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**The  
BACKUP  
Newsletter**

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## ***A Look Way Back . . .***

***The roots of our organization go back to 1974. In the March/April 1986 issue of The Backup, we looked back and we do so again now. Four pages from that issue appear here, the cover and pages 3, 24 and 25. You may not recognize many in the cover photo, but you'll recognize a few names on the inside cover in the list of officers and directors. Three of them, Jim Lombardi, Frank Barnes and Chuck Adams, are still serving. What an amazing contribution to CRPOA!***

***More recently, many of you will remember "Papa John", a frequent participant at ARPOC in the vendor area. He was also known as Captain John O'Brien, formerly of Burbank PD. He's pictured on page 24, at the beginning of the article on CRPOA's beginnings. For our newer members, here's a chance to learn something about the formation of your organization. For those who have been around longer, you may enjoy this trip down memory lane. Photos are courtesy of our founding president, Richard Drutman.***

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## **2018 Election Notice**

***Come and make a difference, join the CRPOA Board and be part of the future...***

Each year, three of the nine directorships for the CRPOA Board are elected. Nomination petitions for candidates to be elected this year must be delivered to our San Jose office no later than 5:00 PM, March 31, 2018. Please go to this page <https://crpoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/CRPOA-2018-Director-Candidate-Nomination-Petition.pdf> to print one or more forms. Read the instructions thoroughly and call our San Jose office (408-371-8239) if you have any questions.

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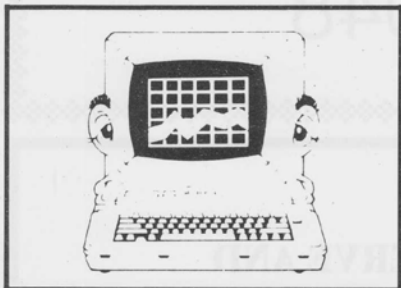
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**COVER PHOTO:** The archives of John O'Brien includes this 1970ish photo of some of the first activists in what was to become CRPOA. How many people do you recognize? Also, take a peek at page 28. We've provided an easy way for you to alert Backup to stories, ideas, people and events.



*Who is this character? It's John O'Brien, of course, as a lieutenant in the early '70s.*

John S. O'Brien  
903 N.W. 95th St., Redmond, Oregon 97756

Bill Hancock, editor, Backup  
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Dear Bill:

The group picture was taken at the very first of the formation of the reserve association. Those that I do remember are as follows:

Top row - from left to right (8) Lt. George Nelson, Burbank (9) Lt. Ty Woods, Burbank.

Second row - left to right (8) Capt. Elton Blum, Burbank (9) Lt. Gene Blair, Burbank. Extreme right: Chuck Montero.

Bottom row - left to right (4) Richard Drutman, Monterey Park (I believe and I can't remember what rank.) (5) Barney Pierson, San Fernando (6) Don Angier (7) Capt. John O'Brien, Burbank.

These days I patrol the Black Butte Ranch in Sisters, Oregon. I am a commissioned deputy sheriff (though not certified) in Deschutes County working as a safety officer on the ranch, which is a destination resort and has about 1000 homes on it. I am also a reserve for the City of Sisters (population 750) and am a volunteer fireman for the ranch. I am also a CIM, which is a first responder. We also assist the Deschutes County Sheriff's department and the City of Sisters when asked, which can be frequent. Often, I am the only officer on duty for a 50-mile area because all the rest of the police agencies are off duty.

The large black-and-white is me as a lieutenant somewhere in the early '70's. I hope that this helps to complete any information that you need. I'm tickled that you really are going to run an article. Please feel free to write it yourself. When we get to California, I shall be looking forward to seeing you.

John and Verne O'Brien

Page 24 California Reserve Peace Officers Association

by Bill Hancock, editor, CRPOA  
Backup and Oceanside PD Reserve

*Have you ever given a thought as to how this organization came to be?*

In the early 1960's, a Burbank Reserve Officer often wondered if other people like himself shared the same problems. He would worry about his fellow Burbank Reserve Officers, about whether they were on par with the rest of the county or state. He was concerned about who was speaking for

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him and/or about him legislatively. What standards were being set for him, and by whom!

*The man who had a dream was John O'Brien. As far as I can determine, John would be our 'founding father.'*

He encouraged his fellow officers at Burbank to get further involved in volunteer work...to help write letters, stuff envelopes and attempt to get people like themselves to a meeting to discuss their collective problems and goals.

*Jim McElhannon had shared John's dream. Our history began being made.*

Jim and John wrote to another Reserve organization, "Reserve Law Officers of America." Their encouragement and support gave John even more determination to see his project come true. And then Mr. Carl Gist, the National Director of the Reserve Law Officers Association of America, agreed to speak to John's unit on Sept. 28, 1971.

California has always been a leader in Law Enforcement at every level. The people at Burbank decided they could help organize the Reserves of this state and began to write up a state charter. The man to write this was Gary Cooperman.

After Gary had written the charter, they held elections and elected Elton Blum as the group's first President.

After spending five years of his and his wife Verne's time pursuing his dream of unifying California's Reserves, John quietly stepped to the rear of this infant group and let the other continue.

*I have a letter that John O'Brien sent to several departments in July 1974. In his second to last paragraph he says,*

*"We will only be as strong as our weakest link, so now is the time for all Reserves to unite. Membership and communications between us is imperative. However, we have taken the first step and need you for the second."*

*That letter was printed four years after the start of this organization but 15 years later it still holds true.*

There have been six people since John O'Brien who have taken the lead in this organization and only one is no

who led a 3d grade student out of his formative years and was President when our first conference was held in Stockton in 1978. And, if you want to know what he's doing today, he's still involved. Chuck is one of the directors for C.R.P.O.A.

...To Phil Jackson (1979-1980) who opened up some great ideas for a struggling but still viable young association.

...And to Al Eldridge (1980-1981). Al has been and will always be an un-

puter age and set the stage for the rest of our careers. He showed us that we as an organization could lobby and defeat certain legislation that would have curtailed Reserves even more.

...And our current President, Paul Sullivan (1983- ) has the same basic goals set since time began; professional respect through ability.

Now who will step up and lead us next?

Going over the agenda of a meeting

## THANKS: Roots of the California Reserve Peace Officers Association



How many people do you recognize? A group picture taken when CRPOA was forming is identified partially by John O'Brien in his letter (left). If you recognize these original activists, or know their whereabouts, let Backup know...

longer an active Peace Officer—only because he retired after 20 years of "volunteer duty".

I wish to thank Richard Drutman (1974-1977), our first President, for your contribution in taking the small child that was our CRPOA organization and raising it through its infancy. This time of anyone's life is the most dangerous, as a small child cannot fend for himself without a caring and concerned parent watching over.

...To Chuck Montero (1977-1979)

cle to our association. He was here in the beginning and was on the governing board up to the day he retired. It didn't matter where the board meeting was held in San Jose or San Diego, or what time of year it was; Al Eldridge would pull up smiling and getting off of his motorcycle.

...Dan Cosserek (1981-1983) led us through our toughest years with all the legislation being passed restricting and limiting reserves and putting them into levels. Dan moved us into the com-

in June of 1974, they listed several goals, most of which were reached:

1. Standardization of training (all Depts.) 832 P.C. equivalent or Post requirements. 400 hours or equivalent.
2. Improve existing conditions, and benefits (especially injury payments to cover weekly paycheck).
3. Legislature acknowledgement.
4. Dissemination of information, such as: Newsletter or Magazine.

These have all been met...

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# CRPOA General Counsel

## QUALIFIED IMMUNITY: KEY SUPREME COURT VICTORY

In the November edition of The Backup, I talked about a court case, *District of Columbia v. Wesby*, dealing with “qualified immunity.” Frankly, this case worried me a lot. You can find [my article here](#).

I won't re-hash all the legal technicalities around the legal doctrine of qualified immunity as I did that in the November article. Keep in mind the source of my concern from the lower court case. Essentially, the lower court opinion in *Wesby* had the potential to open the floodgates for personal liability for law enforcement officers trying to do their jobs in good faith.

Thankfully, in a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court decision (yes, you heard correctly, unanimous), the Court overturned the lower court's misguided opinion and held that the officers in *Wesby* were entitled to qualified immunity and thus not subject to suit which could give rise to their personal liability. See *District of Columbia v. Wesby*, 2018 U.S. LEXIS 760 (U.S. Jan. 22, 2018), which you can [find here](#).

The Jones & Mayer law firm prepared an excellent description of the case and the holding of the U.S. Supreme Court, so in the interest of efficiency with everyone's time (mine included!), I commend you to read their client [Alert in its entirety](#):

For us, it is still critical to be knowledgeable about the laws we seek to enforce. Qualified immunity is available as a defense in a lawsuit against an officer unless that officer has violated clearly established federal statutory or constitutional rights of others and a reasonable officer would understand that he or she is violating those rights. That is explained quite well in the Jones & Mayer article. Remember: the best defense is to educate yourself on the laws you seek to enforce and to know the rights of the people against whom you seek to take enforcement action.

Stay safe everyone.

**Jim**

Jim Rene, General Counsel

***If you have a question or comment for Jim, please email Jim at [rene@crpoa.org](mailto:rene@crpoa.org). Jim René is the General Counsel for the California Reserve Peace Officers Association and a reserve police sergeant for the San Fernando Police Dept. He previously was an LAPD reserve police officer for 15 years.***

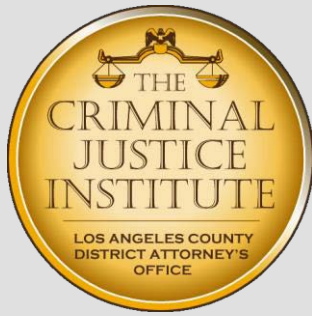
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### **Making A Difference - think about it**

*“For anything worth having one must pay the price:  
and the price is always work, patience, love, self-sacrifice –  
no paper currency, no promises to pay, but the gold of real service.”*

*--John Burroughs, American naturalist and essayist*



LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

# ONE MINUTE BRIEF

JACKIE LACEY  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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NUMBER: 2018-02

DATE: 01-26-18

BY: Devallis Rutledge

TOPIC: "Community Caretaking"

## ISSUE: What is the "community caretaking" doctrine?

*"There are many contacts between police and citizen which are in no way related to crime but from which evidence of crime may result. ... They arise from the police officer's duty to maintain peace and security, to protect citizens from harm or annoyance and to do all those innumerable tasks which society calls upon the police to do which have nothing to do with the detection of crime."* *Batts v. Superior Court* (1972) 23 Cal.App.3d 435, 437-38.

*"Police officers ... frequently ... engage in what, for want of a better term, may be described as **community caretaking** functions, totally divorced from the detection, investigation, or acquisition of evidence relating to the violation of a criminal statute."* *Cady v. Dombrowski* (1973) 413 US 433, 441.

- Unfortunately, there is **considerable confusion** as to when the "community caretaking" doctrine applies, and as to its proper application. *See, e.g., People v. Williams* (2006) 145 Cal.App.4th 756, and *Miranda v. City of Cornelius* (9th Cir. 2005) 429 F.3d 858 (both improperly applying the rules regarding **community caretaking removal** of vehicles to **regulatory impounds**), and *People v. Ray* (1999) 21 Cal.4th 464 (in a split decision, 3 members of the California Supreme Court upheld police entry into a home based on **community caretaking**, 3 others rejected this approach and upheld the entry based on **exigent circumstances**, and 1 justice dissented from both other opinions).

- The following cases are representative of situations in which the "community caretaking" doctrine has been invoked to justify law enforcement actions:

- *Cady v. Dombrowski* (1973) 413 US 433, 441—approving the "**caretaking search**" of the trunk of a police officer's personal vehicle for his firearm to prevent an intruder from taking it, after the collision-damaged vehicle had been removed to a storage lot.

- *South Dakota v. Opperman* (1976) 428 US 364, 368-69—"Disabled or damaged vehicles will often be **removed** from the highways or streets at the behest of police engaged solely in **caretaking** and traffic-control activities." After removal, the contents of vehicles may be **inventoried** as part of these "**caretaking procedures**."

- *Colorado v. Bertine* (1987) 479 US 367, 372—allowing **standardized** vehicle **inventories**, because "[O]ur cases accorded deference to police **caretaking** procedures designed to secure and protect vehicles and their contents within police custody."

- *Illinois v. Lafayette* (1983) 462 US 640, 648—approving "**booking inventories**." "[W]e hold that it is not 'unreasonable' for police, as part of the routine procedure incident to incarcerating an arrested person, to search any container or [non-digital] article in his possession, in accordance with **established inventory procedures**."

- *People v. Ray* (1999) 21 Cal.4th 464, 478 (plurality opinion)—after repeated knocks and announcements, police lawfully entered for a **welfare check** on occupants and security of property when neighbors reported open doors, a "shambles" inside, and no one home.

• *People v. Madrid* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 1050, 1057 (*dicta*)—approvingly collecting cases from other states for the proposition that “a police officer may utilize the **community caretaking** exception to justify the **stop of a vehicle** to ensure the safety of an occupant where the officer lacks a reasonable suspicion of criminal activity.”

• *People v. Oviedo* (2018) \_\_\_ Cal.App.5th \_\_\_, WL 459039—Police officers “may enter a residence to **protect a suicidal person** and secure the premises if firearms are believed to be present. ... This entry was a pure **community caretaking** entry...” Slip opn., at 4.

(“Probable cause” is not relevant in community caretaking cases. “The probable-cause approach is unhelpful when analysis centers on the reasonableness of routine administrative **caretaking functions**.” *South Dakota v. Opperman*, *supra*, 428 US at 370, fn. 5.)

**BOTTOM LINE: Reasonable “community caretaking” efforts by police to protect persons and property need no criminal investigative justification or suspicion.**

(Emphases added in quoted material.)

This information was current as of publication date. It is not intended as legal advice. It is recommended that readers check for subsequent developments and consult legal advisors to ensure currency after publication. Local policies and procedures regarding application should be observed.

*The California Reserve Peace Officers Assoc. would like to thank the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office and Devallis Rutledge for the permission to reprint the One Minute Brief*

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*Plan on great training and networking*

*ARPOC 2018*

**DoubleTree Hotel, Sacramento August 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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## **WELCOME NEW CRPOA MEMBERS**

**Between 1/16/2018 and 2/15/2018**

**Jake Malae** Santa Clara PD

**Ali Bryant** Stockton PD

**Matt Weintraub** Culver City PD

**Chris McLain** Visalia PD

**Joseph Zinola** Roseville PD

**Don Cruikshank** Culver City PD

**Jonathan Bassett** Visalia PD.

**Mark Boxer** N.Y. State Trooper

**Christopher Wilson** Visalia PD

**Herbert Haas** Los Angeles SD

**Victor Benitez** Morgan Hill PD

**Mike Torres** San Diego PD

**James Jolly** Arroyo Grande PD

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# Chief Financial Officer's Report

## February Financial Report 2018

I have had the opportunity to speak with many of our members this month regarding payments in arrears. We had over \$7,800 showing on the financial report that were greater than 90 days past due. The definition of a **payment in arrear** is a payment made after a service has been provided. CRPOA has already used Association dues to make payments for legal and medical coverage for these members. From my perspective this does not seem fair to the members who *do* complete their payment obligations on time. The good news is that many of these past due members have rejoined. I have listened to many reasons why payments have been missed and will continue to look for ways in which I can help here in the financial office. I would like each of you to help as well.

- Membership invoices are emailed 30 days prior to the due date to your email address on the CRPOA Membership Database. Please log onto this database and make sure your email address and other contact information is current.
- Emails can get missed. Make a note on your calendar when your payment is due. You can always log on to the membership database and renew your membership.
- If your agency or association is paying for your membership, check with them to make sure they have completed the payment.



We will now offer open auto bill benefits to Reserve, Volunteer in Police and Search and Rescue groups that operate without payment support from their agency. All you need to do is to designate a group member who will serve as the leader for your group. That person will be responsible for the collection of membership payments and should submit that annual payment on behalf of their group to the CRPOA Membership and Finance Office. This new group will be identified as an **Auto Bill Association**. If you are interested in forming an "Auto Bill Association" please contact the CRPOA Membership and Finance Office for additional information.

If your agency or association is registered with CRPOA as an "Auto Bill" group, the leader can call our office and set up the members allowed to register online for ARPOC 2018.

We are pleased to report that all our financial obligations have been met. We had 13 new members join CRPOA this January.

***Chuck Adams is the Chief Financial Officer for CRPOA.***

***He is also a retired reserve commander for the Los Gatos Police Dept.***

***Chuck welcomes your calls and emails; you may contact him at 408-371-8239 or [cadams@CRPOA.org](mailto:cadams@CRPOA.org)***

# 2018 CRPOA Awards Announcement and Criteria

The California Reserve Peace Officers Association is proud to announce the Annual Awards Program for 2018. We invite you to nominate a deserving member of your organization for one of several recognition awards.

The awards will be presented at our Annual Awards Luncheon at the Annual Reserve Peace Officers Conference in Sacramento. The luncheon is held in conjunction with ARPOC 2018, which offers 28 hours of POST approved training.

**Do not miss out on an opportunity to honor a deserving individual within your organization.**

Review the award nomination information to determine which award is best suited to your nominee. **Along with the Award Nomination Application, a letter of nomination *must* be submitted detailing the nominee's qualifications and accomplishments. Documentation supporting the nomination letter *must* be included.** Questions can be forwarded to [nancy@crpoa.org](mailto:nancy@crpoa.org). Nominations must be submitted no later than July 1, 2018.

We look forward to receiving your nomination.

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## **Award Criteria**

*Please note, in 2013 the CRPOA Board of Directors voted to modify the time restriction on awards to three years. You may now submit a nomination for events which occurred up to three years ago. The Board will also consider exceptions for older events on a case-by-case basis.*

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## **Award for Valor**

For an act of conspicuous bravery in the line of duty, performed in conscious disregard of peril to the officer. To be awarded, all of the following criteria must exist:

- ◆ The bravery exhibited must be above and beyond that expected in the line of duty.
- ◆ Failure to take such action would not justify censure.
- ◆ The risk to the officer's life actually existed and the officer was able to perceive the risk and disregard it.
- ◆ The objective was of sufficient importance to justify the risk.
- ◆ The officer accomplished the objective or was prevented from accomplishing it by incurring serious injury or death.

*Notes:*

- *The criteria for this award include consciousness of the peril and the disregard thereof. Thus, merely finding oneself in the middle of a perilous situation and having to take action to get out of it would not qualify.*
- *There is no limit to the number of qualifying awards.*
- *May be awarded to a reserve peace officer, search and rescue member or volunteer in policing.*
- *The nominee does not need to be a CRPOA member.*
- *The act must have occurred between June 1, 2015 and May 31, 2018, inclusive.*

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## **Award of Honor**

Presented to the family of a reserve peace officer, search and rescue member or volunteer in policing whose life was given in the line of duty due to the action of a third party.

*Notes:*

- *This award recognizes supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. It does not require that the officer knowingly placed himself or herself in a perilous situation nor does it require an act of heroism in order to be awarded. It does require the action*

- of a third party in causing the death.*
- *There is no limit to the number of qualifying awards. In an appropriate case, an Award for Valor and an Award of Honor could be made for the same action.*
  - *May be awarded to a reserve peace officer, search and rescue member or volunteer in policing.*
  - *The decedent need not have been a CRPOA member.*
  - *The death must have occurred between June 1, 2015 and May 31, 2018, inclusive.*
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## **Reserve Officer of the Year, Search and Rescue Member of the Year, and /or Volunteer in Policing of the Year**

Awarded to the nominee excelling in all the qualifications for the Meritorious Service Award which place the reserve officer/search and rescue member/volunteer in policing clearly above all other candidates.

- Notes:*
- *Only one qualifying award shall be made each year for each of three categories: reserve peace officer, search and rescue member and volunteer in policing.*
  - *The nominee must be a general member of CRPOA on the date the nomination is received.*
  - *The qualifying actions must occur prior to May 31, 2018.*
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## **Meritorious Service Award**

For especially meritorious service to the department in a duty of great responsibility. The duty may be either assigned or self-initiated. Superior performance of the normal duties of the position will not alone justify the award.

Considerations for the award include all areas of:

- ◆ Outstanding performance of the officer's duties either in a single act or over time
- ◆ Extraordinary level of assistance to the reserve unit and/or the department
- ◆ Extraordinary level of service to the community
- ◆ Training or teaching within the department
- ◆ Longevity with the department

- Notes*
- *The nominee must be a general member of CRPOA on the date the nomination is received.*
  - *There is no limit to the number of qualifying awards.*
  - *The qualifying actions must occur between June 1, 2015 and May 31, 2018, inclusive.*
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## **Distinguished Service Award**

For distinguished service by a reserve officer, SAR member or volunteer in policing.

Considerations for the award include one or more of the following:

- ◆ Distinguished service either in a single act or over time
- ◆ Substantial assistance to the reserve unit and/or the department
- ◆ Substantial service to the community
- ◆ Training or teaching within the department
- ◆ Longevity with the department

- Notes:*
- *The nominee must be a general member of CRPOA on the date the nomination is received.*
  - *There is no limit to the number of qualifying awards.*
  - *The qualifying actions must occur between June 1, 2015 and May 31, 2018, inclusive.*
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## **Award of Appreciation**

For distinguished service to the members of the California Reserve Peace Officers Association.

Considerations for the award include:

- ◆ Distinguished service to the Association either in a single act or over time
- ◆ Substantial assistance or contribution to the Association

Notes: - *There is no limit to the number of qualifying awards.*  
*The qualifying service must occur between June 1, 2015 and May 31, 2018, inclusive.*

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## Coordinator of the Year

Presented to the coordinator of reserve peace officers, search and rescue members or volunteers in policing who excels in:

- ◆ Displaying a strong commitment to the unit
- ◆ Dedication to the enhancement of the professionalism and training of the unit members
- ◆ Promoting a positive image of unit members within the department and the community
- ◆ Demonstrating efforts to use unit members in non-traditional roles or assignments

Notes: - *The nominee must be a full-time employee of the department in which he or she serves as the coordinator of a reserve peace officer, search and rescue or volunteer in policing unit.*  
*The nomination must be made from within the unit supervised by the nominee. It may not be made by the department or by another full-time employee of the department. Supporting letters from the department are encouraged.*  
*Only one qualifying award shall be presented.*  
*The qualifying service must occur prior to May 31, 2018.*

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## **General Notes**

### **Important note to nominators:**

*Nominators for any CRPOA award shall be:*

- *A chief executive of a law enforcement agency; or*
- *A full-time officer who serves as a reserve coordinator; or*
- *A General Member of the Association.*

*When submitting a nomination please review the awards criteria thoroughly to assure that your nominee meets the criteria. You may submit a nomination for the highest possible award for which you believe your nominee meets the criteria. The Awards Committee may determine that your nominee qualifies for the category nominated or may select the nominee to be recognized in a different category. For example, a candidate nominated for Reserve Officer of the Year might receive that award or may be honored with the Meritorious Service Award or other qualifying award.*

**Nominations packets *must* include:**

- ***An application, completed and legible.***
- ***A letter of nomination summarizing the qualifications of the candidate for a specific award.***
- ***Documentation supporting qualifications, such as awards, certificates, commendations, letters.***
- ***Nominators must also assure that information provided for contact for award notification is current.***

***Incomplete nominations packets may not be considered; however, the Awards Committee will notify nominators of incomplete nominations.***

**Nominations must be sent to the Awards Committee at:**

- ***California Reserve Peace Officers Association, P.O. Box 5622, San Jose, CA 95150-5622***
- ***Or scan and e-mail your nomination packet to [nancy@crpoa.org](mailto:nancy@crpoa.org).***

*If you do not receive confirmation of receipt of the nomination packet by the Awards Committee within 2 weeks of mailing or emailing documents, contact Nancy Elam by email or phone immediately.*

Any questions about the nomination process can be forwarded to Nancy Elam, Awards Committee Chairman by email at [nancy@crpoa.org](mailto:nancy@crpoa.org) or by phone at 408-309-8756.



***The deadline for the receipt of nominations is July 1, 2018***

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