

## General Manager

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### PEACE OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA e - MEMO

**To** : All Sworn Peace Officers Eligible to Form Their Own Peace Officer Only Bargaining Unit (BU 22)

**From** : The P.O.C. Board of Directors

**Subject** : **Peace Officers of California Announces Organizational Changes**

**Date** : Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2009

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The Board of Directors of Peace Officers of California (**P.O.C.**) has unanimously elected Chris Lewis as President. Lewis replaces founding President Bob Orange, who is stepping down for personal reasons.

Lewis is an Investigator for the California Department of Corporations, the State-level equivalent of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Between Corporations and Insurance he has over 10 years of State service and served as Vice President of the California Association of Fraud Investigators. He has considerable experience in collective bargaining and is committed to making the long sought after peace-officer-only bargaining unit a reality. He was previously Vice President of Northern California for **P.O.C.**

Filling the vacated Vice President position is Victor Sanchez, who was also elected by unanimous consent of the Board. Sanchez is a Sergeant with the California Exposition and State Fair Police and retired in 2004 after 34 years with the Sacramento Police Department. He has resigned his position as Secretary but remains the Membership Director for Peace Officers of California.

Sanchez's counterpart is incumbent Vice President for Southern California Dan Garule, a 12 year Hospital Police Officer with the California Department of Mental Health. Garule has extensive experience in representing officers in administrative actions.

Jerry Karnow, a 19 year veteran Fish and Game Warden, has resigned as Treasurer in order to focus on his growing duties as Legislative Liaison. Brandon Shoemaker, an Agent with the California State Lottery with 20 years combined law enforcement experience, was elected Treasurer by unanimous consent of the Board.

Founding President Bob Orange, who shepherded Peace Officers of California from the beginning, made the decision to step down due to mounting pressures in his personal life. Orange's wife was paralyzed below the

waist in a 2007 accident and he has numerous pressing family obligations – this and impending retirement from state service led to his decision. “State cops are very close to finally getting appropriate representation, and they need a President who can devote all his energies to accomplishing that goal,” said Orange. “Chris Lewis and the board have the energy and knowledge to make this happen.”

Lewis is optimistic about the future. “The movement to create a new bargaining unit is literally gaining support every day, and Peace Officers of California grows stronger every day. We’re building the organization to serve our members, and look forward to representing them from the first day that this severance is complete.”

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Peace Officers of California will have open general elections within six months of severance.

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