

California Police Chiefs Association
Retired Members Meeting

2003 Oakland Conference Workshop Update

Thirty-five retired police chiefs registered to attend the February 2003 Conference of the California Police Chiefs Association at the Marriott Center in Oakland, California. They along with several soon to retire police chiefs attended the Retired Members Workshop, on Tuesday, February 11.

During the workshop, three presenters covered such topics as, what to look for and negotiate before accepting an interim police chiefs assignment, by retired Roseville police chief Tom Simms currently employed by the city of Petaluma as its interim police chief, what the future of both interim police chiefs and consulting assignments may be, by Clark Goecker, executive director of Public Safety Skills, and what kind of financial options should be considered by retiree's or those soon to retire by former SFPD Captain Mike Hebel now an attorney and financial consultant.

Immediately following the workshop, we conducted a brief retired members meeting. The only issue discussed was the proposed change in future conference fees, in order to permit retired members to register for a single day, rather than the full conference, and sign up for the events in which they wish to participate individually. This will reduce the cost to retired members, many who pay their own way, and will be incorporated in next year's conference. (Although the full conference registration includes a number of events which include lunches, refreshments, and other cost centered activities).

After the workshop, an informal hospitality room was hosted by former chiefs Roger Sciutto and Bernie Del Santo and current chiefs Bob Chalk and Jack Griggs, where retired members had the opportunity to discuss issues of interest to them in an informal setting.

Thanks to each of our presenters, to retired member Pete Herley for arranging the panel and to Roger, Bernie, Bob and Jack for hosting the hospitality room. We plan to continue presenting these workshops at upcoming conferences, the next one in Santa Barbara, in February of 2004. As previously indicated, those of you who are seeking employment as interim chiefs or part-time consultants may be able to write off the conference as a business expense.

Should any retired member have any comments, thoughts or suggestions you wish to share between now and the next conference, feel free to e-mail them to Sal Rosano at salrosano@aol.com, or call 707-538-3086.

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