

COMMISSION ON
PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING



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Date: August 12, 2014

To: Chiefs and Sheriffs

Cc: EDI Operators

Subject: **CPRA REQUEST: RELEASE OF RESERVE PEACE OFFICER INFORMATION**

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

POST has received a California Public Records Act (CPRA) request from the California Reserve Peace Officers Association (CRPOA) requesting a list of names of active Reserve Peace Officers in the State of California, date they were appointed as a Reserve Peace Officer, their employing agency, and Reserve Level.

Background:

On August 27, 2007, the California State Supreme Court ruled that some information in the Peace Officer Database, maintained by POST, is public information subject to release to a CPRA request. For the full text of the court decision, go to:

<http://caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/data2/californiastatecases/s134072.pdf>

In its decision, the California State Supreme Court acknowledged that some peace officers could be at risk if their names were made public. To protect the identity of peace officers assigned to sensitive or hazardous assignments, departments were offered the opportunity to redact the names of what the court recognized as “particular officers.” These redactions were made though POST’s encrypted Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) system.

Current Request:

To comply with the current request from CRPOA, POST will provide all departments with access to the information requested for release through EDI.

It is recommended that each department designate only one EDI operator to process the department’s response back to POST. Once you, the department head, have decided which, if any, names are to be protected from release, the designated EDI operator will use the Public Records Act function in EDI to check the names to withhold and click “Save.” If no names are to be redacted, the EDI operator will click the “Do Not Withhold” button to verify they have received this notice. POST will then generate a file, without the redacted names, and provide the information requested.



To allow departments' sufficient time to respond, it is requested that EDI operators transmit the requested information to POST by **5 P.M. on Tuesday, August 26, 2014.** If departments do not respond to this request, it will be assumed there are no names to be redacted.

The requested material is scheduled for release to the CRPOA on Tuesday, September 2, 2014. Questions regarding EDI access may be directed to the POST EDI Manager, Ron Davis, at (916) 227-3892. Questions regarding this CPRA request may be directed to Analyst Linda Thach at (916) 227- 4854 or linda.thach@post.ca.gov or me at (916) 227-2809 or stephanie.scofield@post.ca.gov.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in responding to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Scofield', written in a cursive style.

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