

**We Value Participation.** We believe that the strength of our organization is based on the participation and contributions of each of our members towards achieving our common goals.

**We Value Progress.** We believe that continual advancement of the science and art of police administration, community policing, technology and crime prevention is essential to meeting the ever-changing conditions of society and is worthy of the commitment of the resources necessary to achieve it.

## Promoting the Art of Police Administration

The objectives of the association are to promote and advance the science and art of police administration and crime prevention, to develop and disseminate professional administrative practices, and to promote their use in the police profession; to foster police cooperation and the exchange of information and experience throughout the state; to bring about recruitment and training of qualified persons in the police profession; to encourage the adherence of all police officers to high professional standards of conduct in strict compliance with the Law Enforcement Officer's Code of Ethics.

## To Join.....

Complete the enclosed application and submit it to CPCA. If you have any questions or concerns you would like answered prior to submitting your application, please feel free to contact us below.



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# California Police Chiefs Association



Providing Programs, Services  
and Representation that  
Serve the Interests and  
Responsibilities of California's  
Municipal Police Chiefs

The California Police Chiefs Association was established in 1966 and represents the interests of municipal law enforcement agencies in California.

## Code of Ethics

The membership of CPCA adheres to the California Police Chiefs Code of Ethics

## Our Vision

To be an effective and respected voice for all California municipal police chiefs.

## Our Values

**We Value Home Rule.** We believe that local government is the closest to the people and, therefore, the most responsive to the needs of citizens; that local autonomy and control of resources are essential to maintaining the sense of community.

**We Value Professionalism.** We believe that professional law enforcement, and leadership of law enforcement agencies, is the best way to provide fair and effective police services.

**We Value Responsibility.** We believe that we are accountable to our communities, our governing bodies, our organizations, our associated agencies and our profession for our conduct and the manner in which we perform our duties.

## Municipal Law Enforcement is Represented

The California Police Chiefs Association represents municipal law enforcement. To achieve its vision of being the effective and respected voice for all California municipal police chiefs, Cal Chiefs has several categories of membership.

- **Active Membership** in the California Police Chiefs Association is restricted to those persons who serve as municipal police chiefs. Membership requires the individual to be a duly appointed California police chief or director of public safety of a legally constituted municipality and to possess a minimum of a current basic POST certificate. Contract city police chiefs who work for the sheriff are not eligible to join.
- **Retired Members** are those chiefs who have honorably retired from the office of chief of police in California.
- **Associate Membership** is designed to mentor and develop an agency's second-in-command staff. Associate members must be nominated by the chief of police, be eligible to be considered as second-in-command of the organization and be at the rank of lieutenant or above. Acting chiefs, regardless of rank, who are appointed by the city are also eligible to join as associate members.

## Membership is Knowledge

Information sharing is one of the key benefits of belonging to Cal Chiefs. Problem solving, solution sharing, and policy development are all shared through CPCA's electronic communication system. Members receive regular e-mail communications and legislative alerts. It's an important tool for keeping California's municipal police chiefs and their staffs informed on critical issues affecting the association and the profession.

## Public Policy is Key

The political environment mandates that the California Police Chiefs Association speak on behalf of municipal police chiefs and law enforcement agencies in the state. Through our effective legislative advocacy program, Cal Chiefs is a respected voice in the Legislature whose opinion is sought on law enforcement issues.

## Involvement is Local

The association is made up of 37 areas with a police chief representative from each of those areas. Each representative acts as the official liaison between Cal Chiefs and the police in the local area regarding issues related to law enforcement and the association.

## Web Site is Extensive

The California Police Chiefs Association's web site is extensive with a very defined members-only section. There are many sample policies and positions papers the association has developed that are available to members only. The web site also features legal and legislative updates and meeting minute as well as upcoming event information

## Committee Work is Important

CPCA's committees offer involvement in working with peers to assess current issues in law enforcement and develop solutions, ideas and projects in response to these issues. Standing Committees include:

- Training
- Standards & Ethics
- Law & Legislative
- Ways & Means
- Communications
- Nominating and Retired Members

## Networking is Annual Conference Highlight

CPCA's Annual Conference provides the opportunity to participate in educational sessions, listen to keynote speakers and interact and network with other municipal police chiefs.

## Training is Cutting Edge

The California Police Chiefs Association believes that police chiefs should have the opportunity to bring quality trainers into their agency to train all of their team in the areas they as chiefs want their employees to be trained. Cal Chiefs offers a menu of training seminars and presenters that can be customized to fit your agency's needs, all for a reasonable fee.

## Peer Support is Available

No matter how unique you think your situation is, a police chief somewhere in California has been through the same thing and can offer you insight and advice. There is no need to feel alone when you have 334 municipal police chiefs and over 600 retired chiefs you can count on to assist you in whichever way you need.

## Participation is Offered

The California Police Chiefs Association is often asked to have chiefs represent the views and positions of police departments and police chiefs at the state and federal level. Members are given the opportunity to volunteer to represent the association on a wide variety of committees, task forces and advisory groups. Interested chiefs are solicited and participation by a wide variety of municipalities is encouraged.