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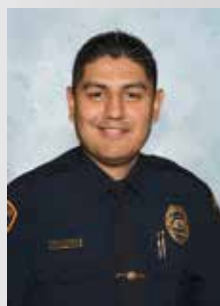
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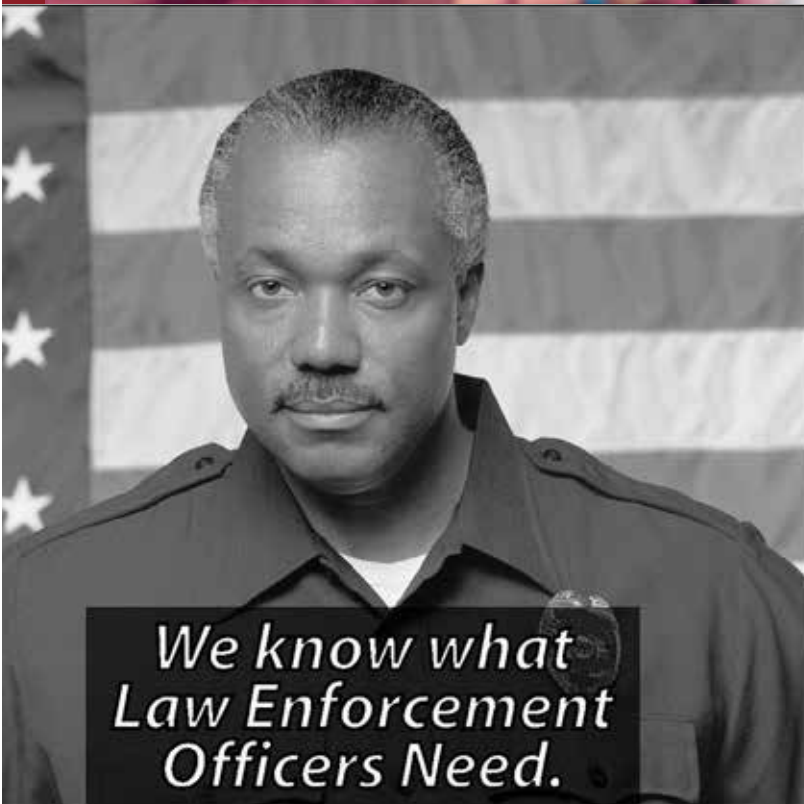


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# President's Message



Each May, our profession is recognized all across the nation as it is Law Enforcement Memorial Month. In early May, the county, state, and national memorials hold events to honor our fallen brothers and sisters. Last fall, the National Law Enforcement Museum finally opened in Washington, D.C.

I was recently in Washington and able to tour the facility. All who had a hand in creating the museum were very successful in making it an interactive experience. When visiting Washington, D.C., be sure to visit the museum that is directly across the street from the National Law Enforcement Memorial.

In April, Directors McCullough and Paxton joined me in attending the 21st Annual BIG 50 Conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts. BIG 50 is designed to get the largest law enforcement associations in the country together to share ideas and learn from experts in the areas of negotiations, media issues, and other current topics affecting law enforcement. The challenges that we face in San Diego are most often shared around the country. Collaborating with New York Police Department (NYPD), Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Houston Police Department, Seattle Police Department, and others, is an effective way to learn from one another. The networking also provides us an opportunity to be able to rely on one another throughout the year for advice and assistance on any occurrences that may arise.

The POA recently sent emails requesting that our members send emails that we have provided to their elected officials regarding the Use of Force bills in Sacramento. Please take the time to not only do this, but have your families and loved ones do the same. When elected officials become overwhelmed with emails it gets their attention. Often, getting their attention motivates them to communicate with us to get better educated on the bills they may be voting on. These efforts are going on up and down the state, as well as nationally.

Our annual Widows and Orphans Golf Tournament is usually one of my favorite events of the year. Unfortunately, the tournament conflicted with the BIG

50 conference this year, so I was unable to attend. Several members who participated contacted me to express how much they enjoyed the tournament. The Widows and Orphans Golf Tournament is our primary fundraiser every year and continues to grow. I would like to express my gratitude to the entire board and our fundraising committee who worked tirelessly to ensure the event was a success.

On April 26th, the POA hosted our annual Peace Officer of the Year Awards ceremony. This ceremony is represented by most agencies throughout the county. Each of the departments recognizes their one peace officer of the year. This year, Shawn Boggeman was recognized as our Peace Office of the Year. We also had a second awardee, Dannie Bihum, who was recognized as the Theodore Roosevelt Award winner. Congratulations Shawn and Dannie on your well-deserved awards!

It is with great gratitude that I recognize all of our veterans with Memorial Day at the end of the month. Our freedom and way of life would not be possible without all of the sacrifices made.

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# Member Spotlight

By Erika Vroom, Editor

## Sergeant Daniel Caropreso



Sergeant Dan Caropreso (far right) alongside his Street Gang Unit Team II (Asian) for inspections. Also pictured is Detective Ed Valentine, Sergeant John Szakara and Detective Chris Tews

Moving to a new state can offer some very exciting possibilities: a new job, a new home, new friends, a change of scenery, etc. Though it may come with its challenges, particularly when moving away from one's home state, the opportunities are endless. Something that can help make the transition a bit easier is having a familiar face to be there upon one's arrival. For Sergeant Daniel (Dan) Caropreso, he knew that after his brother moved to sunny San Diego, California he would eventually want to join him.

Sergeant Dan Caropreso is a New Jersey transplant. His interest in law enforcement was first piqued, because of the family that he has who were officers themselves. This family included Dan's uncles, as well as his brother, Frank Caropreso, who first joined the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) in 1991. In helping his brother move to San Diego,

Dan and Frank made a cross-country road trip. At this time, Dan was still a senior in high school, but thought that California "looked pretty cool." After graduating high school, Dan attended college at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey. As the class of 1995, Dan received his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Dan was hired on short notice right before the New Year (1997). "I celebrated the New Year with friends and family then had to fly out the next morning to San Diego (New Year's Day). It was a quick turn around and kind of hectic since I had to start the academy five days after landing in San Diego."

Dan was hired by the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) in 1997 and has 23 years on. Upon joining SDPD, he began his career after the police academy at the Mid-City division – where he has spent much of his time while on the department. Other units he



Dan and fellow Street Gang Unit (SGU) detectives while enforcing a search warrant of an illegal gambling den

has been assigned to include the Gangs Unit, more specifically the Gang Suppression Team (GST), prior to being promoted to Detective and returning to Mid-City. After being at Mid-City for the second time, Dan was reassigned to Gangs where his focus was on Asian street gangs. In July 2018, Dan received his next promotion to Sergeant and was assigned back at Mid-City as the patrol Sergeant. Spending that amount of time at one unit truly makes the unit “like a second home,” Dan states. It seemed only natural for him to return to Mid-City at this point in his career. When asked what he likes best about the unit, he reflects, “I’ve always loved how busy it was when I first got down there back in ’97. There was a lot of stuff that you can learn and a lot of officers who were senior guys... that taught you and took you under their wing.” By doing so, Dan was able to strengthen and hone in the skills that he would need in order to have a successful profession in law enforcement.

Alongside those who have mentored him on the department, Dan explains that his older brother was highly influential, “and helped me out a lot. He told me what to look forward to [in joining the department].” Surprisingly enough, Dan and Frank have only had one chance to work together while with SDPD. As for those who have had an impact on his life and career? “I’ve worked for a lot of great sergeants and with experienced officers...who always passed on their knowledge and expertise. They taught me to be a better officer, a better investigator, and better team mate,” Dan explains.

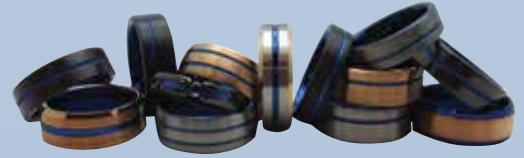
By having a head start on what to expect, Dan has flourished with SDPD. Dan laughs as he states, “I love San Diego. I miss the people and the food [in New Jersey], but I don’t miss the weather.” Though he has enjoyed his first year as sergeant, Dan truly appreciated his time as a detective. After working cases diligently and around-the-clock, he discovered the most rewarding aspect of being a detective. “The best part as a detective is making people confess.” Now, Dan uses his techniques that he has picked up to mentor others. He feels like things have come full circle since

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# Chaplain's

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By Erin Hubbard  
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In 1998, Sammy Sosa was playing for the Chicago Cubs. He was in a record-breaking home run race with Mark McGwire of the St Louis Cardinals. They were both racing to beat the single season home run record held for many years by the great Roger Maris of 61 home runs. Mark McGwire broke the record first, that year, by hitting 70 home runs. Sosa finished the year with 66 home runs. However, in 2003, Sosa was caught using a corked bat. He was also caught in an investigation alleging steroid use, which he flat out denied. He even went before congress to testify of his innocence. In 2009, Sosa found himself again embroiled in a drug-use scandal. No doubt sealing his fate of ever making it into the Hall of Fame.

I will say this, character does matter. It has been said; "In the end, it is the true measure of a man or woman. You can measure the popularity of a man or woman by the length of the shadow he or she casts on society, but the real value of the person is in the trueness of their heart."

Compromise, sadly, in our modern society, has become a way of life for pastors, politicians, police officers and athletes. It seems that a person's character is the first thing to go at the first sign of trouble. Many think that the end justifies the means. Remember, the means are just as important and as telling as the results. As police officers, you have been called to a higher life standard. A life that is as steady when everyone is watching, as when no one is watching. Your life is a beacon in society. Look at what it took to get you where you are today. When the rest of society is doing whatever they please, you have refrained because of the standard you must meet to be a cop. You may be saying, "Yeah, look what it is getting me, most of society doesn't even want us." Maybe so, but you are a light to a world that cannot find its way, whether they know it or not.

What is integrity? "Possessing high moral character; guided by good motives. It is the quality of being undivided; it is integer; it is one. It is being true to one's standard. It is simply, honesty and sincerity. It is incorruptibility. It is the opposite of hypocrisy."

We as individuals must be able to look at ourselves in the mirror every day and say, "I have not compromised my integrity. I have not compromised who I am as a person or as an officer."

Know this, the greatest tool people use to criticize officers is assaulting their integrity. They come against you personally, they challenge the laws you uphold and all means of enforcing those laws. This is the reality of a Law Enforcement officer.

It has always been essential that anyone serving in Law Enforcement must maintain personal integrity. Today, it is even more important, as those we serve are willing to compromise, even for no apparent gain. Anyone serving in Law Enforcement must maintain a reputation of honesty, sincerity, and credibility. They must be incorruptible. The lack of these characteristics is a career-changer. You see them out there every shift, following you around with a camera. They desire to ruin your reputation, to catch on camera anything possible to harm you, to destroy your character, to question your integrity.

How do we know when we are compromising our integrity? We find the answer in the book of Romans. Paul the apostle tells us that every human being is given a conscience. That conscience either accuses us or excuses us. So, when you compromise your integrity, your conscience will convict you and you will know you have done wrong.

When things go south in your life or you find yourself in difficult situations and you have not compromised your integrity, your conscience will defend you. Just like the BWC you wear every day, you will know you did right.

However, the book of Proverbs states; "He/she who walks in integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out."

At the end of the day as a police officer, all you have is your integrity. Once you lose your integrity, you cannot get it back. You must fight for it, defend it with everything that is within you, no matter the cost. If you compromise your integrity, you lose your ability to uphold the law. If you lose your integrity, you have lost what separates you from most of society.

The talents God gives us are His gifts to us. This life of integrity, is a gift. Use your gift to honor God.

In the end, I am not talking about home runs, or corked bats, or claims of innocence, or even suspensions or fines. I am talking about living with integrity, not only out in public, but most of all, in the privacy of our homes, where no one else sees, only God and your conscience. The world has enough loud mouth celebrities and athletes. What is needed in our society is men and women with character. Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes' and your 'No' be 'No' (Matt. 5:37).

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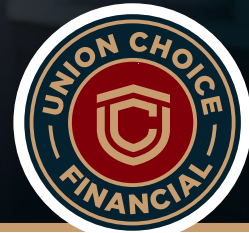
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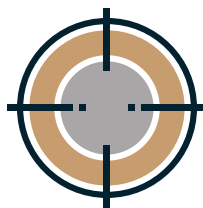
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**A**s we enter the month of May, we are reminded of those who gave their lives in the line of duty at home and while defending our country abroad. In the first two weeks of the month, our local, county, statewide, and national law enforcement memorial ceremonies are held to honor our fallen peace officers. I encourage each of you to attend any of these events that honor our heroes. You can find a calendar of events on page 15 of this issue. These events are not only a time to remember the lives of the fallen, but also support the families they left behind. Last year I shared with you about visiting the Ground Zero Memorial in New York City where I was able to see and hear the recordings of the stories of tragedy, loss, and heroism that arose from the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. On my annual trip to New York this year, I went back to visit the Ground Zero Memorial again and gained even more knowledge and insight to the events that led up to such great loss for our country. I felt honored to once again have had the opportunity to visit the site where so many of our heroes risked and lost their lives. For those of you who will be traveling to the Memorials this year, safe travels!



Last month, the SDPOA hosted its 11th annual Widows and Orphans Fund Charity Golf Tournament. We thank everyone for supporting our efforts to raise money for our Charity Fund. It is a very worthy cause that supports law enforcement and their families.

Since my last report, we have celebrated several members for their 25 year milestone with the San Diego Police Department/San Diego Police Officers Association as well as several members for their outstanding service during the last two shifts. Again, congratulations to you all!

To update you all regarding POA building budgeted improvements, some of the common areas downstairs will be receiving a much needed rejuvenation. This will include the officers lounge.

Lastly, at the end of the month, we celebrate Memorial Day on which we honor the brave men and women who gave their lives serving our country. I would like to say thank you to them, their families, and all members of our military. Similarly, I want to extend my gratitude and appreciation to our dedicated law enforcement officers here in San Diego while you risk your lives each day.

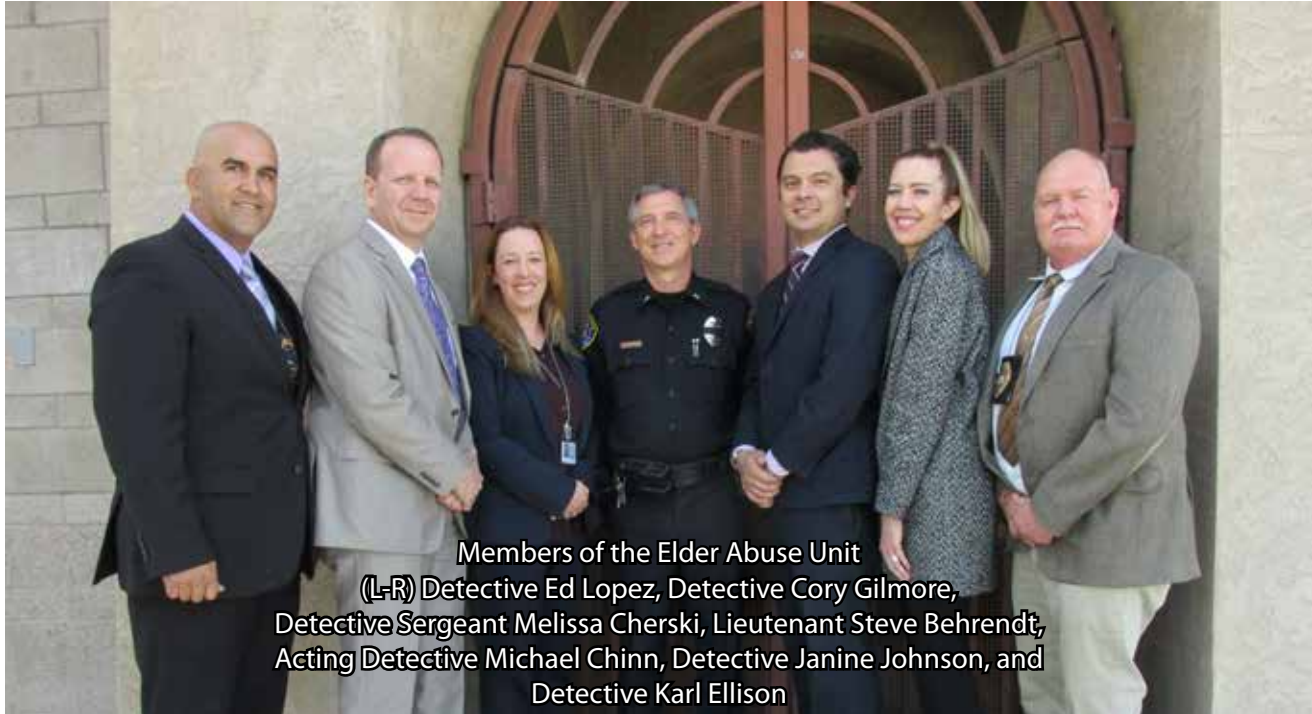
I would also like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer with your families. Be sure to take precautions in the heat and always wear your sunscreen.

Be safe,

*Kristina L. Smith*

# Unit Highlight | SDPD Elder Abuse Unit

By Erika Vroom, Editor



Members of the Elder Abuse Unit  
(L-R) Detective Ed Lopez, Detective Cory Gilmore,  
Detective Sergeant Melissa Cherski, Lieutenant Steve Behrendt,  
Acting Detective Michael Chinn, Detective Janine Johnson, and  
Detective Karl Ellison

Large communities typically have especially diverse populations. These populations include a percentage of residents that are considered to be more vulnerable to crime due to varying factors. Police officers play a critical role in policing these communities. In San Diego, there are many specialty units within the police department that has assigned officers who focus solely on these vulnerable populaces. For the San Diego Police Department (SDPD), the roles of these units are crucial to the functionality of reducing crime. One unit in particular, the SDPD Elder Abuse Unit, ensures that one of the most defenseless communities, made up of elders and dependent adults, is kept safe in a time when they are more often falling victim to crimes they are unaware of.

Established on December 4, 2000, the Elder Abuse Unit is unique in the sense that it began operation in the Financial Crimes office. This was due to the fact the unit initially only investigated fiduciary elder abuse cases. Within a short time they also took on physical cases. Fiduciary Elder Abuse continues to make up the majority of the cases the unit investigates. The Financial Crimes Unit evolved into the Economic Crimes Unit and Elder Abuse continues to operate under that umbrella, which encompasses multiple entities. Other units within the Economic Crimes Unit include Identity Theft, Financial Crimes, Requested Information, as well as three task force units. The Economic Crimes Unit is overseen by Lieutenant Steve Behrendt.

Elder Abuse is currently made up of five detectives and

one sergeant. Sergeant Melissa Cherski leads the unit. The detectives include Detective Cory Gilmore, Detective Ed Lopez, Detective Mike Chinn, Detective Janine Johnson, and Detective Karl Ellison.

The main focus for the Elder Abuse unit consists of crimes involving those who are 65 or older, or dependent adults that may be between the ages of 18 and 64 years old. "A dependent adult is an adult who cannot provide for their own basic needs," states Sergeant Cherski. These crimes consist of not only fiduciary, or financial crimes, but over time have expanded to include physical crimes as well.

Further, the cases that are brought to the unit come from multiple entities. Elder Abuse cases derive from police officers taking reports, as well as cross-reporting Adult Protective Services (APS) referrals. Based on whether people cannot or will not report the crimes and APS gets wind of it, they will refer the case to Elder Abuse who attempts to ensure that those cases do not get overlooked. Such cases can then be assigned in the form of a crime report, similar to other cases.

The unit is well-known throughout the community, as it works alongside community-based organizations, such as the Alzheimer's Association, on public speaking engagements and presentations. One type of production is called "How to Keep Our Seniors Safe". These kinds of presentations allow the unit to educate others on the reality of what the seniors and dependent adults face with the current types of

Elder Abuse Unit Volunteer, Ted Barrow



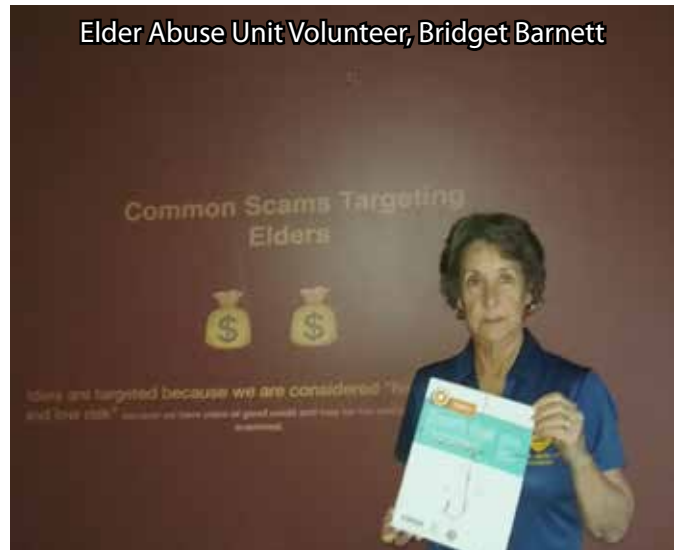
crimes being committed against them. Sergeant Cherski and Lieutenant Behrendt explain that there are certain groups of criminals that focus on crimes involving the elderly in particular. A common example of a crime that Elder Abuse had seen becoming a trend between 2017 and 2019 is the “dent scam”. According to a Commanding Officer’s Citation received by Detectives Gilmore and Ellison for the case, “The suspects would approach elderly victims in shopping center parking lots and offer to fix dents in their vehicle. The suspects would persuade the victims to allow them to accompany them home to perform the work there. In several of these cases, the elderly victims had cognitive issues that made them easily

duped into paying exorbitant prices for work, or believing they did not pay, agreeing to multiple payments for the same work.” The victims were targeted and they did not know any better. Thus, the dent scam gained momentum until being halted by the Elder Abuse Unit. Sergeant Cherski shares, “Scams are happening to everyone these days, it’s just that our elders are the ones who are home to answer the phone.”

As for the best part of the unit, the camaraderie is what stands out. Lieutenant Behrendt expresses how he enjoys, “that all of the individual units within Economic Crimes work together on the same floor, get along, and help each other out.” Consistent communication is key in this type of unit as one would not know if perhaps their cases overlap without the encouragement to ask. With a positive attitude, great organization, and the willingness to learn, Lieutenant Behrendt and Sergeant Cherski state that they have an open door policy to anyone on the department who is wanting to work in Elder Abuse.

Being able to combat crimes that are against elders and dependent adults who cannot necessarily protect themselves can be extremely rewarding. Thanks to the Elder Abuse Unit, there is an advocate and a voice on their side.

Elder Abuse Unit Volunteer, Bridget Barnett



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# 2019 Peace Officer Memorial Calendar

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### San Diego County 2019 Peace Officers' Memorial Calendar

Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

**Memorial Breakfast** 7:30am

**MCRD, Officers Club**

A buffet breakfast is provided for participating officers, honored families, past survivors and concerned citizens.  
*Sponsored by the San Diego County Motor Officers Association*

**Law Enforcement Caravan** 11:00am  
**Harbor Island**

Staging for the Memorial Caravan begins at 11:00am at Harbor Island. The caravan departs Harbor Island at 11:40. The procession travels along the scenic waterfront on Harbor Drive concluding at the Regional Law Enforcement Memorial Monument.

**Memorial Ceremony** 12:00pm (noon)  
**Regional Law Enforcement Memorial Monument**  
**San Diego County Administration Center**  
**1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego – West Lawn**

A formal ceremony with presentations by the SDCLEOMF President, remarks from departmental and past survivor representatives, a keynote speaker, a Roll Call of Heroes, as well as music and prayer. Ceremony includes a 21-gun salute, aerial flyover, taps and retiring of the colors.

**Memorial Reception** 1:30pm  
Immediately following the memorial ceremony, lunch is provided for honored families, participating and attending officers, and past survivors directly north from the memorial monument on the plaza of the County Administration Center.

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**California Peace Officers Memorial  
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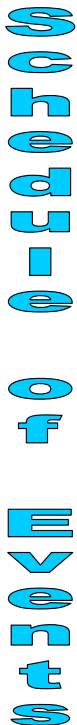
**Candlelight Vigil**  
May 5, 2019

**Enrollment Ceremony**  
May 6, 2019

**National Law Enforcement Memorial  
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**Candlelight Vigil**  
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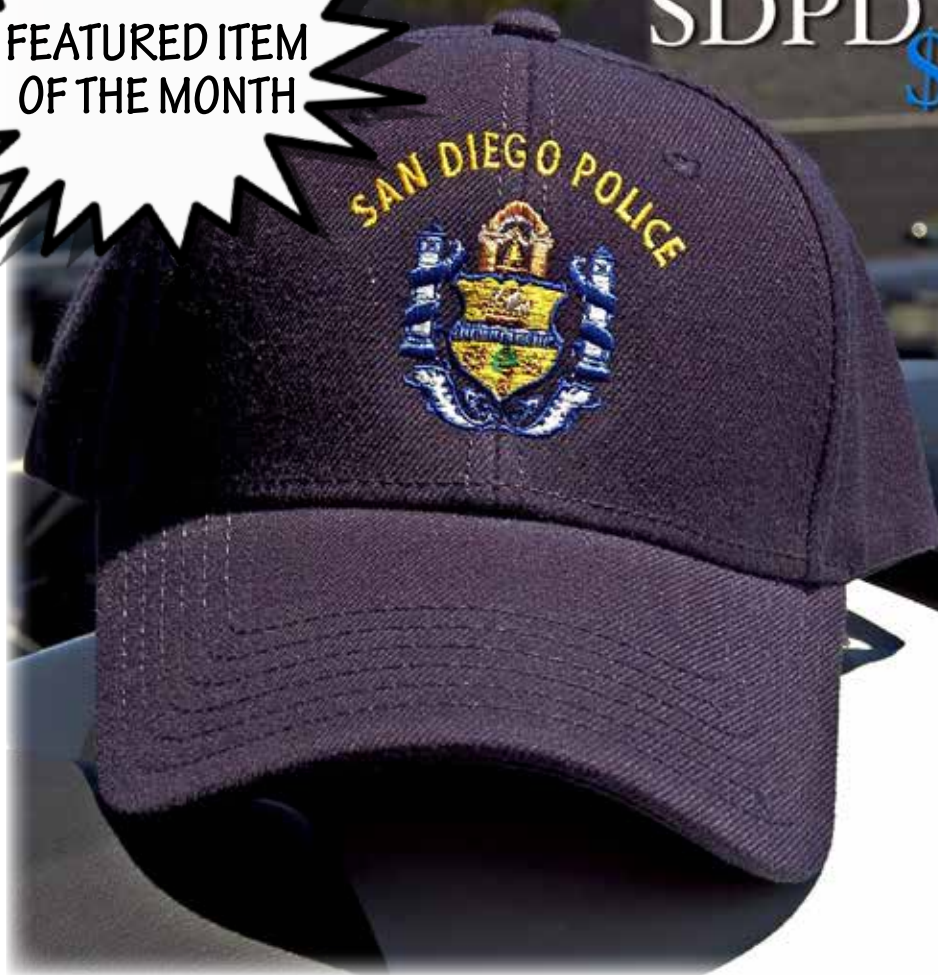
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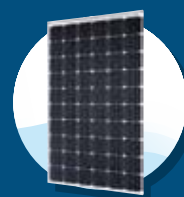
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## An Anonymous Eater

### Long Island Mike's Pizza

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Food is a powerful tool. Tastes, aromas, and textures provoke senses. They drag long forgotten childhood memories from the deep-seated enclaves in the brain. They stir emotions and transport us back to specific moments, specific places, and for a few fleeting seconds, time travel occurs. Pot roast is one of my triggers. My late grandma Annabelle used to cook the meanest pot roast, and that rich mix of vegetables, beef, and seasonings cooking and swarming in her tiny kitchen occupies permanent residency in my head, making occasional appearances when I cook my own version at home. Another trigger, for me and especially for my East Coast friends...pizza.

Long Island Mike's Pizza is located at 5250 Murphy Canyon Road (858) 569-7499. They are open Monday-Saturday 11-9, and Sunday 12-8. They take cards, and there is a parking lot in front of the business. Long Island Mike's has a dining room, and they take orders for pickup online. Jacob D and I ate at Long Island Mike's once for this article, but we have ordered pies there a few times for squad events.

Long Island Mike's serves two (generously portioned!) slices with a drink for \$7.00. I was feeling a little healthy on this day so I chose two slices of the Italian Flag, which is a version of a "white" style pizza with spinach, roasted peppers, and ricotta. I go mad for ricotta cheese,

but sometimes the flavor gets lost in too much sauce and cheese. This was NOT a problem in this instance. The ricotta was wonderfully light (though we all know it's not) with a rich flavor that stood up to the brightly crisp peppers and mellow spinach.

Jacob D balanced me out and dove deep with two slices of the Meat Lover's, topped with meatball, sausage, and pepperoni. Jacob was pleasantly surprised his slices were not an overly greasy, salty mess. Good quality ingredients always yield good results, and these slices were savory and delicious. The portions of each type of meat were even, and Jacob said he loved the variety of seasonings on this pie.

The crust. Bad crust is upsetting. Long Island Mike's serves a GOOD crust. They serve a proper thin crust. (I'm running and hiding from the Chicago folks). I heard through the grapevine the owners shares a DNA line with Bronx Pizza, so, they know the crust game. It is strong and crispy enough to support the toppings, but thin enough to not interrupt the flavors.

Long Island Mike's is a solid choice for the cop who needs a quick meal that won't break the bank, but will satisfy the appetite. I am giving it 3.75 badges.



# POLICING IN CALIFORNIA: **MYTH** VS. **FACT**

## Issue 1: Fatal Officer Involved Shooting Incidents 2015–2018

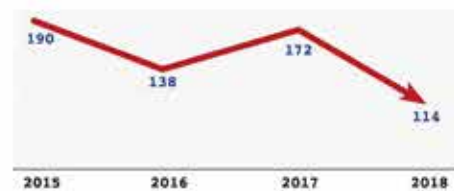
### **MYTH:**

The ACLU's Lizzie Buchen recently wrote:

“...every day that goes by without addressing California's **epidemic**<sup>1,2</sup> of police violence is another day that a police officer may violently take another life.<sup>3</sup>”

### **FACT:**

California Fatal OIS Incidents 2015-2018<sup>4</sup>



National Fatal OIS Incidents 2015-2018<sup>4</sup>



According to the Washington Post's Fatal Force Database, California has experienced a **40% DECREASE** in Fatal OIS incidents since 2015.

Protect California's comprehensive plan to create safer neighborhoods addresses the systemic issues contributing to crime and strives to ensure each interaction between California public safety officers and the communities they serve is grounded in mutual respect.

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# Why Supporting Senate Bill 230 Will Save Lives

By Jack Schaeffer,  
SDPOA President



Last spring, Law enforcement statewide opposed Assembly Bill 931 (AB 931). Our primary concerns about the bill, authored by Assembly Members Weber and McCarty, were that it abandoned the “reasonableness” standard pertaining to a police officer’s use of force set by *Graham v. Connor*, 490 U.S. 386 (1989). The United States Supreme Court in the *Graham v. Connor* decision carefully explained, “The “reasonableness” of a particular use of force must be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, rather than with the 20/20 vision of hindsight.” An example of the current use of force standard is that officers who make a split-second decision in a life and death situation, under rapidly evolving circumstances, are weighed against fellow officers with similar training and experience. The proposed standard set by AB 931 would only allow use of force when “necessary”, not reasonable. The evaluation of legalities and hind sight is not an attainable expectation. Thankfully, the dangerous bill was stopped.

**“SB 230 will not only lead the nation in use of force policy, but it will also ensure all California peace officers will receive robust training and it sets a realistic clear legal standard for use of force.”**

In our numerous conversations with elected officials and the community over the last few months, Law Enforcement clearly listened to the requests to modernize public safety and drafted Senate Bill 230 (SB 230). SB 230, authored by Senator Caballero, will place California at the forefront nationally in use of force legislation. SB 230 will not only lead the nation in use of force policy, but it will also ensure all California peace officers will receive robust training and it sets a realistic clear legal standard for use of force. The intent in introducing this legislation is to take a proactive approach to improving public trust and ensure that our officers can continue

protecting human life. Officers must frequently inject themselves into dangerous situations to protect the community; sometimes lethal force is required. The loss of life is always tragic, so serious use of force should be a last option. No officer wants to be responsible for taking a life, but we go to work each day knowing it is a possibility. Most people run away from danger. Peace Officers are expected to run toward danger and resolve the problem without the luxury of time.

The day after SB 230 was introduced to the Senate, Shirley Weber introduced a “new” bill almost identical to AB 931 (2018) in the Assembly. Assembly member Weber’s dangerous bill, once again, sets expectations that would prove to be unrealistic and unacceptable to the mainstream public. This legislation is not a comprehensive plan to minimize use of force incidents. It does nothing more than criminalize our noble profession and provide disincentive for officers to take action to protect the community. The rarely reported truth is, California police officers come into contact with millions of people every year; however, very few of the interactions result in the use of any type of force. When force is used, it is not taken lightly. The *Graham v. Connor* decision provides fair and practical guidelines for use of force by law enforcement. Reasonable force is the only standard to which any human being should be held.

California Law Enforcement has evolved and adapted more than most other professions over the last 25 years. Weber and the ACLU repeatedly fail to recognize that California police officers lead the way nationally in addressing the needs of all of our communities. It is essential that we rigorously evaluate each incident, while also listening to our neighborhood residents to continue to improve our training and tactics. Senate Bill 230 is the comprehensive plan that will ensure that California continues to lead the way in providing public safety while also improving public trust.

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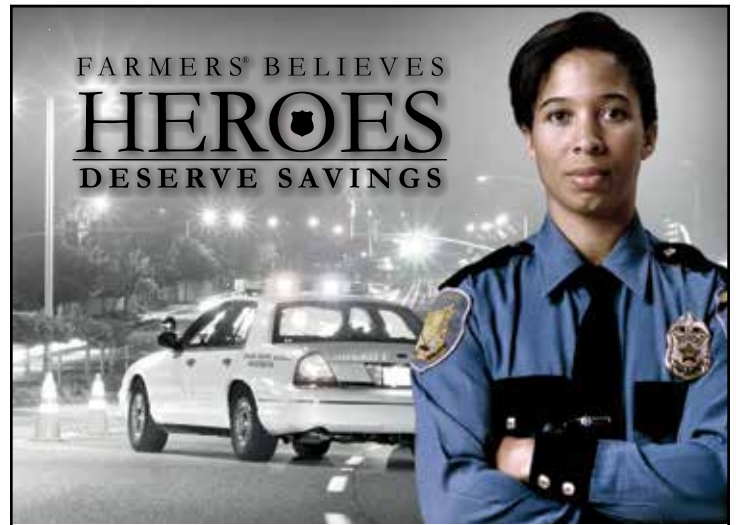
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**Member Spotlight**  
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he is in the position to guide the rookies and all of the younger officers that have been assigned under his supervision. "I have always had a lot of support from people in my career. They are who made me the officer I am today." Now, he wants to pass along the support that he has received in order to make a difference.

While Dan is quick to thank others for his success, much of what keeps him going day-to-day is being able to help others. He revels in not only helping fellow officers, but also feels that helping people is the most rewarding part of his job. Dan says that as a supervisor he now, "sees the bigger picture," to this career that he loves.

Outside of work, Dan has many joys. Besides spending time with family, Dan is passionate about cooking. He also likes getting to enjoy the San Diego weather any chance he gets. With over ten years left until he will begin to think about retirement, Dan plans on living every day grateful for the career he has worked hard to achieve.



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*Detective Gregory Olson*

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*Detective Susan Righthouse*

Hired October 9, 1989 ~ Retired March 28, 2019

*Officer George Smith*

Hired April 27, 1990 ~ Retired April 2, 2019

# On the Road

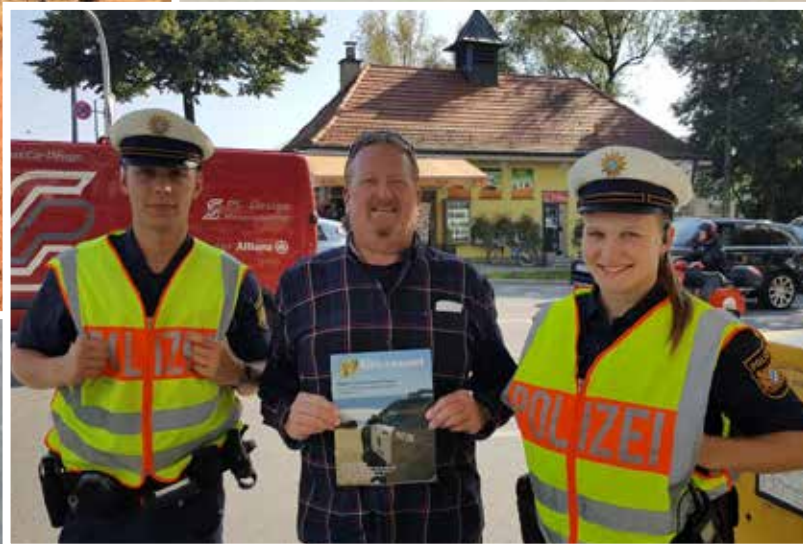
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Retired Training Officer Scott Johnston at Tavarua Island in the Fijian Islands after traveling to a famous surfbreak in the middle of the ocean between Australia, Hong Kong, and Hawaii.



Retired Detective Bob Evans visiting Ayers Rock in the Australian Outback.



Retired Sergeant Steve Connolly on vacation in Munich, Germany at the entry to Oktoberfest.

If you have recently taken your copy of *The Informant* on the road with you, please share your pictures! If your picture is featured, the member who sends in the photo will receive a pair of movie tickets and our appreciation! Active and retired SDPOA members should send submissions to Erika at [editor@sdpoa.org](mailto:editor@sdpoa.org).



# SDPOA Board Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

March 11, 2019

**Directors present:** Schaeffer, Bostedt (arrived 1125), Avera, Wilson, Mackay, Evans, McCullough, Paxton

upcoming Fallen Officers Fund golf tournament.  
**Moved to Charity.**

- Discussion regarding the call out procedures involving traffic incidents.

**Directors excused:** Hoskins

## 2. PAC

- Avera reported on SB 230 and PORAC.

## 6. LABOR/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Discussion regarding Provisional employees and the new department policy including intelligent street lamps.

STATION DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

None.

- Schaeffer is meeting with other Associations to bring them together for a unified voice.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

None.

## 3. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

### a. Informant:

- The member spotlight for April will be Jeff and Jenna Wilkomm and the member spotlight for May will be Dan Caropreso. Elder Abuse will be the highlight for May.

## 7. LEGAL

- Closed session.

OTHERS PRESENT:

E. Bowles, R. Pinckard, B. Fields, K. Smith (recorder)

## 8. SPECIAL EVENTS/SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

- Discussion occurred regarding Scholarship, Peace Officer of the Year event.

OPENING OBSERVANCES

President Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 0910 hours and Director Paxton led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for the Officers killed in the line of duty in the past. There were 7 officers killed in the line of duty Nationwide since the February board meeting. In the history of the SDPD there were 3 San Diego Police officers killed in the month of March. Harry Kay (3/11/1957), Joseph Lee (3/19/1921) and Thomas Riggs (3/31/1985).

### b. Website:

- The POA App is ready and will be in the Apple store this week.

- The new texting App is up and running as well.

## 9. BUDGET-FINANCE

- ***M/S Paxton/Wilson to approve the February 2019 treasurer's report. Unanimous. 8-0-1. Hoskins absent.***

- This year's capital improvements will include the officers lounge and reception area revamp.

## 4. RETIREMENT

- Avera reported sub committee on RMT. This will include Avera, McCullough, Evans and Bostedt.

## 10. BUSINESS & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

### a. Administrative:

- There were no email polls.

NON-AGENDA MEMBER COMMENTS:

- None.

1. MEMBER PRESENTATIONS:

- None.

- Schaeffer reported regarding a member request to assist with travel and attendance for this years Top Cops event.

- ***M/S Wilson/McCullough to integrate a cloud server backup for 3 POA main servers at a cost of \$200 each per month. Unanimous. 8-0-1. Hoskins absent.***

PRESENTATIONS:

- Emalee Bowles Treasurer of the SDDAIA requested POA sponsor the

- Avera requested information regarding the POA 25-year watch.

- ***M/S Avera/Wilson to update the board policies as listed below. Unanimous.***



# SDPOA Board Minutes

(Continued)

**7-1-1. Mackay opposed. Hoskins absent**

**22.2 (03/11/19)**

The POA will supply each Director, if they choose, with a cell phone case/pouch, car charger and headset/hands free kit not to exceed more than one hundred and thirty dollars (\$130.00). Replacement of these items will be on an as needed basis but not before two (2) years unless damaged, lost or stolen.

**22.4 (03/11/19)**

Electronic equipment owned by the POA and provided to Directors shall be the responsibility of the association to maintain and replace in case of accidental damage. No Director shall be expected to pay any money out of pocket to repair POA equipment for accidental damage. Excessive claims of accidental damage should be dealt with by the board on a case by case basis.

- **M/S Wilson/Mackay to update the board policy as listed below. Unanimous. 6-1-2. Evans opposed. Hoskins, Bostedt absent.**

**15.10 (03/11/19)**

POA Directors assigned to full time release may have to sacrifice specialty pays as a condition of full-time release. Any POA Board Member (excluding the President)

assigned to the POA Office on full release shall receive the equivalent to 3.5% of the current top step POII (E) as a biweekly stipend. This specialty pay is comparable to CRO, Trainer, and several other specialty pays and paid in recognition of extra duties a full time director has. The stipend for any full-time release director is limited to the above amount, regardless of any other specialty pays they abandon if they accept the full-time release position.

c. Minutes:

- **M/S Paxton/Wilson to accept the February 2019 Meeting Minutes. Unanimous. 8-0-1. Hoskins absent.**

11. MILESTONE REPORT

- No report.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- **M/S Mackay/McCullough to purchase 1 Commemorative Henry Rifle for display at the POA. The rifle will be in the name of the current POA President. Unanimous. 8-0-1. Hoskins absent.**

13. NEW BUSINESS

- Bostedt and Mackay discussed a home buying plan offer. Further research will be done.

- **M/S Schaeffer/Evans to send 3 directors to attend the 2019 LEALS conference. Unanimous. 8-0-1. Hoskins absent.**

- **/S Schaeffer/McCullough**

**to pay for Avera to attend the 2019 PORAC Symposium with hotel, flight and registration. Unanimous. 8-0-1. Hoskins absent.**

14. ARMED SERVICES

- No report.

**Adjourned the general meeting into meeting into the Foundation meeting at 1409.**

**Adjourned Foundation meeting into general meeting at 1533.**

**Meeting adjourned 1540.**

**SDPOA Non-Members:**  
 Allahwardy, Deshny  
 Alvarez-Tostado, Joshua  
 Christman, Tyler  
 Crumb, Katherine  
 David, Antonio  
 Hays, Eric  
 Ingram, Henry  
 Irwin, Wade  
 Porper, Joseph  
 Rawls, Kenneth  
 Slater, Thomas  
 Sterling, Trevor  
 Turner, Todd



# SDPOA Board Minutes

Foundation Meeting

March 11, 2019

**Directors present:** Schaeffer, Bostedt, Avera, Wilson, McCullough, Evans, Paxton, Mackay

**Directors excused:** Hoskins

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**  
None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
R. Pinckard, B. Fields, K. Smith (recorder)

**MEMBER PRESENTATIONS:**  
• No report.

**PRESENTATIONS:**  
• No report.

**CHARITY REQUESTS:**  
• Request for POA to sponsor the Ca. Police Athletic Federation US Police and Fire Champions.  
**Declined.**

• Request for POA to sponsor the Anaheim POA Guns and Hoses Fitness Competition.  
**Declined.**

• Request for POA to sponsor SDDAIA Fallen Officers Fund Golf Tournament.  
*M/S McCullough/Wilson for \$600, 1 foursome. Unanimous. 8-0-1. Hoskins absent.*

• Request for POA to sponsor the SD Christian Law Enforcement Fellowship 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Prayer Breakfast.  
*M/S Schaeffer/McCullough for \$200, 1 table of 10. Table to be donated to Peer Support. 5-3-1. Paxton, Bostedt, Wilson opposed. Hoskins absent.*

• Request for POA to sponsor the Community Campership

Council.  
**Declined.**

• Request for POA to assist member recipients attending this year's NAPO Top Cops Award.

*M/S Schaeffer/Avera for up to \$3,000 to go towards the recipient's (1) spouse/guest airfare. Those receiving the stipend will attend 1 memorial event during that time. Unanimous. 6-0-3. Wilson, Mackay, Hoskins absent. \*To be paid from Memorial account.\**

• Request for POA to sponsor the Citizen's of Courage Awards Luncheon.

*M/S Schaeffer/McCullough for 1 table, \$350. 7-1-1. Paxton opposed. Hoskins absent.*

• Request for POA to sponsor member Chris McGrath to attend an out-of-state Law Enforcement memorial. The member will give the SDPOA memorial check to the family while attending this funeral.

*M/S Bostedt/Mackay for \$650. Bostedt/Mackay amended to \$500. 7-1-1. Paxton opposed. Hoskins absent. \*To be paid from Memorial account.\**

• Request for POA to sponsor the SD County Motor Officers Association 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Breakfast.

*M/S Evans/McCullough for \$150, 1 table of 10. 6-1-2. Wilson opposed. Hoskins, Bostedt absent.*

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

• No report.

**FUNDRAISING:**

• Mackay updated the board regarding the grant process.  
• Mackay reported on the upcoming Padre game request for members.

**MINUTES:**

• *M/S Mackay/Schaeffer to accept the February 2019 foundation meeting minutes. Unanimous. 8-0-1. Hoskins absent.*

**BUDGET FINANCE:**

• *M/S Paxton/Wilson to approve the February treasurer's report. Unanimous. 8-0-1. Hoskins absent.*

**CHILDCARE:**

• Avera updated the board regarding the child care administrator and the need to move to a new administrator.  
• Avera gave an update regarding the property and licensing, etc.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

• None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

• None.

*Adjourned the general meeting into meeting into the Foundation meeting at 1409.*

*Adjourned Foundation meeting into general meeting at 1533.*

**REMINDER:**

**The next Board Meeting is scheduled for  
Thursday, May 9, 2019  
at 9:00 a.m. in the POA Board Room.**

If you have a specific topic you would like to address with the board, please email Khristina at [ksmith@sdpoa.org](mailto:ksmith@sdpoa.org) by Thursday, May 2, 2019 to be added to the agenda.

If you'd like to sit in and listen to the discussion, but do not have a specific topic, please feel free to drop in.

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