares with several of the other providers.

COMPARISON CHART

Get answers to many frequently asked questions about CCW Safe by visiting their website through the link below.

CCW SAFE FAQ's

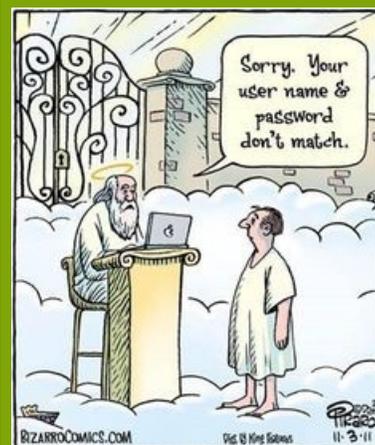
If you carry a concealed weapon, don't go another day without legal protection for yourself and your family's well being!



Enroll in CCW Safe TODAY!

(Information taken from CCW Safe website)

Just for Laughs



Article Links *(Briefing Board)*

[CalPERS Announces Health Care Premiums for 2020](#) - 6/18/19

[CalPERS using more ESG in investment strategy](#) - 6/18/19

[L.A. discloses how much it actually pays for each employee's benefits](#) - 6/15/19

[The City Flipped on Prop. B – But it Doesn't Change Much Yet](#) - 6/11/19

[CA bill limiting how police use deadly force modified](#) - 6/10/19

[CalPERS mislead policyholders on long-term care insurance?](#) - 6/10/19

[San Diego must decide whether to continue fight for 2012 pension cuts](#) - 6/9/19

[New state-run IRA for private sector opens July 1](#) - 6/3/19

[City could seek to invalidate landmark pension reform](#) - 5/31/19

[CA police use-of-force bill advances after Black Lives Matter drop support](#) - 5/30/19

[Police won't fight California use-of-force bill](#) - 5/24/19

[CalPERS projecting health insurance increases. One plan could rise 24%](#) - 5/15/19

[Governor boosts school pension cost relief plan](#) - 5/13/19

[Life after law enforcement](#) - 4/30/19

[Rising school pension costs cut programs and pay](#) - 4/29/19

[How CalPERS-sponsored bill increased pensions](#) - 4/15/19

[2020 hopeful Kamala Harris says she owns gun for protection](#) - 4/12/19

[Will CalPERS board shake-up continue this year?](#) - 4/8/19

[Use-Of-Force Bill Backed By CA Law Enforcement Will Include Reforms Prompted By Stephon Clark Shooting](#) - 4/5/19

[Delay sought on ruling allowing high-capacity ammo magazines](#) - 4/3/19

[California politicians disrespect our rights](#) - 4/3/19

[Cities struggle to cut retirement health care costs](#) - 4/1/19

[Judge blocks California's high-capacity ammunition ban](#) - 3/30/19

[State appeals court orders San Diego to pay city workers over pension case](#) - 3/27/19

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