



SACOP COMMITTEE REPORT

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Familiarization with changes within IACP relative to SACOP:

Several noteworthy changes have occurred over the past year each of which will certainly have an impact on our State Association and your voice within the IACP. Most significantly, after several years of persistent attempts by multiple general chairs and past and present SACOP representatives efforts, SACOP became a Division of IACP rather than a section. The significance of this is your ability to have more access to processes important to the molding of policy and influence that impacts our profession at a national and international level. IACP has a strong voice and much influence in many arenas impacting legislation, public safety initiatives, funding, and public perception of our chosen profession. Your voice within the IACP just became stronger.

Just as important is having the right management in place to understand the new roles and the “landscape” in order to navigate the processes at IACP. This is critical because SACOP is truly representing the vast needs and opinions of the largest body of law enforcement in the world. **Gene Voegtlin** has been selected as the Director for the State Associations of Chiefs of Police. Gene has hit the ground running by working on partnerships to ensure funding for research grants and by selecting a very capable team to assist to include **Erin Vermilye** as the SACOP manager, **Eileen Songer** as the Project Manager for various SACOP initiatives, **Christina Ciotti**, and **Nuyiri Kasbarian** both of whom serve as project assistants.

The future looks bright for the SACOP Division at IACP and for your voice in matters of great importance.

SACOP Mid-Year Meeting

The SACOP Mid-Year Meeting will take place March 5-7, 2011, in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Initiatives of Interest:

In October IACP launched its Center for Social Media. If you are considering an agency website or presence on any social media site please visit <http://www.IACPsocialmedia.org> to find tools such as model policy, issue papers, case law studies, tools and tutorials.

Officers killed or injured on duty:

SACOP continues to lead efforts toward providing research and policy assistance through its SAFESHIELD initiative targeting all areas of officer safety. No time in recent history has the need for this attention been more apparent. Last year was an exceptionally violent one for Police in the U.S. with the following stats highlighted: Line of duty deaths increased by 38% with a 24% increase in those killed by gunfire and an incredible 43% increase in those killed in traffic crashes. These death rates in our profession are unacceptable and it is our responsibility as leaders to find solutions to offset the trends!